



SAC Members

Appointed SAC Members



Tez Hawkins // Planner + Planning Consultant

Tez is a well-respected local planner who has led numerous projects for the Town of Eagle, Eagle County, and as a private consultant. A meticulous researcher, Tez can provide guidance to the SAC around codes and GHG reduction. Tez enjoys superb relationships with elected and staff government officials as well as key partners on the private side. Tez can help us design walkable spaces during development and redevelopment, add a bike path, or predict utility demands. This might help while siting solar + storage, electrifying housing stock, or adding EV chargers. Tez has a strong background in transportation planning.



Claire Kantor // Lotus Engineering

Claire is a climate action data dominator with the ability to measure actions with accuracy and propose highest-leverage solutions. Claire leads projects that inform local governments and empower non-profits to make positive change. Lotus says, “We combine realism with a desire to do good things for the planet”, and Claire has a good eye for project feasibility, the nuances of elected boards, and how to get shtuff done. Claire also spent time on staff at the Eagle Climate Action Collaborative and is well-informed about how to move the needle on GHG reductions in cadence with state and federal programs.



Kate Kirkman // Eagle County

Kate has dedicated her career to fostering a connection between people and their environment, both as a river guide and a science teacher. In 2022, she joined the Eagle County Resiliency Department, where she champions climate action as part of a small but dedicated team. Kate's collaborative approach and successful fundraising efforts support a variety of projects and programs, including the installation of EV charging stations, the launch of ReEnergize Eagle County, and the initiation of timely RFPs. She is keen to engage with the upcoming geoeexchange system in Eagle and is poised to support the Town of Eagle in replicating County initiatives while staying actively involved in numerous local and broader sustainability committees and departments.



Gerry Lopez // My Future Pathways

Gerry was raised here in the valley (the *eagle* valley) and attended BMHS and EVHS. Gerry is finishing an MBA while he mentors full-time at My Future Pathways, and serves on numerous boards that champion Latino opportunities. Gerry will approach climate solutions from the perspective of both cost effectiveness and social inclusivity. Gerry shared, “I am particularly passionate about these kinds of benefits to underrepresented communities, making sustainability a shared and accessible priority.” Gerry is fluent in spanish and can connect the right people with the right opportunities...at the right time. Gerry got a front row seat on the local sustainability machine during a recent WMSC fundraiser.



Gina McCrackin // Climate Action Collaborative

Gina has turned heads as a regional leader and founder of the Regional Climate Solutions group that has secured over \$2m for climate actions in Eagle, Garfield and Pitkin counties. This group is bigger than a county but smaller than NWCCOG. It takes advantage of common priorities and strengths of its members. Gina is the Manager of the Climate Action Collaborative and facilitates the implementation of the Eagle County Climate Action Plan, keeping a pulse on the local government drama. Gina has researched and written extensively about the way Indigenous perspectives are underrepresented by western news media. She has one of the best perches in the county when it comes to climate action funding opportunities, feasibility, and impact.



Beth Markham // Town of Vail

Beth is the Environmental Sustainability Manager with the Town of Vail, hired in 2019. She has had a front row seat on the most consistent and effective sustainability staff in the county, the Town of Vail. Beth can help us coordinate events to maximize participation, expand initiatives from up to down valley, and include Eagle in municipal level solutions that matter. Sustainable Destinations, Zero Waste events, Shift Bikes, and many more programs have benefited by Beth's leadership and passion. Everyone is glad to meet quarterly with Beth because she consistently brings the steady stoke.

Permanent SAC Members: TOE & APSF



Kira Koppel // Town of Eagle

Kira was a high performer at Eagle River Water & Sanitation before accepting the first sustainability staff position in the history of Eagle, in 2023. Before that, she advised local businesses on how to incorporate sustainability best practices through the Actively Green Program. She will have an outsized voice when it comes to TOE board approvals and ways the town can achieve NZ2030. She has a great handle on who does what at the town and will keep us above board on any of the governance expectations the town has. Kira organized and executed the town's first solar array at the water and wastewater treatments facility. She is no stranger to infrastructure stuff and has been a joy to work with in my short time as the APSF Director.



Geoff Grimmer // Adam Palmer Sustainability Fund

Geoff was a chess coach on the Navajo Reservation for five years, teaching math and being young and free with his extraordinary wife McKinley. The family moved to Eagle County in 2006 when Owen was starting pre-school and Geoff got the unique opportunity to build the nation's first public ski academy. After six more years of directing a private microschool community, Geoff retired (permanently and forever more) from education. He is the Director Ejecutivo of the Adam Palmer Sustainability Fund and President of Net Zero Notions which advises both climate tech entrepreneurs and venture capital visionaries, in common pursuit of "triple dippers" (environmental, economic, and social impact). Geoff will be useful if you want to hear a real rambler about how we should turn the ECG Fairgrounds into a used EV sales lot. He serves on the boards of TOE, CAC, and NWCCOG.