



LARIMER COUNTY OPEN LANDS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

A G E N D A

Thursday, September 27, 2012

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Loveland Council Chambers, 500 E. Third St., Loveland

The mission of the Larimer County Open Lands Program is to preserve and protect significant open space, natural areas, wildlife habitat, and develop parks and trails for present and future generations. These open lands provide opportunities for leisure, human renewal and protection of our natural and cultural resources.

Please call Meg at 970-679-4592 if you are unable to attend a meeting. Votes require a quorum. Thanks!

REGULAR MEETING

- Approval of the meeting minutes for August 23, 2012
- Review Agenda and enclosures

PUBLIC COMMENT: Items not on the agenda.

INFORMATION:

- Regional Open Spaces Boards meeting will be November 14th starting at 430 or 5pm (TBD) at the County Courthouse Offices building, 1st floor, Carter Lake Room, 200 W Oak Street.
- The Devil's Backbone OS restoration project at Indian Creek received a COSA Blue Grama Award that was presented at the conference – hooray! It will be presented to the BOCC later this fall and displayed in the courthouse case.
- The Plug in to Nature Project received a Starburst Award. It will be presented to our BOCC at a future date.
- The COSA conference was fantastic and very educational. Over 225 people attended. Various staff gave presentations.
- Rob will be presenting the Plug in to Nature project at the Land Trust Alliance's annual National Land Conservation Conference in Salt Lake City, UT, Sept. 29 – Oct. 2.
- The public meeting for Energy By Design was held 9/10/12 at the county office building with over 35 attendees – a formal presentation was given and input was received via questionnaire cards seeking input on balancing recreational/visual impacts with resource protection in regards to actual well siting.
- The kick off event for the Regional Study took place 9/12/12 – a very good turn out in attendance and over 75% of attendees completed the survey.
- Restoration of the banks of the Poudre River at Lion's Open Space began mid-September and will be ongoing thru mid-October. Work including reshaping the severely eroded and cut bank, planting over 5000 trees and shrubs and providing river access points.
- The 8th Annual Northern Colorado Birding Fair is Sat. September 29 at Fossil Creek Reservoir Regional Open Space. This event is planned in partnership with several local organizations, and includes a tour of Three-Bells Conservation Easement.
- We received 17 applications for Small Grants for Community Partnering (7 for agriculture-related projects, 5 enhancing open spaces or providing linkages, 2 education/interpretation, 3 research in open spaces). The subcommittee members are reviewing and will start site visits the 1st week of October.
- Report from the Open Lands Operations Manager - See handout
- To sign up for Parks Advisory Board minutes go to <http://larimer.org/subscriptions.cfm> put in your email and click 'subscribe', then check "Parks Advisory Board" box
- Natural Resource Events for October. See website <http://www.larimer.org/naturalresources>

PRESENTATIONS:

- Heron Lakes Open Space Management Plan – Tim Katers, Planner for the Town of Berthoud



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DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Our Lands, Our Future – Land Conservation, Stewardship and Recreation Study update

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Update: Natural Resources Capital Development and Acquisition Summary 2011 – 2013 – **no updates**

BOARD COMMENT: Items not on the agenda

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Items not on the agenda

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (24-6-402(4)(a) C.R.S. Purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of any real or personal property interest.

- **There will be an Executive Session**

Next regular meeting: Thursday, October 25, 2012; Loveland Council Chambers, 500 E 3rd St., Loveland

Attachments:

- Agenda for September 27, 2012 meeting
- Minutes of August 23, 2012 meeting
- Sales tax report for prior month
- Newspaper Items
- Open Lands Operations Report

Handouts:

- ** Send to OLAB, BOCC and staff only
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