



**Colorado Climate Project
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2009 Legislation – Colorado General Assembly
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I. Bills of Primary Interest

Passage of these bills have the effect of either implementing or preventing implementation of major provisions of either Governor Ritter's [Colorado Climate Action Plan](#) announced in November 2007 or the [recommendations](#) made in October 2007 by the Climate Action Panel convened by the [Rocky Mountain Climate Organization](#). Final versions of the bills can be accessed with the links embedded for each of them. The Colorado General Assembly's [website](#) has additional detail about the legislative history of each bill.

Bills of Primary Interest	Description	Key Votes	Relation to Governor's Plan and Climate Action Panel Recommendations
Energy Efficiency			
<p>HB 09-1149: New home photovoltaic solar prewiring</p> <p>Prime sponsors: Rep. Mike Merrifield, D-Manitou Springs; Sen. Morgan Carroll, D-Aurora</p>	<p>Requires builders of new single family homes to offer buyers the option of prewiring for solar photovoltaic systems.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feb. 18 – passed House 57-6-2 • Apr. 6 – passed Senate 24-9-2 • Apr. 9 – House concurrence with Senate amendments • May 4 – signed into law by Gov. Ritter 	<p>Contributes to implementation of Governor's Plan for expanded demand side management (DSM) programs.</p> <p>Contributes to implementation of two CAP recommendations:</p> <p>(1) Recommendation RCI-1 calls for expanded DSM programs.</p> <p>(2) Recommendation RCI-4 calls for the planning and design of residential homes that meet high-performance standards.</p>
<p>HB 09-1247: Disclosure of home energy use at time of sale</p> <p>Prime sponsors: Rep. Dennis Apuan, D-Colorado Springs; Sen. John Morse, D-Colorado Springs</p>	<p>Requires home sellers to disclose energy usage for the previous 12 months.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mar. 13 – passed House 34-29-2 • Mar. 20 - killed by Senate Local Government & Energy Committee 	<p>Consistent with the energy efficiency provisions in the Governor's plan and the CAP recommendations.</p>
<p>HB 09-1312: Clean energy loans</p>	<p>Creates the renewable energy and energy efficiency for</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apr. 3 – passed House 43-21-1 	<p>The Governor's Plan does not include such a</p>

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<p>for schools</p> <p>Prime sponsor: Rep. Andy Kerr, D-Lakewood</p>	<p>schools loan program to fund renewable energy projects and Energy-efficient bus projects in qualified school districts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apr. 29 – passed Senate 23-12-0 May 5 – signed into law by Gov. Ritter 	<p>loan program.</p> <p>Partially implements CAP recommendation RCI-2, which calls for a revolving loan fund to finance energy efficiency projects in state and local government buildings, including schools.</p>
<p>HB 09-1323: Energy efficiency programs of large rural electric cooperatives</p> <p>Prime sponsors: Rep. Claire Levy, D-Boulder; Sen. Jennifer Veiga, D-Denver</p>	<p>Requires rural electric cooperatives that serve more than 100,000 or more customers to engage in conservation and energy efficiency programs and to save an amount of electricity equal to 2% of 2008 sales by 2012, 5% of 2008 sales by 2015, and 10% of 2008 sales by 2020.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apr. 7 – passed House Transportation & Energy Committee May 6 – died, not brought to floor vote 	<p>Would contribute to implementation of Governor's Plan for expanded demand side management (DSM) programs.</p> <p>Would contribute to implementation of CAP recommendation RCI-1, which calls for expanded DSM programs.</p>
<p>SB 09-039: Rural electric cooperatives tiered energy rates</p> <p>Prime sponsors: Sen. Gail Schwartz, D-Snowmass Village; Rep. Kathleen Curry, D-Gunnison</p>	<p>Authorizes electric coops to change their electric rate structure for residential customers to include increasing block rate structures. It requires the rate change to be revenue-neutral, and calls on utilities to consider the impacts on low-income customers. It also allows electric coops to establish a community energy fund for energy efficiency, energy conservation, weatherization and renewable energy purposes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb. 9 – passed Senate 25-9-1 Mar. 30 – passed House 48-16-1 Apr. 1 – Senate concurrence with House amendments Apr. 22 – signed into law by Gov. Ritter 	<p>The Governor's Plan does not include tiered rate provisions.</p> <p>Two CAP recommendations address alternative inverted block rate structures:</p> <p>(1) Recommendation RCI-5 calls for adoption of steep inverted block rate structures for all electric utilities with the additional revenues to be used to fund demand side management programs.</p> <p>(2) Recommendation RCI-11 calls for revenue-neutral inverted block rates.</p>
<p>SB 09-051: Financing for energy-efficient structures</p> <p>Prime sponsors: Sen. Claire Levy, D-Boulder; Rep. Morgan Carroll, D-Aurora</p>	<p>Facilitates Clean Energy Development Authority loans created under the Colorado Clean Energy Finance Program Act of 2008 (HB 2008-1350):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes credit unions among the lenders that may make loans under the program. Authorizes the Governor's Energy Office to develop and license the use of a "Clean & Green Colorado" logo and marketing materials for use by lenders and certified contractors. Makes apartment buildings eligible for loans. Raises the cap on loans guaranteed by the state treasurer from \$30 million to \$40 million. Requires landlords to allow energy audits of rental properties if requested by a tenant, at the tenant's expense. Makes eligible for the loans third-party installation of renewable generation equipment on property owned by others, in exchange for future purchases of energy under power purchase agreements or assignments of utility rebates. Also makes 3rd-party installation of industrial and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mar. 4 – passed Senate 24-11 Mar. 30 – passed House 40-24-1 Apr. 1 – Senate concurrence with House amendments Apr. 22 – signed into law by Gov. Ritter 	<p>The Governor's Plan does not include such a loan program.</p> <p>The CAP recommendations include a state loan program for energy efficiency improvements for commercial and industrial buildings. Residential, as well as commercial buildings, are eligible for CEDA loans, which cover both energy efficiency and distributed energy generation improvements.</p>

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	commercial facilities eligible as renewable energy credits to satisfy utility renewable portfolio standards. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directs the Public Utilities Commission to require utilities to set aside a portion of their annual budget for rebates for low-income customers. 		
Energy Supply			
Transportation and Land Use			
HB 09-1166: Pay as you drive auto insurance Prime sponsors: Rep. Claire Levy, D- Boulder	Directs the commissioner of insurance to adopt rules establishing a pay-as-you-drive (PAYD) rate structure for automobile insurance policies using the miles driven as a factor. Once the rules are adopted, it authorizes insurers to offer PAYD as an option. It allows insurers to consider other rating factors, including age, gender, location, vehicle type, and driving record. It authorizes a credit against premium taxes for insurers that sell PAYD policies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feb. 5 – killed by House Business Affairs and Labor Committee 	The Governor's plan does not include a PAYD provision. CAP recommendation TLU-8 calls for a pilot program, and if successful, then for the insurance commissioner to require insurance companies to offer PAYD policies.
HB 09-1331: Incentives for energy-efficient vehicles Prime sponsors: Rep. Sara Gagliardi, D-Arvida; Sen. Betty Boyd, D-Lakewood	Extends, broadens, and changes the scope of existing state income tax credits for purchase of energy-efficient vehicles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expands types of hybrid fuel-electric vehicles eligible, and adds natural gas powered vehicles and idle reduction equipment to purchases eligible for tax credits. • Extends tax credit past 2010 to 2015, and changes the credit from a percentage of sales tax paid to a percentage of the difference between the purchase price of the alternative vehicle and a comparable vehicle that uses conventional fuels. For tax years 2012-2015, the percentages are reduced compared to 2010-2011, and a cap is put on the dollar amount of the credit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apr. 29 – passed House 61-4 • May 6 – passed Senate 28-7 • May 6 – House concurrence with Senate amendments • Governor's approval pending 	The Governor's plan does not include a tax credit for energy-efficient vehicles provision. CAP recommendation TLU-2 calls for an extension of the existing energy-efficient vehicles tax credit past 2009 as part of an alternative to TLU-6 (adoption of the California clean car standards).
SB 09-94: CDOT Transit and Rail Division creation Prime sponsors: Sen. Suzanne Williams, D-Aurora; Rep. Claire Levy, D-Boulder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates the transit and rail division within the Department of Transportation and makes it responsible for the planning, development, and promotion of investments in transit and rail systems statewide. • Requires the division to prepare a statewide transit plan to be integrated into the Statewide Transit Plan, and to establish a special interim committee to guide the initial focus of the division. • Will be responsible for administering transit funds authorized by SB 09-108. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mar. 4 – passed Senate 24-11 • Apr. 15 – passed House 39-26 • Apr. 27 – House and Senate adopt conference committee report • Governor's approval pending 	Could help facilitate the investments in mass transit called for in the Governor's Plan. CAP recommendation TLU-3 calls for investments in a variety of mass transit projects and for a reliable funding source.
SB 09-108: Transportation system planning and funding Prime sponsors: Sen. Dan Gibbs, D-Silverthorne; Rep. Joe Rice, D-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorizes fees and surcharges to raise funds for road safety projects, allocates funds to CDOT and local governments. • Requires \$10 million of the fees be spent annually on pedestrian and bicycle improvements on state roadways and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feb. 5 – passed Senate 19-16 • Feb. 25 – passed House 3rd 34-31 • Feb. 27 – concurrence by Senate. 	The Governor's plan refers in general terms to reducing emissions by reducing vehicle miles traveled and making investments in mass transit.

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Littleton	<p>\$5 million on transit and alternate transportation projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorizes tolls on existing roads with local government consent and clarifies that the tolls can be used to fund mass transit projects • Creates a high performance transportation enterprise within CDOT to pursue public-private transportation system (including mass transit projects) financing and construction. • Requires regional transportation plans to address certain goals, including strategic mobility and multimodal choices, support for urban and rural transit, and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mar. 2. – signed into law by Gov. Ritter 	<p>CAP recommendation TLU-1 would require CDOT and metropolitan planning organizations to quantify and report greenhouse gas emissions resulting from long-range range transportation plans by 2010.</p> <p>CAP recommendation TLU-3 calls for investments in a variety of mass transit projects and for a reliable funding source.</p>
Forest Health			
<p>HB 09-1199: Funding healthy forests through a State Forest Service grants program and technical assistance</p> <p>Prime sponsors: Rep. Christine Scanlan, D-Dillon; Sen. Dan Gibbs, D-Silverthorne</p>	<p>Funds the State Forest Service with \$1.95 million annually for 3 years (2009-2011) from severance tax allocations to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt standards for community wildfire plans, provide technical assistance for adoption of such plans, assist with firefighter preparedness and equipment maintenance, do prescribed fire work, watershed restoration projects, and GIS capabilities for wildfire and insect risks (\$1.3 million). • Administer a revolving loans fund for businesses to harvest, use, and market forest treatment by-products (including biofuel production) (\$400,000). • Administer a grants program for fuels mitigation projects (\$225,000). <p>Directs and funds Air Quality Control Commission to develop solutions to barriers that discourage use of prescribed forest burns..</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apr. 7 – passed House 59-1-5 • Apr. 29 – passed Senate 34-1 • May 4 – House concurrence with Senate amendments • Governor's approval pending 	<p>The Governor's plan provides for the Governor's Energy Office and the Departments of Natural Resources and Public Health and Environment to identify and implement actions to reduce wildfire risk and to promote the use of woody biomass fuels.</p> <p>CAP recommendation AFW-7 calls for reducing wildfire risk in the Front Range region and using by-products of forest treatments for energy production.</p>
<p>SB 09-001: Community wildfire protection plans</p> <p>Prime sponsors: Sen. Dan Gibbs, D-Silverthorne and Sen. Josh Penry, R – Grand Junction; Rep. Christine Scanlan, D-Dillon and Rep. Steve King, R-Grand Junction</p>	<p>Requires the state forester to develop guidelines for community wildfire plans. It also requires county commissioners of each county, with the assistance of the state forester to adopt plans if fire hazard areas are identified in unincorporated parts of the county.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan. 26 – passed Senate 35-0 • Feb. 25 – passed House 65-0 • Mar. 19 - signed into law by Gov. Ritter 	<p>The Governor's plan calls for actions to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires.</p> <p>CAP recommendation AFW-7 calls for reducing wildfire risk in the Front Range region and using by-products of forest treatments for energy production.</p>
<p>SB 09-016: Incentives to harvest bark beetle timber</p> <p>Prime sponsors: Sen. Mike Kopp, R-Ken Caryl Ranch and</p>	<p>Directs the state forester to publish a list of areas affected by beetle-kill and to designate the most urgent timber removal areas. It establishes a 5-year business personal property tax exemption where clearing is completed and also a revolving fund (amount and source of funds unspecified) administered</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feb, 18 – passed Senate 33-0-2 • Apr. 17 – killed by House Appropriations Committee 	<p>The Governor's plan calls for actions to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires, including removal of beetle-killed timber and promoting use of biomass removed via forest treatments for energy production.</p>

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Sen. Josh Penry, R-Grand Junction; Rep. Steve King, R-Grand Junction and Rep. Christine Scanlan, D-Dillon	by the state forester for start-ups of businesses using beetle-killed timber.		CAP recommendation AFW-7 calls for reducing wildfire risk in the Front Range region and for establishing incentives to use by-products of forest thinning for energy production.
<p>SB 09-018: High risk wildfire mitigation grants</p> <p>Prime sponsors: Sen. Mike Kopp, R-Ken Caryl Ranch and Dan Gibbs D-Silverthorne; Rep. Steve King, R-Grand Junction and Rep. Christine Scanlan, D-Dillon</p>	Creates the high-risk communities wildfire mitigation grant program administered by State Forest Service, and funded at \$10 million annually from General Fund appropriations for FY 08-09 through FY 12-13.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mar. 20 – passed Senate 34-0-1 • Apr. 2 – killed by House Local Government Committee 	<p>The Governor's plan calls for actions to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires.</p> <p>CAP recommendation AFW-7 calls for reducing wildfire risk in the Front Range region and using by-products of forest thinning for energy production.</p>
Agriculture			
<p>SB 09-124: Extend On-Farm Renewable Energy Grant program</p> <p>Prime sponsors: Sen. Jim Isgar, D-Hesperus; Rep. Ellen Roberts, R-Durango</p>	Extends through FY 11-12 and funds up to \$500,000 annually the Department of Agriculture grants program to promote the feasibility and development of on-farm renewable energy projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mar. 4 – passed Senate 35-0 • Apr. 28 – passed House 64-0-1 • Apr. 30 – Senate concurrence with House amendments • Governor's approval pending 	<p>This program was established prior to the release of the Governor's plan.</p> <p>CAP recommendation AFW-3 calls for the state government to develop programs or businesses for services and products to increase on-farm energy efficiency and conservation.</p>
Waste Management			
Water Adaptation			
<p>SB 09-125: Funding Colorado Water Conservation Board projects</p> <p>Prime sponsors: Sen. Jim Isgar, D-Hesperus; Rep. Kathleen Curry, D-Gunnison</p>	Provides FY 2009-10 funding for CWCB projects and programs, including stream gauge data collection (\$350,000), planning for climate change adaptation (\$500,000), grants for innovative agriculture to urban use water transfers (\$1,500,000), study for impacts of dust on snowmelt (\$30,000), Phase 2 of the Colorado River Water Availability Study (\$1,000,000), assistance for local agency water planning (\$100,000).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mar. 4 – passed Senate 35-0 • Apr. 23 - passed House 63-0-2 • Apr. 27 – Senate concurrence with House amendments • Governor's approval pending 	<p>All of the water adaptation topics in the Governor's plan (scientific investigations, analysis of water rights and compacts, drought planning, and information exchange and education) are addressed in the bill.</p> <p>Directly addressed among the CAP recommendations are WA-3, Colorado Water Availability Study, and WA-8, agricultural water rights transfers. Other elements touch on WA-1, public officials exercise leadership, and WA-5, assessment of data and data systems for understanding climate change.</p>

II. Additional Bills of Interest

Additional bills of interest are related to climate action policies but do not address specific provisions of either Governor Ritter's Climate Action Plan or the recommendations of the Climate Action Panel convened by RMCO. Passage has the effect of either helping to meet or standing in the way of meeting the statewide targets for reducing emissions of greenhouse gases 20 percent from 2005 levels by 2020 and 80 percent below 2005 levels by 2050, a Climate Action Panel recommendation adopted by Governor Ritter in an April 2007 executive order.

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Energy Efficiency			
HB 09-1055 Rep. Green	Requires utilities disclose on monthly bills carbon emissions associated with customers' energy use.	Feb. 3 – killed by Transportation and Energy Committee	Consistent with the demand side management provisions in the Governor's plan and the CAP recommendations.
HB 09-1107 Rep. Kerr, Sen. Gibbs	Limits homeowner association restrictions on renewable energy and energy efficiency improvements.	Feb. 3 – killed by Transportation and Energy Committee	Removes disincentives for domestic energy efficiency improvements.
HB 09-1126 Rep. Hullinghorst, Sen. Heath	Adds solar thermal systems to renewable energy system components exempt from sales tax.	Apr. 29 – passed House 44-21 Introduced May 5- passed Senate 31-4 May 5 – House concurrence with Senate amendments Governor's approval pending	An incentive that is consistent with the demand side management provisions in the Governor's plan and the CAP recommendations.
HB 09-1277 Rep. Labuda	Requires all retail electric utilities to notify all customers of fuel mix sources to generate electricity at least twice per year.	Mar. 5 – killed by Transportation and Energy Committee	Consistent with the demand side management provisions in the Governor's plan and the CAP recommendations.
HB 09-1350 Rep. Miklosi, Sens. Heath and Schwartz	Creates a statewide new energy improvement district empowered to issue bonds for domestic energy efficiency and alternative energy improvement loans repayable through special property tax assessments.	Apr. 23 – amended by House Local Government Committee May 6 - died , not brought to floor vote	Consistent with energy efficiency goals in the Governor's plan and the CAP recommendations.
SB 09-297 Sen. Sandoval, Rep. Judd	Expedites state agency expenditures of federal economic recovery legislation funds by enabling waivers of certain contracting requirements.	May 1 – passed Senate 25-8-2 May 5 – passed House 43-22 Governor's approval pending	
Energy Supply			
HB 09-1035 Rep. Riesberg, Sen. Heath	Allows Colorado-based clean technology and medical device companies to claim refunds of sales and use taxes they pay for goods and supplies.	Apr. 7 – passed House 51-9-5 Apr. 29 – passed Senate 24-11 May 4 – House concurrence with Senate amendments Governor's approval pending	An incentive that could contribute to reductions of greenhouse gas emissions.
HB 09-1098 Rep. Baumgardner, Sen. Brophy	Creates an advisory council to Public Utilities Commission to expedite consideration of clean coal production applications.	Feb. 6 – killed by Transportation and Energy Committee	
HB 09-1105 Rep. Kefalas	Creates an income tax credit for 2010 tax year only of up to \$20,000 for small clean energy and other businesses.	Apr. 15 – passed House 52-12-1 May 5 – passed Senate 33-2 Governor's approval pending	An incentive that could contribute to reductions of greenhouse gas emissions.
HB 09-1268 : Rep. Gardner, Sen. Kopp	A package of measures to reduce fossil fuel consumption through interstate cooperation on pipeline and electricity transmission capacity; sales tax exemptions for fuel-efficient vehicles; tax incentives for landfill-to-energy conversion;	Feb. 19 – killed by Transportation and Energy Committee	Some provisions are consistent with but not directly related to provisions in the Governor's plan and the CAP recommendations.

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	additional alternative fuels eligibility for Clean Energy Development Authority (CEDA) funding; CEDA support for nuclear energy development; State Land Board analysis of renewable energy resources on state lands: Colorado Water Conservation Board assessment of retrofitting existing water infrastructure to develop hydroelectric power; and PUC cost-benefit analyses prior to closing an existing electric power generation facility.		
HB 09-1300 : Rep. Solano, Sens. Schwartz and Romer	Enables the Clean Energy Development Authority to make commercial loans or to buy loans made by others for transmission, storage, or generation equipment used primarily for clean energy and the land for it.	Apr. 23 – killed by Transportation & Energy Committee	An incentive that could contribute to reductions of greenhouse gas emissions.
HB 09-1345 Rep. Solano	Directs the Public Utilities Commission to study the adequacy of planning for electricity transmission lines in-state and across state lines and to recommend legislative action if needed.	Apr. 27 – passed House 57-7-1 May 5 – passed Senate 29-6 Governor's approval pending	Could facilitate delivery of renewable energy generation to markets.
SB 09-031 Sen. Heath, Rep. Riesberg	Creates the clean technology discovery evaluation grant program (amount and source of funds unspecified) in the Colorado Office of Economic Development for renewable energy research at Colorado research universities.	Feb. 25 – passed Senate 32-1-2 Apr. 6 - passed House 51-11-3 Apr. 9 – Senate concurrence with House amendments May 4 - signed into law by Gov. Ritter	A grants program that could contribute to reductions of greenhouse gas emissions.
SB 09-171 Sen. Schwartz, Reps. Todd & Vigil	Enables state community colleges board to use its customized training program funds to be directed towards clean energy jobs skills.	Feb. 25 – passed Senate 32-1-2 Apr. 6 – passed House 58-4-3 Apr. 15 – Senate concurrence with House amendments May 4 - signed into law by Gov. Ritter	Consistent with new energy economy job-training element of Governor's plan.
Transportation and Land Use			
HB 09-1026 Rep. Marostica, Sen. Williams	Concerning licensing and insurance requirements for low-power vehicles such as scooters.	Mar. 18 – passed House 57-5-3 Apr. 28 – passed Senate 26-9 Apr. 29 – House concurrence with Senate amendments Governor's approval pending	Clarifies operating rules for low emissions alternative vehicles
HB 09-1034 Rep. Liston; Sen. Gibbs	Adds to any regional transportation authority's financing tools the ability to impose a property tax mill levy of up to 5 mills, subject to voter approval.	Feb. 2 – passed House 52-11-2 Mar. 23 – passed Senate 23-10-2 Apr. 16 - signed into law by Gov. Ritter	If used to fund mass transit systems, would be consistent with provisions in the Governor's plan and the CAP recommendations to reduce vehicle miles traveled and to fund mass transit.
HB 09-1134 Rep. Kefalas	Creates Colorado Rail Authority with broad taxing and bonding capabilities to develop and operate high-speed commuter rail in I-25 and I-70 corridors.	Apr. 23 – killed by House Transportation and Energy Committee	Related to the Governor's plan and CAP recommendation to expand transit service.
HB 09-1284 Rep. Levy	Requires Department of Transportation (CDOT) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations to develop strategic plans for congestion corridors (which may include provisions for mass transit, transportation demand management, and bike	Mar. 25 – passed House 36-27-2 Apr. 30 – killed by Senate on 2 nd reading	Consistent with CAP transportation-related smart growth recommendations.

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	and pedestrian facilities) and enables CDOT to require impact fees for new developments in those corridors.		
SB 09-075 Sen. Schwartz, Rep. Marostica	Rules for operating low-speed electric vehicles on public roads and grants through Governor's Energy Office to finance charging stations.	Mar. 5 – passed Senate 35-0 Apr. 27 – passed House 63-1-1 Apr. 28 – Senate concurrence with House amendments Governor's approval pending	Clarifies operating rules for low emissions alternative vehicles.
SB 09-92 Sen. Kopp, Rep. Marostica	Makes compressed natural gas vehicles the first priority for new purchases for the state fleet starting in 2010, unless cost-prohibitive.	Jan. 14 – introduced Feb. 17 – passed Senate 34-1 Mar. 31- passed House 38-26-1 Apr. 20 - signed into law by Gov. Ritter	Could contribute to Gov. Ritter's Greening Government goals.
SB 09-148 Sen. Brophy, Rep. Merrifield	Establishes rules to promote safe bicycle use on highways and penalties for motorists who intentionally harass bicyclists.	Feb. 17 – passed Senate 27-6-2 Mar. 30 – passed House 54-10-1 Apr. 27 – House and Senate approve conference committee report Governor's approval pending	Helps promote multimodal transportation alternatives to vehicle use.
SB 09-158 Sen. Isgar	Directs Departments of Natural Resources and Agriculture to study the feasibility of a state program of financial incentives for agricultural land protection if federal programs are reduced or eliminated (e.g., Conservation Reserve Program).	Mar. 16 – passed Senate 3 rd reading 35-0 Apr. 28 – passed House 64-0-1 Governor's approval pending	Addresses agricultural land conservation goals in Governor's plan and CAP recommendations.
Forest Health			
Waste Management			
HB 09-1056 Rep. McCann, Sen. Kopp	Increase penalties for solid waste disposal violations.	Feb. 3 – passed House 57-7-1 Apr. 28 – passed Senate 33-2 Apr. 29 – House concurrence with Senate amendments Governor's approval pending	Consistent with goals in Governor's plan and CAP recommendations to divert waste stream from landfills.
HB 09-1282 Rep. Fischer, Sen. Schwartz	Convenes a Colorado Department of Health and Environment task force to make recommendations on recycling electronic equipment.	Apr. 7 – passed House 51-9-5 Apr. 29 – passed Senate 23-12 May 6 - House and Senate approve conference committee report Governor's approval pending	Consistent with goals in Governor's plan and CAP recommendations to divert waste stream from landfills.
SB 09-156 Sen. Veiga, Rep. Miklosi	Seeks to reduce plastic bag use. From 2009-2012, requires large retail stores to charge customers 6 cents per bag and starting in July, 2012 prohibits large retail stores from providing plastic bags to customers, with financial penalties for violations.	Feb. 24 – killed by Senate on 2 nd reading	Consistent with goals in Governor's plan and CAP recommendations to divert waste stream from landfills.
Water Adaptation			
HB 09-1017 Rep. Pace, Sen. Hodge	Expedites Colorado Water Conservation Board expenditures of Severance Tax funds on water efficiency grants	Apr. 15 – passed House 64-1 May 1 – passed Senate 32-1-2 Governor's approval pending	Helps implement water conservation goals in Governor's plan and CAP recommendations

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HB 09-1129 Rep. Looper, Sen. Romer	Pilot programs to study residential rooftop rainwater collection systems for non-potable uses.	Mar. 13 – passed House 62-0-3 Apr. 23 – passed Senate 32-0-3 Apr. 29 – House concurrence with Senate amendments Governor's approval pending	Could help with implementing the water conservation goals in Governor's plan and CAP recommendations
SB-09-80 Sen. Isgar, Rep. Looper	Authorizes rural residential rooftop rainwater collection systems for potable and non-potable uses	Feb. 9 – passed Senate 34-0-1 Mar. 30 – passed House 62-0-3 Apr. 1 – Senate concurrence with House amendments Apr. 22 - signed into law by Gov. Ritter	Could help with implementing the water conservation goals in Governor's plan and CAP recommendations