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Suzanne Jones Hired to Head Eco-Cycle

Eco-Cycle Announces New Executive Director and New Spin-off Organization

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Boulder, CO (October 23) – Suzanne “Zan” Jones has been hired as the new Executive Director of the 37-year old Boulder County non-profit recycler Eco-Cycle. Jones, a Boulder City Council member, has a long history of civic service and non-profit management, including running the regional office of The Wilderness Society where she worked for 16 years. She has made a career of environmental conservation and climate change advocacy, helping to pass numerous conservation bills through the U.S. Congress, serving on an advisory council to the Governor on forest health issues, working to improve management of oil and gas development, and exploring ways communities can combat climate change.

Jones’ experience will be a tremendous asset to Eco-Cycle’s future as it transitions to its new home at 6400 Arapahoe Road in Boulder at the end of this year, and embarks on its next chapter to combat climate change through Zero Waste practices.

Ms. Jones said, “I am excited for this opportunity to join such a long-standing community leader as Eco-Cycle to continue my work on climate change and environmental sustainability. With its strong history of community action, Eco-Cycle is engaging citizens and communities throughout Boulder County to embrace Zero Waste as a way to reduce our climatic impacts. Everyone can make a difference, because everyone has a trash can and a wallet—and these daily choices about what we purchase and discard really add up.”

New Spin-off International Organization to be Led by Previous Eco-Cycle Director

After 24 years as Executive Director, Eric Lombardi will be stepping aside at the end of 2013 to focus on taking the Eco-Cycle mission into the international arena by leading Eco-Cycle’s new spin-off organization “Eco-Cycle International.”

Lombardi, who took over the reins of Eco-Cycle in 1989, turned the struggling nonprofit into an internationally-recognized leader in the field of Zero Waste community planning. That success has led to a demand from outside Boulder County from such places as Tobago, Nepal, Guam, Romania, and France, as well as other cities in Colorado such as Pueblo — all communities that want to develop local sustainable economies and jobs through Zero Waste systems. To meet this growing demand, Lombardi will be spearheading the new spin-off organization Eco-Cycle International. On stepping down as director, Lombardi said, “I am very sad to be leaving the most amazing job of my life, but I am excited



to be transitioning into working on Eco-Cycle International and bringing the Eco-Cycle mission to the world outside Boulder County!”

On the hire of the new Executive Director, Lombardi said, “Zan is a true leader with the kind of public policy and social change skills that Eco-Cycle needs, and will need even more of in the future. She is passionate about climate change and local sustainability. In my opinion, she is the perfect person to take Eco-Cycle forward into the next phase of its amazing and impactful life. With Zan at the helm working with long-standing Eco-Cycle staff members who are experts in their fields, I feel confident that this organization, which I love and has been my life for so long, is in good hands for the future.”

Eco-Cycle Board President Allyn Feinberg said, “We are extremely excited and lucky to have a person with Zan’s strengths to step into a leadership role at a time of growth and change at Eco-Cycle. We are so grateful for the many years we have benefitted from Eric’s visionary leadership, and excited that we will continue to work with him as we expand our international efforts to build Zero Waste communities across the globe. We are confident that, as Eco-Cycle really shifts its focus locally to combating climate change through Zero Waste practices, that Zan will be a great fit to lead the way.”

Eco-Cycle will be hosting a public event in the New Year to celebrate Eric's legacy, welcome Zan on board, and unveil their new location.

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