



GreenCO 2023 Legislative Priorities

Pesticide Regulation

- The Pesticide Applicator Sunset bill will be introduced and possibly additional bills.
 - Oppose any measure to allow for local control when applying pesticides.
 - Oppose non-research based bans on pesticides.
 - Closely monitor and oppose any effort to expand pesticide regulatory burden.
 - Continue to education the General Assembly on pesticides.
 - Continue to work with larger coalition and like organizations on pesticide legislations.

Water

- Continue to work with state/local agencies on the Colorado Water Plan to ensure conservation, land use planning and sound regulatory development based on science and technology.
- Support legislation that will help fund the Colorado Water Plan storage projects.
- Work to educate legislators, state agencies and local officials on GreenCO BMP's.
- Work with state agencies and the General Assembly on the current drought conditions in Colorado.
 - Work to build a coalition of businesses and like organizations on drought and water issues.
 - Educate and be a resource for legislators, state agencies and local officials on ways to combat drought conditions.

Infrastructure Funding

- Colorado will start to receive funding from past legislation as some of the "fees" were paused due to state economic crisis. We will continue to support legislation that will work to fix and support our aging infrastructure in the state.
- Closely monitor the state Budget to support funding for infrastructure.
- Will continue to stay engaged on a fix to the delivery fee that roped in our industry along with many others.

Industry Regulations and Business Practices

- Support incentives for industry, rather than mandates, example - small engine incentive.
- Support efforts for better liability protections for contractors.
- Work with business coalition on any arbitration legislation that is brought in the 2023 session.
- Continue to closely monitor and stay engaged as FAML I is being implemented.
- Monitor minimum wage and wage protection issues before the legislature.
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- Work with business coalition to address any proposed anti-growth legislation.

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

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- Closely monitor any legislation looking to cut tax expenditures for businesses.
- Closely monitor any legislation pertaining to Worker's Compensation.
- Work with business coalitions to protect employers from additional mandates.

Sales & Use Tax

- Monitor all legislation related to sales and use tax, including the interim bills from the Sales & Use Tax Simplification Task Force.
- Continue to participate with the Sales & Use Tax Simplification Task Force.
- Continue to support development of uniform set of definitions for sales and use tax through out Colorado.

Education & Workforce

- Support funding of vocational and adult education programs for the skilled trades and technical career paths that are drastically understaffed in Colorado's workforce.
- Support tax credits for employers who hire workforce from K-12 students, returning military or those unemployed or under employed, and provide technical and/or skills training for such hires.
- Work with the State Apprenticeship Agency (SAA) on specific certification for the industry, example - Irrigation Certification.
- Support job development legislation that creates opportunity to find and hire necessary workforce in Colorado
- Continue to discuss with the General Assembly and state agencies the possibility of a state ran Guest Workers Program.