



OPEN LANDS ADVISORY BOARD (OLAB)

AGENDA

DATE: September 22, 2016

TIME: 5:00- 8:00 PM

LOCATION: Horsetooth Area Information Center at 4200 West County Rd. 38E, Fort Collins, 80526

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. Help Preserve Open Spaces 20th anniversary celebration is on 9/22 4pm-7pm, before this board meeting at Horsetooth South Bay pavilion. It'll be great to see you there!
 - b. Filled Fund Development & Special Projects position
 - c. Blair Kelly's last day was Aug. 31; posted Graphic Designer position, which closes Sept. 20
 - d. Processed submitted open spaces passports (39 so far!).
 - e. Small Grants for Community Partnering applications for grant year 2017.
 - f. Attended New West Fest (Aug) and Nature's Harvest Fest (Sept)
 - g. Met with CDOT regarding design and location of potential parking area/day use at Forks and Cedar Cove areas in tandem with Hwy. 34 designs.
 - h. Hermit Park Open Space new trail name selected
 - i. Lions Open Space Bank Stabilization Phase II construction is scheduled to begin in September on the east bank only. Additional work will not occur on the west bank.
 - j. Natural Resources was not awarded the CPW wetlands grant applied for in June to support River Bluffs Restoration and Resiliency project implementation however we will seek a GOCO river restoration grant this fall.
 - k. Roberts Ranch tire cleanup is complete.
 - l. COSA was 9/12-14 in Estes Park. Many staff contributed to and led several field trips. Almost 300 people attended.
 - m. Open Space Operations District Reports
 - n. 2015-2018 CapDev&Acq Summary 09-22-16
 - o. Natural Resources [events/registration and NR News](#)
- 6) DISCUSSION & UPDATES
 - a. Poudre River Trail and I-25 bridge project – Suzette Mallette, Engineering Department
- 7) ACTION ITEMS
 - a. Recommendation for adoption of Little Thompson Farm Stewardship Plan
 - b. Lion's Open Space, riverbank restoration budget request

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8) OTHER BUSINESS

9) 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, -Yes

10) ADJOURN

Included in PDF:

- Agenda
- Open Space Operations District Reports
- 2015-2018 CapDev&Acq Summary 09-22-16
- Lion's Open Space Budget Request Information

Attached Separately:

1. Minutes of last meeting
2. Farm Stewardship Plan_FinalDraft_9_22_16
3. News articles



Red Mountain District Area Report – 09/15/16

Rangers:

- Overall trails have been slower this month due to hot weather, but we expect them to start getting busier over the fall months and cooler weather coming in. But we are still at capacity at Horsetooth Mountain on the weekends.
- Had meeting with all the hunters that will be hunting at Red Mountain Open Space (RMOS), describing the hunting boundaries and regulations. Horses will be allowed off trail to assist with any hunters that want to bring them. Also had the six antelope hunters that will be hunting at Soapstone and the east side of Red Mountain.
- Doing a trail count currently at Eagles Nest and will get those results in January. Next year the trail count will be at Horsetooth Mountain again. Laser trail counters are very accurate and give us great information for capacity days and months of the year.
- Interviewing for Senior Ranger position soon.

Rescues/ Fires at Horsetooth Mountain

- Rescue of female with broken collar bone on Soderberg Trail.
- 50 year old female fell from heat exhaustion and broke her ankle, carryout to ambulance
- Assist to Bobcat Ridge Natural Area for uncooperative trespasser
- 60 year old male with chest pain on trail, carryout to Trailhead and ambulance

Assist to Parks

- Traffic stops for speeding around parks and open spaces X3
- Warrant arrest at Rotary park on a marijuana contact

Eagles Nest

- OT trail work is complete and trail is now open.
- Bow and Muzzleloader hunting on Eagles Nest. Not too many this year.



Snake vs. Bird at Horsetooth Mtn., taken by Ranger

Maintenance/Projects/Leases:

- Eagles Nest boundary fence on the west and south contested line have been complete. Cattle can now safely use the pasture
- Staff assisted in and completed OT trail reroute and have it opened to National Forest.
- Ag lease application process has started for Red Mountain, North Property, and Eagles Nest. During the next week staff will be reviewing applicants and interviewing potential leaseholders. We are also giving candidates tours of the properties.
- There will be no free firewood program this year due to lack of accessible cut pine beetle kill trees at Horsetooth Mountain.
- Working with Soapstone and CSU on Bison operations (maintenance and special events).
- Moving cattle from neighbor's property out of Red Mountain.
- Fixed water leak at Horsetooth Mountain gatehouse
- Staff will be up at Eagles Nest in the next month, fixing the pedestrian bridge across the north fork of the Poudre for flood damage repairs.
- Staff attending New West Fest booth for LCDNR and COSA conference in Estes Park.



Eagles Nest fence work

Department of Natural Resources - Open Lands
Capital Development & Acquisition Summary 2015 - 2018
 Prepared 9-16-16

DNR FUNDS ONLY (NOT TOTAL PROJECT COST)	PROJECTED						BALANCE REMAINING	additional request					BALANCE REMAINING	Total Project	GRANTS & PARTNERS	Total Project Cost	PARTNERS
		2015	2016	2017	2018	TOTAL		2015	2016	2017	2018	TOTAL					
SALES TAX (See Note)	AVAILABLE																
Available Funds	\$ 12,026,510																
Inter-Departmental Loan-2016	\$ 7,584,827																
ACQUISITION & DEVELOPMENT																	
57th Street and Taft						\$ -							\$ 200,000	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 1,500,000	Loveland 1,300,000	
Colorado Front Range Trail Property	\$ 45,000	\$ 244,442				\$ 289,442							\$ 289,442	\$ 925,924	\$ 1,215,366	\$3,703 Ft Collins, \$122,221 Loveland, \$350,000 State Parks, \$450,000 CDOT	
Green CE partnership	\$ 75,000					\$ 75,000							\$ 75,000		\$ 75,000		
Hermit - Kruger Equestrian Campground	\$ 1,997					\$ 1,997							\$ 107,500	\$ 13,000	\$ 120,500	\$10,000 Roundup Riders, \$2,000 Horseman, \$1,000 Friends, \$1,000 (in kind) Backcountry Horsemen	
Hermit - Pavilion Upgrade	\$ 7,444					\$ 7,444							\$ 188,000		\$ 188,000		
Keyhole Parcel at DBB						\$ -							\$ 270,000		\$ 270,000		
Longview Request Trail Property	\$ 20,000	\$ 459,463				\$ 479,463							\$ 479,463	\$ 3,552,851	\$ 4,032,314	\$982,430 Ft Collins, \$570,871 Loveland, \$999,550 GOCO & \$1,000,000 CDOT	
Horsetooth Complex Redevelopment	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,550,594	\$ 200,000			\$ 1,760,594					\$ -		\$ 1,760,594	\$ 3,719,649	\$ 5,480,243	\$198,462 Bureau, \$1,760,593 Lottery, \$1,760,594 Parks	
Park Project - Pinewood/RSOS						\$ -							\$ 100,000	\$ 768,156	\$ 868,156	Parks 149,627, Bureau 243,417, Lottery 185,965, GOCO 154,739 and 33,908, Friends Group 500	
Poudre River Corridor Acquisition	\$ 100,252					\$ 100,252							\$ 154,500	\$ 222,900	\$ 377,400	222,900 GOCO contribution	
Poudre River Corridor Development	\$ 138,946					\$ 138,946							\$ 137,779	\$ 587,215	\$ 724,994	231,572 Timnath, 355,643 GOCO	
PRT Timnath partnership at Brunner	\$ 40,000					\$ 40,000							\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 80,000	partnership with Timnath on their project	
Beierwaltes		\$ 375,000				\$ 375,000							\$ 375,000	\$ 2,647,000	\$ 3,022,000	Loveland: \$2,325,000, GOCO & Berthoud requested	
Devil's Backbone trail Head	\$ 10,000	\$ 232,000				\$ 242,000							\$ 242,000	\$ 121,500	\$ 363,500	Loveland: \$118,500, Overland Mtn Bike Club Grant: \$3,000. (\$232,000 previously approved)	
Hermit Trail & Trailhead Development		\$ 234,950									\$ -		\$ -	\$ 401,138	\$ 401,138	FEMA \$381,138, VOC in-kind Labor \$20,000	
Lions Park								\$160,000			\$ 160,000		\$ 230,000	\$ 332,000	\$ 562,000	FEMA \$182,000, CWCB \$150,000. LC = \$70,000 LTM+160,000 A&D=\$230,000	
IDENTIFIED PROJECTS																	
Big Thompson Recreation and Conservation Assessment	\$ 30,037					\$ 30,037							\$ 20,000	\$ 58,000	\$ 78,000	GOCO \$ 33,000, City of Loveland \$15,000, Big Thompson River Restoration Coalition \$ 10,000 (in-kind)	
Big Thompson River Restoration Coalition Partnership						\$ -							\$ 10,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 260,000	Colorado Water Conservation \$ 140,000, Comm Fdn of Northern Colorado \$ 30,000, Larimer County Planning Department \$ 21,700, No Front Range WQ Plan Assoc \$ 2,000, City of Loveland \$ 40,000, Northern Water \$ 4,347, New Belgium \$ 3,100, Other \$ 8,853	
Master Plan Update & Regional Study	\$ 1,653					\$ 1,653							\$ 84,735	\$ 121,102	\$ 205,837	Regional Study - 27,185 Fort Collins, 13,872 Loveland, 75,265 GOCO, 1,080 Berthoud, 1,520 Estes Park, 500 Johnstown, 100 Timnath, 500 Windsor, 1,080 Wellington	
School Initiatives	\$ 30,000					\$ 30,000							\$ 50,000		\$ 50,000		
Small Grants	\$ 20,800					\$ 20,800							\$ 40,289		\$ 40,289		
Trust for Public Land Citizen Opinion Survey						\$ -							\$ 23,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 33,000	Trust for Public Land \$ 5,000, Legacy Land Trust \$5,000	
Historic Assessment II	\$ 43,170					\$ 43,170							\$ 43,170		\$ 43,170		
Cascade Cottages Partnership	\$ 50,000					\$ 50,000							\$ 50,000		\$ 50,000	RMNA requested \$100,000	
Colorado Water Conservation Board Project	\$ 20,000					\$ 20,000							\$ 20,000	\$ 178,425	\$ 198,425	CWCB	
Seigfreid CE Project	\$ -	\$ 10,600				\$ 10,600							\$ 10,600		\$ 10,600	EVLt transaction fee for Seigfreid CE project	
Malchow		\$ 8,393,944				\$ 8,393,944							\$ 8,393,944		\$ 8,393,944		
Ward CE partnership		\$ 250,000				\$ 250,000					\$ -		\$ 250,000	\$ 2,407,070	\$ 2,657,070	GOCO \$500,000, Loveland \$1,907,070	
OTHER ADJUSTMENTS																	
Repayment of LTM Loan as required	\$ 760,000	\$ 746,000	\$ 832,000	\$ 561,640	\$ 2,899,640												
Bond Debt Service Reserve Release					\$ -												
LTM Adjustment		\$ (1,660,594)	\$ (40,000)		\$ (1,700,594)						\$ -		\$ (1,700,594)				
USEAGES IN FUTURE YEARS																	
Totals		\$ 1,404,299	\$ 10,836,399	\$ 992,000	\$ 561,640	\$ 13,559,388		\$ -	\$ 160,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 160,000	\$ 11,944,422	\$ 17,655,930	\$ 31,300,946		
Remaining Balance						\$ 6,051,949						\$ 5,891,949					

Annual Spending Limit \$ 5,132,048 \$ 521,343 \$ 1,127,675
 Total available if prior year unencumbered: \$ 5,132,048 \$ 5,653,391 \$ 5,971,949

NOTES:
 Lottery funds may be used for acquisition, development, maintenance, or capital equipment on any public land for park, recreation, open space, or similar purpose. It may not be used for personnel (except maintenance) or activities.
 Parks Fund Balance may be used only for expenses incurred at the four BOR reservoirs.
 Sales Tax may be used for acquisition, development, and long term management of open space; and up to 15% may be used for improvements to existing parks.



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BUDGET INFORMATION

DATE: September 16, 2016

PROJECT: Lions Park Bank Stabilization

STAFF CONTACT: Danielle Levine

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

Earlier in 2016, AVI Construction did the first phase of bank stabilization work on the west bank of the Poudre River at Lions Park. Previous repairs to this bank had been washed away twice before and for a third time by the September 2013 flood and 2014 spring runoff. Additionally, the trail upslope of this section of the river was also damaged by the flood.

This fall, Western States and AVI Construction are able to begin phase two of the bank stabilization work and do additional in-channel construction work, create more robust rock veins, and fix damaged trail sections.

SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED COST TO LARIMER COUNTY (LC)

After preliminarily working with FEMA, it was understood that FEMA would more pay for flood damage repairs averaging roughly \$400,000. Natural Resources secured an additional \$150,000 of funding from CWCB and had also previously earmarked \$70,000 of our own funding. In May, 2016 however, FEMA let us know that they were likely allocating less than half of that \$400,000. In light of FEMA's decision and in order to now complete bank stabilization, trail repairs, and in channel work already begun, Natural Resources is requesting \$160,000 of A&D funding (in addition to the \$70,000 already allocated).

ESTIMATED COST & BUDGET BREAKDOWN

	For	Cost	Partner/ Inkind	Larimer County
	Bank stabilization, trail repair, in-channel work	\$182,000	FEMA	
	Bank stabilization, trail repair, in-channel work	\$150,000	CWCB	
	Bank stabilization, trail repair, in-channel work	\$70,000 (Previously allocated)	Larimer County	
	Bank stabilization, trail repair, in-channel work		Larimer County	\$160,000
ANTICIPATED FUNDING		\$402,000		\$160,000
	TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$562,000		

PROS	CONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote sustainable river corridor Repair and replace damaged trail for recreation use Create healthy riparian ecosystem 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost