



Community Engagement & Policy

We felt it was important to highlight actions around community engagement and policy. Reaching our regional emissions reduction goals will not happen if we solely rely on external forces to reduce our carbon footprint. Individual actions make a difference, and we need to step up as a community to prioritize policies and partnerships that move us toward our goals. Everyone has a role to play and only through working together will we reach our goals.

We hope to see community ownership of these actions and have prioritized collaboration throughout this document. We aim to address any conflicting priorities across the region and align with regional GHG reduction goals and a commitment to a more sustainable future. Ideally, emissions analysis will be integrated into all decision making, centering scientifically informed policy. The nature of climate action is intersectional. We recognize that this interconnection requires actions across the board to achieve the change we hope to see in our community.

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Community Engagement & Policy Accomplishments

- Development of and continued collaboration of regional Sneffels Energy Board.
- Participation in state and nationwide organizations such as CC4CA, CAST, ACCO, Climate Mayors, Mountain Pact, RMCO, and others.
- Telluride Institute is developing a growing relationship with Western State University’s Masters in Environmental Management program, bringing student-based projects to the region, increasing our capacity for environmental work.

Community Engagement & Policy Recommendations

OBJECTIVE 1: Increase community engagement and continue to prioritize collaborative and intersectional decision making and action implementation.

ACTION	GHG REDUCTION POTENTIAL				CO-BENEFITS					TIMELINE	PARTNERS
Continue to participate in regional collaboration of local governments, stakeholders, and utilities to drive regional clean energy transition & GHG emissions reduction.					=	\$		+		Ongoing	SEB
Participate in State-level organizations to drive regional clean energy transition & GHG emissions reduction.					=	\$		+		Ongoing	CC4CA, SMPA, EAP, SEB
Consider GHG emissions as part of all decision-making processes. Utilize a GHG impact assessment tool, if available, to quantify GHG emissions or sequestration impacts.					=	\$		+		Ongoing	All governments, partner organizations, stakeholders, businesses & residents
Increase community-level outreach and engagement with implementation of the regional Climate Action Plan.					=	\$		+		1-3	EAP, SEB, community organizations, business organizations
Collaborate between municipalities & organizations on actions when beneficial.					=	\$		+		Ongoing	All governments, local organizations

KEY

GHG Potential 1-4 |
 Promotes Equity |
 Economic Sustainability |
 Environmental Quality |
 Public Health & Safety |
 Builds Resilience