



# OPEN LANDS ADVISORY BOARD (OLAB)

## A G E N D A

Thursday, January 23, 2014

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 Sandy 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 November 13, 2013
- Review Agenda and enclosures

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Items not on the agenda.

### INFORMATION:

- 2014 Annual passes will be distributed as a thank you for your volunteerism.
  - Board of Commissioners thank you letters, in lieu of the annual Boards & Commissions Reception that was cancelled because of the flood.
  - Natural Resources Boards Christmas party was wonderful – thanks to Peter for the accommodations, and to Sandy for arranging it all!
  - 4<sup>th</sup> annual Regional Boards Summit – about 50 attended! Good turnout, good meeting.
  - The Swets trail easement acquisition closed on 12/16 – thanks to Charlie for his work on this critical piece!
  - Subcommittee is needed for Board bylaws update
  - Subcommittee is needed for 2014 Visual Artist of the Year Selection
  - Visual Artist for 2013, Linda Beach, will unveil her piece “Endless” at a reception on February 14<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the County Courthouse Office Building.
  - Horsetooth Mountain OS capacity assessment update on process and neighborhood meetings
  - A request for proposals for tire cleanup at the Roberts Ranch has been posted for bid. Cleanup is contingent on receiving a grant from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.
  - The GOCO application for improvement at Pinewood Reservoir was awarded \$155,000 to improve a boat ramp, provide a new restroom and day use area, renovate existing tent and RV sites and construct 8-10 new RV sites. A new mini-grant application will be submitted for playscape and educational components.
  - VOC application to complete the trail along the north side of Pinewood reservoir was successful! Work will begin in the spring.
  - A GOCO flood recovery grant will be submitted in February to reconstruct roads at Hermit Park OS (which remains closed indefinitely until they can be fixed), and to potentially do an assessment of the Big Thompson Canyon parcels to ascertain future direction for conservation and recreation.
  - “Poudre River Forum”, facilitated by the Colorado Water Institute at The Ranch, will be February 8 from 10am-6pm. A \$25 pre-registration is required at [www.cwi.colostate.edu/thepoudrerunsthroughit](http://www.cwi.colostate.edu/thepoudrerunsthroughit)
- 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 next month. See website <http://www.larimer.org/naturalresources>



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## PRESENTATION:

- Linda Beach, 2013 Natural Resources Visual Artist, will talk about how she creates her fiber pieces and specifically her piece “Endless” that she created of Eagle’s Nest Open Space during her tenure.

## ACTION:

- Small Grants for Community Partnering – OLAB subcommittee recommendations
- CDOT Right of Way acquisition at Long View Farm Open Space – offer to acquire
- Board elections – Re-appoint or appoint Chair and Vice Chair
- Final Review - Sheep Draw third party CE co-hold with Town of Windsor

## DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Open Lands Program Master Plan Update – overview, timeline, budget request
- Sales tax update - OLAB subcommittee report

## FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Natural Resources Capital Development and Acquisition Summary 2012-2014.

**BOARD COMMENT:** 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.

- No Executive session this month.

- **Next regular meeting: Thursday, February 27, 2014; Loveland Council Chambers, 500 E. Third St., Loveland**

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### Attachments:

- Agenda for January 23, 2014 meeting
- Minutes of November 13, 2013 meeting
- Sales tax report for prior 2 months
- Capacity at HTMOS – Issue/response sheet
- Open Space Operations Area Report
- Small Grant subcommittee recommendations
- CDOT Offer Letter
- CDOT Memo of Agreement for Long View Farm
- Sheep Draw CE Final Review
- Newspaper Articles

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### Handouts:

\*\* Send to OLAB, BOCC and staff only

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- BOCC thank you letters to Board members

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