

# Larimer County and CC4CA



## Climate Policy: from County to Capitol

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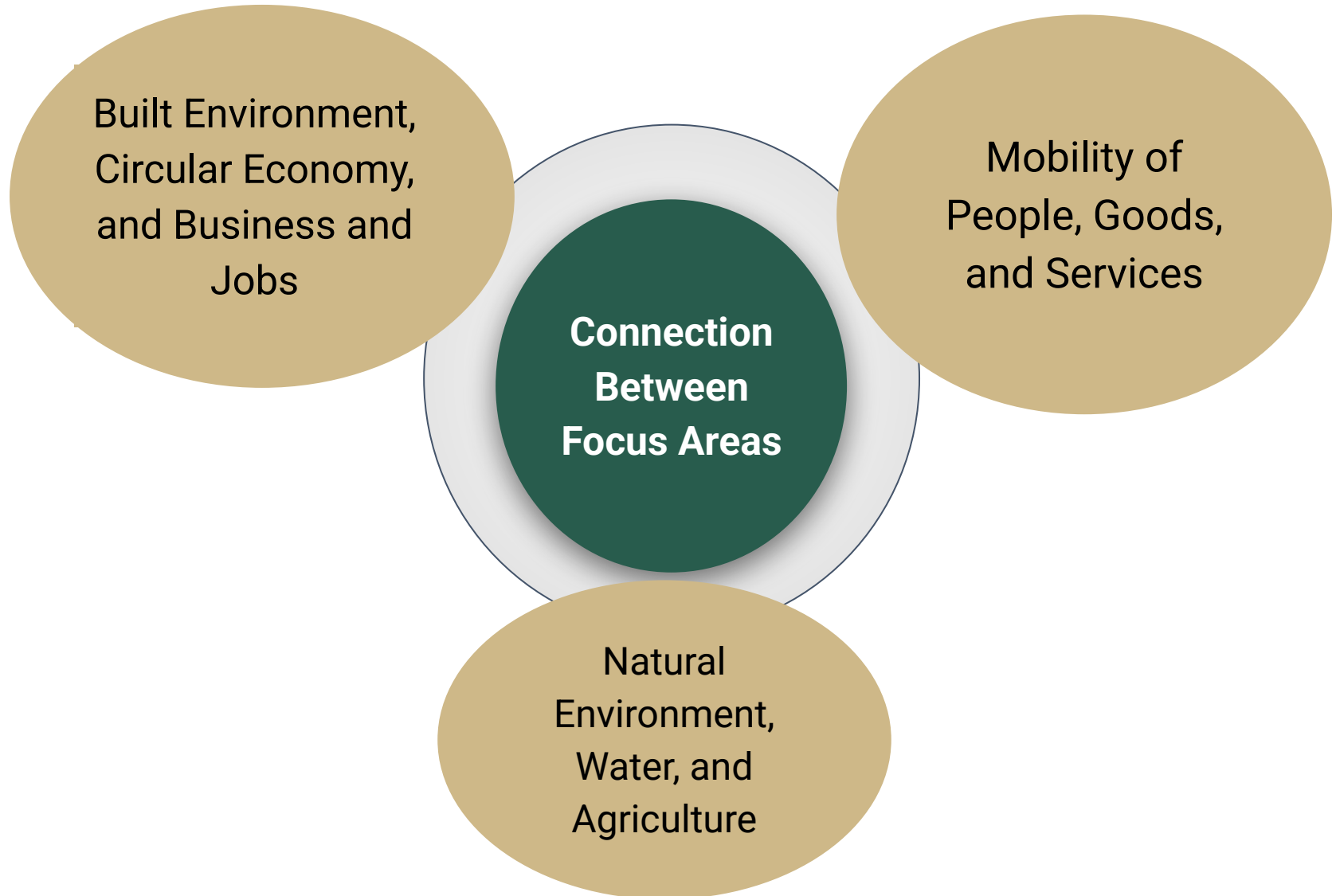
## Agenda:

- **Introductions**
- **Climate Smart Future Ready Overview**
- **2025 Session Wrap-up**
- **2026 Lay of the Land**
- **Questions?**

CLIMATE SMART

FUTURE *Ready*

# FOCUS AREAS



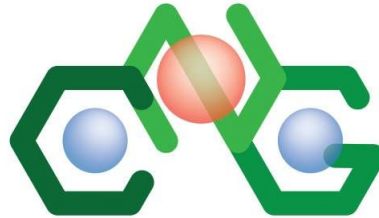
## What is the County's Approach and Role?

- Zoom out and look beyond local government boundaries to what is happening in our County and region
- Consider sustainable (environmental, economic, and social) needs and impacts
- Discover gaps and overlaps
- Nurture and enhance partnerships
- Align priorities as much as possible

# Partners Making It Happen!!



North Front Range  
Metropolitan  
Planning  
Organization



Carbon Neutral Group  
Consulting



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

CLIMATE INITIATIVE



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EXTENSION



POUDRE FOOD  
PARTNERSHIP



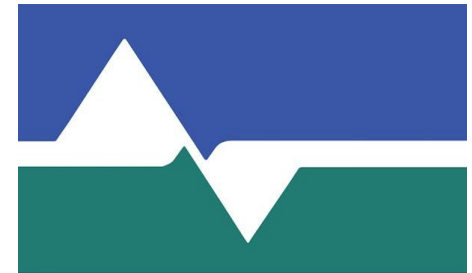
Poudre Valley  
Community Farms



Northern Colorado  
FOODSHED  
PROJECT



Peaks to People  
Water Fund



City of Loveland



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# 2025 Session Wrap-up

## General tone?

- ❖ **Budget and fiscal uncertainty= Unhappy Legislators**
- ❖ **Some tension among Dems- TABOR/Fees/UPTF**
- ❖ **Hot button social bills (federal pushback?)**



## 2025 Session Wrap-up

### By the Numbers:

- ❖ **Total bills introduced this session- 657**
  - **Passed- 486**
  - **Pl'd/Killed- 171**
- ❖ **Bills identified with LC Nexus= 108 (w/o Human Services)**
- ❖ **Official Positions Registered= 38 (meaning 70 were “monitor”)**
  - **BCC “Support”= 20**
    - **13 passed- 65%**
  - **BCC “Amend”= 13**
    - **8 bills successfully amended (moved to monitor or support)**
  - **BCC “Oppose”= 5**
    - **4 killed- 80%**

# 2025 Climate Nexus Legislation

## By the Numbers:

- ❖ **Total climate related bills this session- 49 (according to CC4CA)**
  - **CC4CA Support- 28**
    - **Passed- 19 (68%)**
  - **CC4CA Oppose- 10**
    - **Failed- 8 (80%)**

**Nutshell- Most impactful bills didn't cross the finish line; But some important victories**

# 2025 Climate Nexus Legislation

## Highlights-

- ❖ **HB25-1247**- County Lodging Tax- **Passed**
- ❖ **SB25-280**- Data Centers- **Killed**
  - This would have had devastating impacts on Larimer County and the state
- ❖ **SB25-163**- Battery Stewardship- **Passed**
- ❖ **HB25-1051**- Repeal Recycled Bag Fee- **Killed**
- ❖ **HB25-1096**- Automated Permits for Solar- **Successful Amend efforts**
- ❖ **SB25-030**- Increase Transportation Mode Choice- **Passed**
- ❖ **ALSO— 1182**- **Risk Modeling Property Insurance**

# 2025 Climate Nexus Legislation

## Lowlights-

- ❖ **HB25-1268**- On-Bill Repayment for Energy Efficiency Upgrades– **Killed**
  - Quite possibly the most impactful climate bill in YEARS
- ❖ **HB25-1099**- Water Quality Data Standards– **Killed**
- ❖ **HB25-1302**- Increase Access Homeowners Insurance- **Killed**
- ❖ **HB25-1044 and 1303**- Vulnerable Road Users- **Both Killed**
- ❖ **HB25-1078**- Forestry and Firefighter Workforce and Education- **Killed**

# Legislative Update and Prep for the 2026 Session

## CC4CA - 46 Colorado Communities Strong

- Adams County
- Aspen
- Avon
- Basalt
- Boulder
- Boulder County
- Breckenridge
- Broomfield
- Carbondale
- Clear Creek County
- Crested Butte
- Dillon
- Durango
- Eagle County
- Edgewater
- Erie
- Fort Collins
- Frisco
- Gilpin County
- Glenwood Springs
- Golden
- Lafayette
- Lake County
- Larimer County**
- Littleton
- Longmont
- Louisville
- Lyons
- Mountain Village
- Nederland
- Northglenn
- Ouray County
- Pitkin County
- Ridgway
- Routt County
- Saguache County
- Salida
- San Miguel County
- Snowmass Village
- Summit County
- Superior
- Telluride
- Vail
- Westminster
- Wheat Ridge
- Winter Park



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# 2026 Lay of the Land

## Looking Ahead to 2026

- ❖ **Budget shortfall - estimates of up to \$700M in 2026-2027**
  - Implication - anything with a “fiscal note” is extremely unlikely to move forward
  - Federal budget bill loss of \$1.2B in revenue to the state
- ❖ **Governor’s last year in Office**
- ❖ **Election year**
- ❖ **Fee & Affordability sensitivity**

# 2026 Lay of the Land - Climate

## What we are already hearing about

### ❖ Energy

- Clean Energy Planning
- Data Centers
- PUC Sunset
- On-bill financing

### ❖ Resilience

- Wildfire codes
- Career pathways
- Wildfire grants

### ❖ Transportation

### ❖ Defense, defense, defense

# 2026 Lay of the Land - Climate

## Beyond the legislature - many opportunities to act on climate!

### ❖ State Agencies

- Public Utilities Commission - high impact opportunities
- Air Quality Control Commission - ensure the state takes strong action
- Energy and Carbon Management Commission

### ❖ Federal Defense

- Maintain and strengthen what we have (oh the challenges)
- Prepare for the political pivot when it happens



# Questions and Concerns

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