

**UAACOG BOARD REPORT**  
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**DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM:** Regional Recycling

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**PURPOSE:** To provide drop-off recycling services on a regional basis. By working together, it keeps the program affordable for every partner.

**GOALS:** Continue to offer reliable, affordable recycling in the region.

<i>Budget</i>	<i>YTD Spent</i>	<i>% of Funds Spent</i>	<b>% of Year expired</b>
<b>\$178,266</b>	\$148,161	83.11%	100%

**Expected changes to budget?** None at this time

**Highlights:** We finished 2009 strong, collecting 14.65% more than in 2008- (10,745 cubic yards versus 9,170.5 cubic yards in 2008). This represents a 58.46% increase in the amount of materials collected when compared to the first year of the program in 1999. This has been accomplished at the same time as a 62.31% decrease in operating expenses.

We are ready for another great year. Some of the projects that we are hoping to accomplish this year:

- Electronics events in Chaffee & Fremont Counties
- Continuation of the Chaffee County "Green Business" campaign
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Recycled Art Show

**Upcoming Events and FYI's:** On March 1, 2010, we will pay the final payment on the recycling trailer. The investment that we made 4 ½ years ago has contributed greatly with our ability to keep costs as low as possible.

**Heads Up aka "DUCK":**

- Commodity prices are slowly increasing. A major strength of this program is the ability to weather downturns in the commodity markets.
- Low commodity prices in 2009 have led to a slight increase in per capita fees; from .78/person/year in 2009 to .81/person/year.