



## GreenCO 2017 Legislative Priorities

### Water

- Support funding and innovation of Colorado water needs to include conservation, water infrastructure, reuse, and storage (See GreenCO White Paper). Make water funding a major priority in Colorado.
- Support sustainable water conservation principles for both indoor and outdoor use to include industry Best Management Practices (BMPs). GreenCO's BMPs are supported by the state as the standard for outdoor water.
- Continue to work on the Colorado Water Plan to ensure GreenCO principles are included for conservation, land use planning and possible regulatory legislation; continue to educate legislators and local water planners.
- Oppose legislation that is anti-growth.

### Pesticide Regulatory Legislation

- Oppose any measure to undermine state uniformity related to pesticide application.
- Oppose pesticide bans that are arbitrary and non-science based.
- Oppose efforts to expand pesticide regulation at the local level and any legislation that contradicts with the final report evaluation done by DORA in the 2015 Sunset Review.

### Construction Legislation

- Support legislation that provides more liability protection for construction contractors and sub-contractors in multi-family projects.
- Support efforts to find policy solutions to construction retainage issues with public agencies and project sign off standards.
- Oppose mandates to single out the construction industry in any workers' compensation reform.

### Investment in Colorado Businesses

- Support efforts to limit regulatory burden by:
  1. Making the enforcement and compliance process for business regulated by state entities more educational in nature for 1<sup>st</sup> time violations.
  2. Provide greater business input into regulatory rule process for better application and lower cost.
- Support the creation of a tax credit/incentive for Business Personal Property Tax that would phase out or eliminate the fiscal impact of this regressive tax on Business.

## **Investment in Colorado Infrastructure**

- Support increased investment in Colorado's infrastructure, state and educational buildings, roads and bridges and water projects. Fiscal investment at higher levels will help create jobs, stimulate the economy statewide and save the state millions of dollars in future replacement costs.

## **Transportation**

- Support efforts to utilize existing revenues and/or creates new revenue sources to fund the construction, maintenance and safety of Colorado highways and bridges.

## **Uniform Sales & Use Tax Definitions**

- Support a more uniform set of definitions through-out Colorado as it relates to sales and use tax
- Support legislation to create a system that would allow businesses to remit sales and use taxes for cities, counties and jurisdictions in one place.

## **Education & Workforce Development**

- Fund Career and Technical education, skilled trades and related career paths that are drastically understaffed in Colorado's workforce.
- Support tax credits for employers that hire their workforce from CTE students, returning military or the under/unemployed, and provide technical and/or skills training for these hires.

### **GreenCO Member Associations**

ASLA Colorado • Associated Landscape Contractors of Colorado • Colorado Nursery & Greenhouse Association • Colorado Arborists and Lawn Care Professionals • Garden Centers of Colorado • International Society of Arboriculture, Rocky Mountain Chapter • Rocky Mountain Sod Growers Association

***Lobbyists: Hicks & Associates***

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