



OPEN LANDS ADVISORY BOARD (OLAB)

AGENDA

DATE: March 24, 2016

TIME: 5:00- 8:00 PM

LOCATION: Loveland City Council Chambers • Civic Center Municipal Bldg •500 E 3rd St., Loveland CO

Please call 970-619-4592 if you are unable to attend a meeting. Votes require a quorum. Thanks!

- 1) CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS
- 2) PUBLIC COMMENT
- 3) AGENDA REVIEW
- 4) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES
- 5) INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. The Devil's Backbone Trailhead reopened to the public on Saturday, March 12 after being closed for about a month for construction. Reviews are overwhelmingly positive!
 - b. Submitted concept paper to GOCO for its Protect Initiative for land conservation.
 - c. Finished recruitment for 2016 Visual Artist with 7 applicants; committee met March 11 to pick the 2016 Artist of the Year.
 - d. Casey Cisneros is the new Land Stewardship Manager for Larimer County! As many of you know, Casey has been the Parks and Open Lands Weed Specialist for the past 8 years.
 - e. Working with Center for Collaborative Conservation class on a Story Map project related to Laramie Foothills Bison Conservation Herd that may be useful for our outreach materials.
 - f. The 2015 [State of the Resource Report](#) has been published and Jeffrey will give a quick overview.
 - g. Working on application to designate Red Mountain and Soapstone Prairie Natural Area as a Dark Sky Park Complex via the NPS designation process.
 - h. Poudre River Stabilization project at Lions Open Space is on schedule. The boulder toe will be installed starting the week of March 14. The repairs will keep the parking lot and trailhead closed through April 22. The Pleasant Valley Trail will remain open with a temporary reroute away from the river.
 - i. Hired seasonal education program assistant.
 - j. Volunteer Naturalist 9-week Training began on March 2 with 15 volunteer applicants.
 - k. Larimer County co-hosted a Volunteer Ranger Assistant Training for 24 new volunteers. This is a shared program with the City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Department. Volunteer Ranger Assistants promote outdoor safety and awareness, respond to visitors questions, monitor areas for safety and alert rangers to situations that require staffs attention. They are our extra eyes and ears out there.
 - l. Met with Overland Mountain Bike Club to organize their April 9 volunteer day to help with new Hidden Valley Trail.
 - m. Kicked off the River Bluffs Restoration and Resiliency Planning process with Anderson Consulting Engineers. Preliminary plans will be available this fall; final plan in November.
 - n. Open Space Operations District Reports
 - o. A&D Summary sheet for March 24, 2016
 - p. Sales Tax Reconciliation Report for 2015

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6) DISCUSSION & UPDATES

- a. Horsetooth Area Information Center (HAIC) - Update & Interpretation signs Mark Caughlan & Heather Young
- b. Interdepartmental Loan Recap – Gary
- c. Devil’s Backbone Trailhead/Hidden Valley Trail improvements

7) ACTION ITEMS

- a. A&D Budget Information – for Horsetooth Area Information Center
- b. Interdepartmental Loan
- c. Malchow Final Review

8) EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to C.R.S. (24-6-402(4)(a) for discussion of the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of any real or personal property interest,

We will hold an Executive Session

9) ADJOURN

Included in PDF:

- Agenda
- Minutes of last meeting
- Open Space Operations District Reports
- A&D Summary sheet, March 24, 2016
- Sales Tax Reconciliation Report for 2015
- Devil’s Backbone OS Trailhead/Hidden Valley Trail improvement Budget Info
- Interdepartmental Loan Recap
- A&D Budget Info re: Horsetooth Information & Maintenance Complex
- Malchow Final Review

Attached Separately:

1. State of the Resource report
2. Horsetooth Area Information Center (HAIC) Update
3. HAIC Interpretation Conceptual Design
4. News articles