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We Have The Power

ColoradoCarbonFund.org This is Project C, a clear and effective program to help all of us to do our part to support clean energy and reduce climate change.

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Use our online calculator to measure the greenhouse gas emissions from your energy use, driving and air travel

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Take simple steps to reduce your energy consumption - you'll lower emissions and save money on your energy and fuel bills

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Colorado Carbon Fund Advisory Committee Meeting July 28, 2009

The Governor's Energy Office (GEO) will be holding the first meeting of the Colorado Carbon Fund Advisory Committee on Tuesday, July 28 in Denver. The Advisory Committee members are appointed by GEO Director Tom Plant and will be responsible for financial decisions related to funding offset projects and community re-investment projects.

Meetings are open to the public and a webinar/teleconference will be available for participants who cannot attend in person.

[Please contact us for more details or to RSVP for the meeting.](#)

What is a "Carbon Footprint"?

When you want to lose weight, you count calories.

When you want to save money, you count pennies.

Want to reduce climate change? Count carbon!



The Sopris Foundation's new carbon footprint card shows how day-to-day activities contribute to climate change. This will help you make smart choices - like choosing tap water over imported bottled water, or washing laundry in cold water and hanging clothes out to dry.

Download your [free Carbon Counter card here](#).



We Need Your Help to Raise Awareness

Do you have ideas on how to spread the word about the Project C campaign and the Colorado Carbon Fund?

Do you know of organizations who could help promote this program on websites, in newsletters and at events?

We'd love to hear your ideas! [Email us](#).

Show your support for clean energy with a new license plate

Use our online carbon footprint calculator and offset at least 50% of your vehicle's annual emissions with the Colorado Carbon Fund. (A minimum \$25 donation to the Colorado Carbon Fund is required to get the license plate). [More details here](#).

ReDirect Guide is now available

Get your free annual directory of healthy and sustainable businesses on Colorado's Front Range!

The [ReDirect Guide](#) is your source for finding sustainable options for everyday purchases, presented alongside regionally appropriate educational articles and community resources. Each business, organization, and resource is screened and qualified by ReDirect's staff to ensure that the guide promotes environmentally and socially responsible products and services.

Check out the ad for Project C and the Colorado Carbon Fund inside the front cover. Information about the Governor's Energy Office is on pages 46-49.

[Pick up your free copy at one of many locations](#) in the Denver/Boulder/Fort Collins area.



Offset Projects Update

Donors to the Colorado Carbon Fund have anxiously been awaiting an announcement about the first project that will be funded through the program.

We expect to make an announcement about our first project soon. Information about this will be updated on the ColoradoCarbonFund.org website, included in this e-

newsletter, and we will also share information with local media outlets.

The Colorado Carbon Fund started in August 2008. At that point we began receiving donations from the public and also started our search for eligible projects. To date we've reviewed more than 100 project proposals and have received donations from more than 400 individuals and organizations. Colorado currently has zero carbon offset projects up and running - and that's really the point of this program - to kickstart new, local, high quality energy efficiency and renewable energy projects to reduce emissions.

Your contribution to the Colorado Carbon Fund is directly helping to catalyze new, innovative projects which would not happen otherwise.

Voluntary Market for Carbon Offsets Doubled from 2007 to 2008

According to a new report, the [State of the Voluntary Carbon Markets 2009](#), the voluntary carbon markets "nearly doubled in size and more than doubled in value between 2007 and 2008, from 65 million tonnes of credits traded worth US\$331 million in 2007 to 123 million tonnes worth \$705 million in 2008."

If you are interested in learning more about voluntary carbon markets, The State of the Voluntary Carbon Markets report is an excellent overview, covering the basics about carbon offsets, offset project types, transaction volumes, regulatory issues, verification standards, and motivations for voluntary purchases. The report is available for [free download](#) from Ecosystem Marketplace and New Carbon Finance.

Look for the Project C campaign and Colorado Carbon Fund at these events

- July 22 [Colorado Environmental Partnership](#), Denver
- July 29 [CORE Sustainability Training for Organizations](#), Broomfield
- July 30 [CRES Monthly Meeting](#), Golden
- July 31-Aug 1 [Southern Colorado Sustainable Communities](#), Pueblo
- August 8 [Mile High Business Alliance's Local Flavor Festival](#), Denver
- August 8 [REpowering Southern Colorado](#), Pueblo
- August 20-22 [AREDAY \(Aspen Renewable Energy Day\)](#), Aspen
- August 22 Farmers' Market, Steamboat Springs
- August 23-29 [TransRockies Run](#), Buena Vista to Beaver Creek
- August 28-29 [Colorado Renewable Energy Conference](#), Golden
- September 19-20 [Sustainable Living Fair](#), Fort Collins
- September 25-26 Sustainability Summit, Steamboat Springs

Greening your event?

The Colorado Carbon Fund can help you calculate and offset the carbon footprint of a conference, meeting, or other event. Please see our [Event Carbon Calculator](#) page and get tips on how to green your event.

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