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The League's New Look

By Christine Taniguchi,
CML communications coordinator

Some people may be unaware of the impact that design has on our lives; but whether it is urban design, web design, graphic design, or any other type of design, design matters. A good city or town design can create a sense of place and belonging or make navigating through it easier; a well-designed logo has the power to communicate an organization's values and vision; and a nicely designed

website can help a visitor find information more efficiently.

In an effort to better communicate our values and vision and improve user experience when visiting our website, this month the Colorado Municipal League (CML) is unveiling a new logo along with a new website. Our last rebrand was in 2008; and before then, it was in 1996. CML strives to enhance its value to our members, and our attention to communications is a part of both adding and

demonstrating that value. Although we have a new brand identity, the core functions of CML remains the same: to provide advocacy, information, and training to build strong communities throughout the state. We place great effort in providing the best and latest information to serve our city and town leaders so that they can better serve their residents.

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CML Logo Timeline



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Legislative Session Comes to a Close – and It Was a Doozy

By Kevin Bommer, CML executive director

The first regular session of the 72nd Colorado General Assembly was definitely one for the ages. After an overwhelming sweep of nearly every competitive race for the Colorado House and Senate in the November 2018 election, both chambers ended up controlled by the Democrats. With Jared Polis' defeat of Walker Stapleton to be the next governor, the early chatter was about all of the policy priorities of the majority that were sure to become law.

In my 19 legislative sessions, there were other times when there was single-party control in the Statehouse. However, this session was markedly different. Grand expectations of the majority being able to tick off all of their priority issues that had been stymied by a split legislature for a number of years changed as the session wore on. The minority used all the tools at their disposal to slow down the process, and it turns out that not all the majority shared all the same priorities in the first place.

In spite of all the excitement, drama, and some very long days and evenings for the CML advocacy team, the final tally will look quite good for Colorado municipalities. While the governor still has until June 3 to act on bills that were passed in the final days of the session, it appears that 100 percent of the bills CML opposed were defeated or amended such that the League dropped opposition. It also looks as though nearly all of the bills CML supported will be enacted.

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Classified Corner

For Sale

The Mt. Crested Butte Police Department has two vehicles for sale: a **2007 Chevrolet Tahoe** 4WD, 142,500 miles, white, new battery, working light bar with controls, working radar – front/rear antennas, wired and antenna for VHF radio, full cage, locking gun rack for two long guns, good condition; and a **2010 Chevrolet Tahoe** 4WD, 124,800 miles, white, new battery, working light bar with controls, working radar – front/rear antennas, wired and antennas for VHF and 800 radios, Streamlight in-car flashlight charger (flashlight not included), full cage, locking gun rack for two long guns, brush guard, good condition. Vehicles are being offered at a discount from market price to any law enforcement agency who may benefit from the purchase. Best offer. Photos are available. Contact Marge at 970-349-6516 or m.trautman@mtcbpd.us.

To Place an Ad ...

Contact Christine Taniguchi, CML communications coordinator, by email at ctaniguchi@cml.org.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Allen Coyne**, Julesburg town manager! Coyne has retired after 27 years as town manager in Julesburg, and 22 years prior to Julesburg with the Town of Holyoke and Phillips County – a total of 49 years in the industry.



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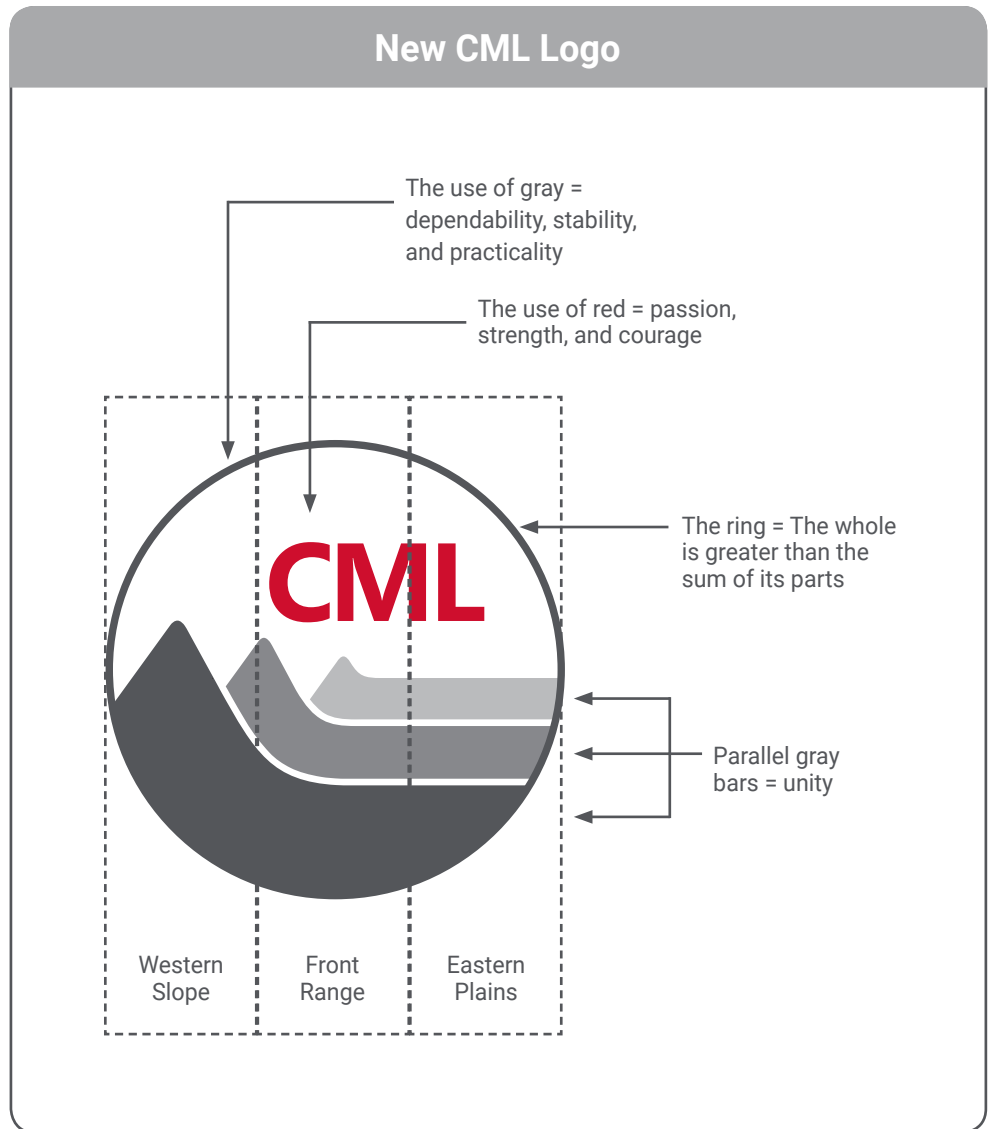
In designing our new logo, there were four primary characteristics we wanted: scalability, versatility, simplicity, and distinctiveness. Scalability was important because we wanted to ensure that our name would be legible at various scales, small or large. Our previous logo was illegible at a smaller scale, which placed unnecessary constraints on how we employed it throughout our print and digital communications. Secondly, we wanted a logo that was versatile, one that was a logomark with our acronym "CML" that could live independently of the "Colorado Municipal League" type without losing impact. Thirdly, we sought simplicity in our logo design so that it would have a modern aesthetic and would be instantly recognizable. Finally, we wanted a logo that was distinctive and relevant to our organization.

The new logo is inspired by our vision statement: Empowered cities and towns,

united for a strong Colorado. As a membership organization, it was paramount that the logo be inclusive of the various and diverse cities and towns throughout the state. Depicted within the circle is a symbolic representation of the state's three general regions: Western Slope, Front Range, and Eastern Plains. The parallel position of the three gray bars emphasizes unity and the connection our communities have with one another. The ring that encircles this imagery reiterates the concept of unity but more specifically the idea that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

All in all, our new identity is an expression of who we are and what we do: advocacy, information, and training to build strong Colorado cities and towns.

Visit our new website at www.cml.org.



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In the next *CML Newsletter*, the advocacy team will summarize legislation for immediate attention that has or will become law effective on the governor's signature. As soon as possible after June 3, the League will publish the annual *Colorado Laws Enacted Affecting Municipal Governments* book, which will be available to download at www.cml.org.

My first legislative session was in 2001, making this session my 19th and final session as a full-time advocate for Colorado municipalities in the Statehouse. Back in those days, I worked on fire and police pensions, beer and liquor,

and PERA issues primarily. Over the years, like all of the lobbyists at CML, I picked up new topics and passed along others, but those three remained core issues that I have seen evolve and change.

One thing has not changed, and it is as true today as it was when I started at CML in 1999 and long before that. Colorado municipalities are represented by some of the finest advocates in the Statehouse that are unique among most of their colleagues. They only work for CML and they do so for the entire year. My colleagues Meghan Dollar, Brandy DeLange,

and Morgan Cullen are some of the most effective lobbyists at the capitol and exemplify the highest ethical standards.

As I move on from my full-time gig as a lobbyist, I will miss that teamwork and camaraderie that can only come from the long hours advocating for municipal interests, building coalitions, helping pass good legislation, and defeating bad legislation. However, I could not be more proud of the work my team has done and that they will continue to do for years to come.

CML Accepting Applications for League Executive Board

CML members are encouraged to consider a leadership position for your CML Executive Board. Current Board Member and Steamboat Springs Council President Pro Tem Kathi Meyer shares her experience:



For almost 20 years I have received my CML newsletter or Colorado Municipalities magazine and read about the amazing things that the CML family of services has accomplished. Last summer I felt the need to

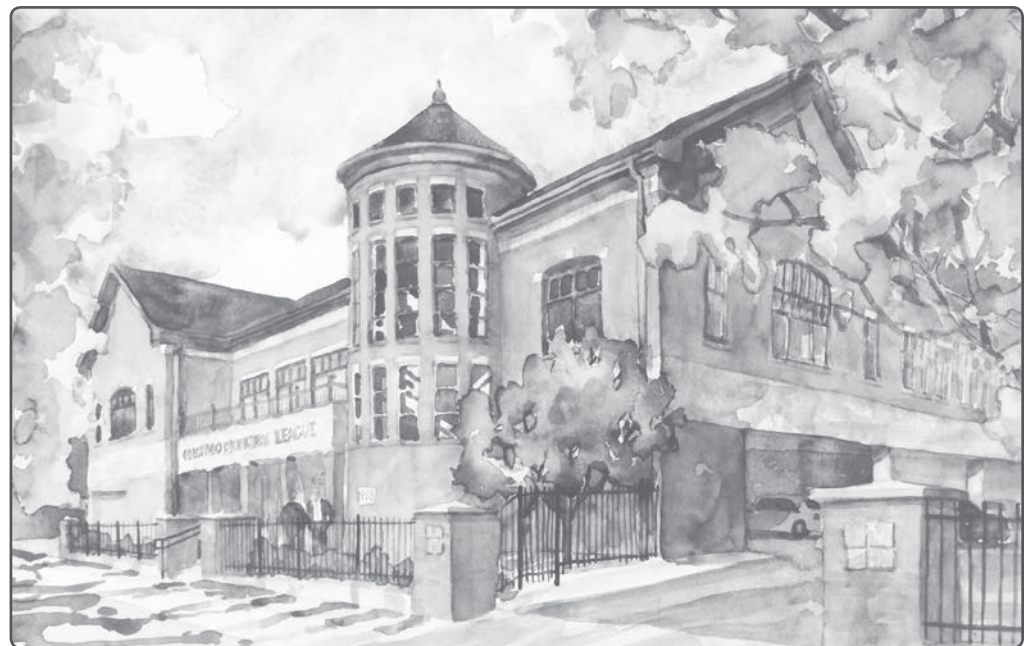
try and get involved on a more focused basis. This year some board seats might be available unopposed — others will require some effort on your part. But hey, we are elected officials and that's what we do. One wise man told me to have fun with the election process, and I did!

The benefits of being on the board are immediate. Meeting new folks from all over the state, from small to large communities and getting to know their points of view and challenges was a rewarding experience. Networking is a large part of what we do as community leaders. I can pick up the phone and talk to representatives from Denver to Fort Collins or Hayden to Alamosa for guidance, information, and best practices.

Finally, change is inevitable. We have seen that at the federal and state level over the past two years. Through membership on CML and, indirectly, our participation on the National League of Cities, our cities and towns have a voice that says, "Remember me, we count too."

It is great to be part of a highly functioning, well respected, and iconic organization. I hope you will throw your hat in the ring. You won't regret it.

To run for a position on the CML Executive Board, submit to CML a written application and a written endorsement from your city



council or town board of trustees by 5 p.m., **June 5**. Materials should be mailed or delivered to 1144 Sherman St., Denver, CO 80203, or faxed to 303-860-8175. Sample application and endorsement forms are available by calling 303-831-6411 or 866-578-0936, or by visiting

www.cml.org and click on About CML > CML Executive Board.

Questions on nominating committee procedures may be directed to CML Executive Director Kevin Bommer at kbommer@cml.org, 303-831-6411, or 866-578-0936.

CML Executive Board: Quick Facts

Number of meetings: Between seven and nine per year, including one at the CML annual conference in June and a one-and-a-half-day board retreat in mid-July, generally held in the municipality of the CML Executive Board president.

Location: At CML, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., usually at the end of each month, with the opportunity to participate by phone if a

member cannot be physically present.

Compensation: Board members are not compensated or reimbursed for travel or other expenses. CML provides meals.

Agenda: Agendas and supplemental materials are always provided at least one week in advance of meetings.

For more information, visit www.cml.org and click on About CML > CML Executive Board.

The Independent Ethics Commission Seeks Applications for Fifth Commissioner Seat

The Colorado Independent Ethics Commission (IEC) seeks applications from local government officials or employees to fill a vacancy on the Commission beginning in July 2019. The appointment of a volunteer commissioner will be for a four-year term.

Created by Amendment 41 – now codified under Article XXIX of the Colorado Constitution – the IEC hears ethics complaints

and issues opinions related to ethics issues. For more information about the IEC, visit www.colorado.gov/iec.

Interested applicants may submit a resume and/or curriculum vitae by email to iecinfo@state.co.us. Questions may be directed to the IEC Executive Director Dino Ioannides, at 720-625-5697 or iecinfo@state.co.us.

CML Scrapbook



CML Communications and Design Specialist Traci Stoffel receives an appreciation award on her last day at the League from CML Executive Board President and Fort Collins Mayor Wade Troxell.

Research Corner: Energy Sector Continues to Evolve

By Melissa Mata, CML municipal research analyst

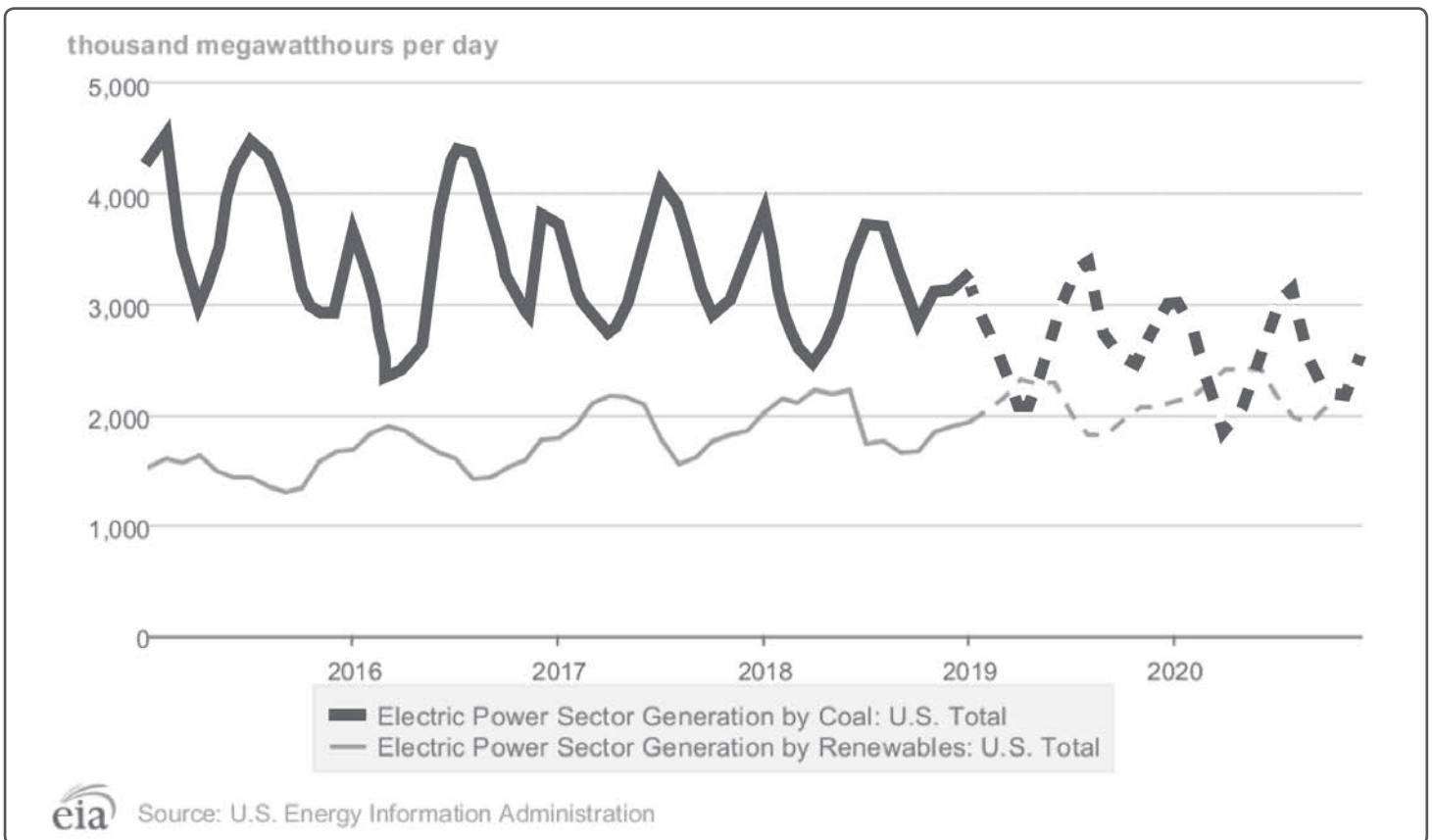
Using data published by the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) Short-Term Energy Outlook, the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA) has projected that April 2019 marked the first time the U.S. renewable energy sector generated more electricity than coal-fired plants. The EIA forecast does not predict that renewable energy will consistently top coal output in the coming year but instead expects

the two sectors to leapfrog throughout 2019 and 2020 based on seasonal maintenance and upgrades that often take coal plants offline during parts of the spring and fall.

EIA estimates that all renewable fuels, including wind, solar, and hydroelectric generation, will produce 18 percent of U.S. electricity in 2019 and almost 20 percent in 2020. EIA also expects that wind generation

will surpass hydroelectric generation to become the leading source of renewable electricity in both years. Natural gas provides the largest share of electric power generation.

The IEEFA analysis can be read in full at bit.ly/2V0xGy5, and the EIA Short-Term Energy Outlook can be found at www.eia.gov/outlooks/steo.



CML Signs *Amicus* Brief in Open Meetings Law Case

CML joins 17 state agencies in an *amicus* (friend of the court) brief supporting the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) in their case before the Supreme Court, *Does #1-9 v. CDPHE*. The opposing side in the case, John Doe Doctors, argues that the adoption of an "internal policy" by the staff of CDPHE constituted an open meetings violation under the theory that the policy should have been adopted by a public body instead. The Court of Appeals held that the open meetings law has no applicability to the staff of a department or agency of state government but rather

only applies to formally constituted bodies such as boards and commissions. John Doe Doctors appealed the decision to the Supreme Court. If the Supreme Court accepts the John Doe Doctors' interpretation, it will expand the scope of what constitutes a covered "state public body" under the open meetings law. Such an interpretation could apply to any state agency employee who talks to another state employee about public business. CML joined the brief because this interpretation could easily extend to municipalities. Colorado open meetings law contains a parallel provision for "local public

bodies." C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (2)(b). If the Supreme Court broadly interprets "state public bodies" as argued by the John Doe Doctors, then an equally broad interpretation of "local public bodies" is likely. As an example, city councils and town boards are subject to the open meetings law requirements to notice meetings, be open to the public, take minutes, etc. Under the interpretation advanced by the John Doe Doctors, city staff would be subject to these same requirements.

Member News

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Douglas County School District

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The Douglas County School District is Colorado's third-largest school district, serving more than 68,000 students in preschool through 12th grade. Douglas County School District teachers and staff are leaders of public education in Colorado, with many innovative educational approaches tailored to students. Support and coordination can be found at the district level, but each school has the flexibility to build its

own instructional programs. Parents can find many different choices through the district, such as open enrollment, charter schools, instruction for gifted and talented students, magnet schools, an International Baccalaureate program, Advanced Placement courses, and other special programs. Its vision is to create responsible citizens who contribute to society. It strives to maintain a well-researched, integrated, and standards-based curriculum; a rich array of extracurricular offerings; and strong community involvement.

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Course Notebook

Snow Conference

The American Public Works Association will host more than 2,000 snow fighters and other public works officials to share the latest and greatest from the world of winter maintenance in Salt Lake City, **May 19–22**. For details, visit snow.apwa.net.

Elections

PDO: Beyond Election Basics is geared toward clerks with some election administration experience. This class, **May 17** in Loveland, will delve more completely into FCPA; petitions, including initiative, referendum, and recall; protest hearings; and working with Titles 31 and 1. To register, visit bit.ly/2OoRucM.

GASB 87 Leases

Join Plante Moran, a CML associate member, for a webinar, GASB 87 Leases: What You Need to Know for Successful Implementation, on **June 6**, noon–1 p.m. Participants will learn to summarize the new criteria for identification of leases, demonstrate and explain the new accounting and reporting requirements for leases, and identify steps to take to prepare for the implementation of the standard. For more information and to register, visit bit.ly/2WkJ0Xn.

Women in Government

Join Women in Government at its 2019 National Legislative Conference in Chicago, **June 13–15**. The event brings together women state legislators and policy experts to engage across a variety of top issues and network. Visit www.womeningovernment.org/attend/upcoming-events for more information.

Watershed Summit

More than 200 water utility executives, business leaders, conservation experts, and other professionals will come together to share tested solutions at the Watershed Summit on **June 27** in Denver. Gain new insights and ideas to help position your organization for success. The event seeks to add new voices to the discussion, introduce innovative ideas, and break down silos. The goal is to bring local influence to global freshwater issues. To learn more and register, visit bit.ly/2Fzmrbrbx.

Webinar: Amendments to SEC Rule 15c2-12

Presented by Dee Wisor, Butler Snow partner

May 20, 2019, Noon–1 p.m.

Effective Feb. 27, 2019, the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) adopted amendments to Rule 15c2-12 that impact secondary market disclosure for bonds issued by state and local governments. Review the rule changes and learn how to adjust policies and procedures to reflect the changes. This webinar will be of interest to municipal attorneys, finance staff, and city and town managers. CLE

credits have been applied for. One MUNiversity credit is available to elected officials for this training.

This webinar is free for attorneys employed by a municipality and municipal officials; however, registration is required. Registration is \$25 for individuals who serve as the primary legal counsel (attorney of record) for a municipality or individuals who are employed by an organization that is a CML associate member. Registration is \$50 for all others. To register, visit bit.ly/2Tx0Lg. Registration closes **May 19**.

Webinar: Colorado's Opportunity Zone Program

Presented by Jana Persky, State of Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade Opportunity Zone program director

June 5, 2019, Noon–1 p.m.

Learn more about Opportunity Zones, how they work, and tools the state has to help communities benefit from this investment incentive.

This webinar is free for CML municipal members; however, registration is required. Registration is \$25 for CML associate members and \$50 for all nonmembers. One MUNiversity credit is available to elected officials for this training. To register, visit bit.ly/2IdlqHC. Registration closes **June 4**.

2019 Starburst Award

The Colorado Lottery is excited to announce the 11 recipients of the 2019 Starburst Award. This unique award recognizes excellence in the use of lottery proceeds for community and conservation projects. Winners are chosen based on the creativity of the project, the economic and social impact on the community, and whether the project achieved its goal.

The winners are:

- City of Cortez Centennial Park Pickleball Courts
- City of Fruita — Kokopelli Section of the Colorado Riverfront Trail
- City of Lakewood — Carmody Park
- City of Lamar — Wheels Park
- City of Pueblo — City Park Poolhouse Project
- Town of Breckenridge — River Park
- Town of Castle Rock — Festival Park Reimagined

- Town of Cripple Creek — Mountain View Adventure Park
- Foothills Park and Recreation District — Clement Park Interactive Water Feature
- Larimer County, City of Fort Collins, City of Loveland — Long View Trail
- Trust for Public Land, The Nature Conservancy, City of Trinidad — Crazy French Ranch

Lottery proceeds are distributed statewide through grants via Great Outdoors Colorado, the Conservation Trust Fund, Colorado Parks & Wildlife, and Building Excellent Schools Today.

More than \$16.2 million in lottery funds is represented in these 11 projects. Two of the winning projects were the result of collaboration between neighboring municipalities or national nonprofit organizations.

Visit Our Exhibitors at the 97th CML Annual Conference

You do not want to miss the CML annual conference, June 18–21, in Breckenridge! This year, we have more than 60 exhibitors in our exhibit hall ready to learn how they might be able to help your community.

The following is a list of our exhibitors:

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Governor to Serve as Honorary Host



Gov. Jared Polis will serve as the honorary host at the 97th CML Annual Conference Thursday Luncheon, **June 20**, noon–1:30 p.m. Visit with colleagues and celebrate the winners of the CML

Municipal Hero Award contest. There also will be a special surprise at the luncheon. Come join us! Tickets are selling quickly. Visit www.cml.org.

University of Colorado Denver School of Public Affairs; ViewPoint Cloud; Vortex Aquatic Structures; and Waste Management.

CML Welcomes New Law Clerk

The League would like to introduce Elizabeth LeBuhn, who is joining CML as our new law clerk. LeBuhn currently attends the University of Denver Sturm School of Law.

"Elizabeth has a background in city planning and an interest in working on behalf of the Colorado municipalities. She has a good

understanding of the help and support we all provide to one another at CML. We are so glad she is joining us," said Laurel Witt, CML staff attorney.

LeBuhn replaces Stephanie McConkie as CML's law clerk. McConkie had worked for the League since fall 2018. She recently accepted

a clerkship with Judge Andrew McCallin of the 2nd Judicial District. Witt stated, "We have been very lucky to have someone of Stephanie's caliber and knowledge working with us and our members. We wish her the best of luck in her career."

CML Executive Board Meets

The CML Executive Board recently held its final meeting before the CML annual conference. During its April 26 meeting, the board:

- recognized CML Communications and Design Specialist Traci Stoffel for her 13 years of service to CML on her last day, and CML Executive Board President and Fort Collins Mayor Wade Troxell presented her with a plaque;
- approved acceptance of the 2018 audit reports;
- heard from CML Finance and Administration Manager Allison Wright on the 2020 dues calculation and approved the 2020 dues schedule

recommended by the Budget, Audit, and Management Committee;

- received an update from CML Communications Coordinator Christine Taniguchi on CML's rebranding and website update efforts;
- approved a recommendation from the CML *Amicus* Committee presented by CML Staff Attorney Laurel Witt;
- heard an update from the CML advocacy team and approved staff recommendations for positions on a handful of bills;
- received an update on the upcoming CML Annual Conference from CML Meeting and Events Coordinator Kathleen Harrison;

- heard an update on the upcoming board election and deadlines;
- received an update on the CML Executive Board retreat in Alamosa in July for new and holdover board members;
- heard Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) Director Michael Silverstein talk about his organization and the important work that it does; and
- heard a report from CML Executive Director Kevin Bommer on his first 26 days.

The next CML Executive Board meeting takes place **June 20** at the 97th CML Annual Conference in Breckenridge. Board agendas and approved minutes are available at www.cml.org/executive-board.



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