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Arapahoe County

Board of County Commissioners Study Session

Meeting Minute Summaries

Tuesday, June 10, 2025
2:00 PM

Administration Building
5334 S. Prince St.
Littleton, CO 80120
West Hearing Room

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Commissioners Present

Carrie Warren-Gully
Jeff Baker
Jessica Campbell
Leslie Summey
Rhonda Fields

Others Present

Ron Carl
John Christofferson
Michelle Halstead
Cooney Sarracino
Callie Pecore
Gini Pingenot
Greg Howe
Diana Rashash
Steven Chevalier

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

2:00 PM *Fixed Asset Number for Open Spaces Customized Software Solution

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)

The purpose of this study session was to seek the Board of County Commissioner's approval of an asset number for a customized software solution to manage land resources for the High Line Canal.

A background of the request was presented.

Arapahoe County Open Spaces (ACOS) are requesting BOCC approval of a fixed asset number for a customized software solution that would manage land resources for the High Line Canal.

ACOS worked with Arapahoe County IT and recognized that ACOS has unique needs and requires a customized version of Accela to meet those needs.

Commissioner commented and thanked ACOS staff for bringing the request to BOCC.

5-0 in favor of the request.

2:15 PM *Graywater Use: HB24-1362 and Response by Arapahoe County

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[Presentation](#)

The purpose of this study session was to provide an overview of House Bill 24-1362, which shifts graywater regulation to an "optout" model effective January 1, 2026. Unless the County adopts a resolution to prohibit certain categories of graywater systems, all allowable uses, both indoor and outdoor types, will be automatically permitted in unincorporated Arapahoe County.

In accordance with HB 24-1362, which encourages collaboration with local boards of health prior to implementation of any local graywater control program, Arapahoe County Public Health (ACPH) sought and received a recommendation from the Board of Health. The Board of Health recommends maintaining current plumbing code provisions that allow indoor graywater systems for toilet and urinal flushing, while prohibiting graywater systems that discharge externally from a structure, such as laundry-to-landscape (L2L) systems.

This briefing seeks direction from the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on whether to:

- Take no action and allow all graywater systems starting January 1, 2026;
- Prohibit all graywater systems in unincorporated areas;
- Prohibit only outdoor graywater systems while retaining allowance for indoor graywater reuse.

A PowerPoint presentation was presented, a copy of which has been retained for the record.

An introduction to State Regulation 86 for graywater and HB 24-1362 was presented.

Staff provided an overview and definition of what graywater is, how it is reused, and why reusing graywater could be beneficial. A pie chart showing how much water is used was displayed.

Pros and cons of using graywater were reviewed.

Staff presented alternatives and other methods that could be done to conserve water without graywater use.

Graywater use categories were listed. Graywater sources were listed for both single family homes, and non-single family homes.

A list of other counties/cities and their experience with graywater programs were reviewed and discussed.

Staff discussed surveys that were conducted and presented the results. These results also included comments received from both the opposition side and the supportive side for graywater use.

The regulatory framework was discussed.

HB24-1362: Measures to Incentivize Graywater Use was reviewed. 2024 legislation made Regulation 86 an “opt-out” program, rather than an “opt-in” program. The legislation would take effect January 1, 2026. BOCC could adopt a resolution or an ordinance to prohibit the installation of or prohibit one or more categories of graywater use.

Staff presented the policy options for BOCC consideration. Option 1 would be to take no action. Option 2 would prohibit all systems, and Option 3 would prohibit outdoor systems only.

Commissioner clarified with staff regarding the current policies around graywater use in Arapahoe County.

Commissioner asked staff for further explanation on Regulation 86.

Staff recommendations were listed. Staff recommended Option 3 to prohibit use of outdoor systems, and to maintain indoor reuse (code-compliant).

Next steps were reviewed. Staff asked BOCC for direction on graywater policy.

Commissioner asked for clarification on laundry to landscape. Commissioner voiced concern on the chemicals in laundry detergents and noted that harmful ingredients could affect the environment.

Commissioner asked if retrofitting internal systems would be an option for existing homes.

Discussion was held regarding the cost of installation and that internal systems would only be available in new construction homes as retrofitting would not be an option for existing homes in the current legislation.

The fiscal impact for Option 1 was reviewed.

Commissioner asked regarding the fiscal impact for Option 3 and how that compares to the fiscal impacts for Option 1. Commissioner recognized that Public Health Department recommended Option 3 and asked Public Works Director if PW Department agrees with the recommendation.

Further discussion was held surrounding the three options and pros and cons between them.

Commissioner voiced support for Option 3 and highlighted that the Board of Health has recommended that option.

Commissioner briefly read the Regulation 86 requirements. Commissioner noted that if BOCC “opt-out” that there is always an option to “opt-in” in the future. Commissioner voiced support for Option 2.

Discussion was held regarding the Board of Health and how they would react if BOCC chose Option 2 to have the option to “opt-in” and revisit in the future.

4-0 in favor of Option 2. 1-0 in favor of Option 3.

The meeting was adjourned.

3:00 PM Calendar and Board Updates

Michelle Halstead, Director, Commissioners' Office

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