

Community Forum Series

Climate, Water, Energy



Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at KDNK Station

August 2, Climate Choices Forum

August 9, Energy Choices Forum

August 16, Water Availability Forum

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During these free KDNK member-only deliberative forums participants will weigh options, listen to understand, expand democratic attitudes around climate, water, and energy, build relationships, and increase their civic capacity. You don't need any special knowledge or preparation to participate.

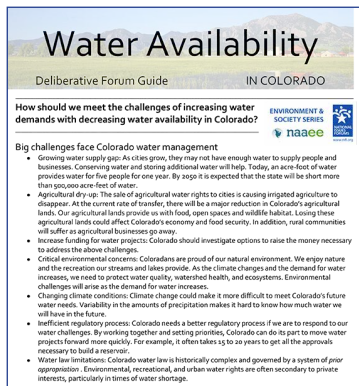
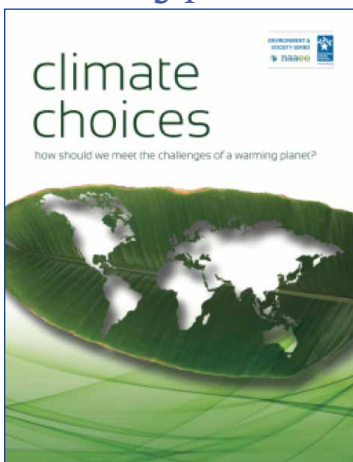
All KDNK members age 16 and up are invited to participate.

Registration is required by emailing Gavin@kdnk.org.

How should we meet the challenges of a warming planet?

How should we meet the challenges of increasing water demands with decreasing water availability in Colorado?

What should we do about America's energy future?



energy choices
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Meeting the United States' substantial appetite for energy raises a complex network of economic, environmental, and political issues. There are national security and economic concerns, environmental problems such as air and water pollution, and potential climate change effects from fossil fuels, such as extreme weather, sea-level rise, and changing growing seasons.

Americans have long been aware of the wide-ranging impacts of fueling our energy needs, along with ever-increasing global demands. This awareness is reflected in growing support for clean energy, development of new ways to extract oil and natural gas, efforts to do more with less power, and more.

Concerns over foreign entanglements, terrorism, and carbon pollution from fossil fuels have grown. At the same time, raw domestic production from oil, natural gas, and renewable sources has helped America move closer to energy independence. New technologies for power production, storage, vehicle fuel, and energy efficiency are proliferating. The question is how to navigate this changing landscape and arrive at an energy future that supports a thriving economy.

This guide presents three options based on views and concerns of people from across the country. Any path we choose will put some of these concerns and challenges to rest. Our task is to deliberate, or weigh options for action against the things that people hold dear. What should America do to ensure a continuing supply of energy to meet our needs and those of our children and grandchildren?

where does america's energy come from?

29%	16%	10%	9%
Fossil Fuel	Coal	Renewable Energy	Nuclear Power

how does it get used?

22%	4%	11%	11%	11%	11%	11%
Transportation	Manufacturing	Buildings	Electricity	Commercial and Institutional	Electric Power	Electric Power

Some questions to consider as you discuss the three options:

- How does this option address our concerns about producing, distributing and consuming energy?
- What values are or makes us uncomfortable about this approach?
- How does this option address what you would like to see in our energy future?

*Commodities and industrial activities include home and business use other than electric power such as heating with other fuels. Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, 2008.

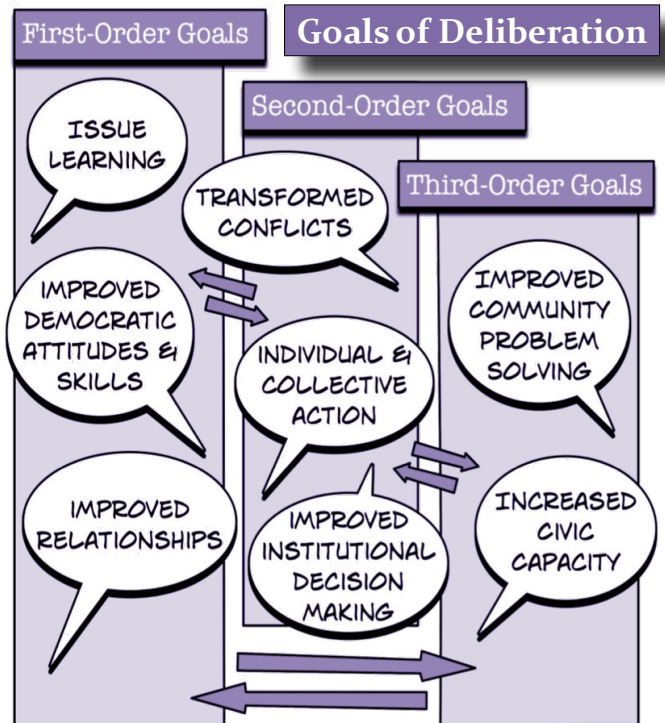


What is a Deliberative Forum?

A moderated thoughtful public process where citizens will learn from one another, weighing various approaches, and find courses of action consistent with what the community and individuals hold valuable.

During a deliberative forum, people:

- Look at different ways of thinking about a problem
- Exchange views with others
- Weigh benefit and trade-offs of different options
- Listen and reconsider in a safe environment



What makes deliberation different?

Debate	Dialogue	Deliberation
Compete	Exchange	Weigh
Argue	Discuss	Choose
Promote Opinion	Build Relationships	Make Choices
Seek Majority	Seek Understanding	Seek Overlap
Persuade/Dig in	Reach Across	Work Together
Tight Structure	Loose Structure	Flexible Structure
Express	Listen	Learn
Invest in Belief	Share Belief	Suspend Belief
Make Assumptions	Ignore Assumptions	Examine Assumptions
Defend Thinking	Share Thinking	Improve Thinking
Win/Lose	No Decision	Common Ground