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 Olivia at 970-679-4534 if you are unable to attend a meeting. Votes require a quorum. Thanks!

REGULAR MEETING
Approval of the meeting minutes for January 2008.
Review Agenda and enclosures

PUBLIC COMMENT: Items not on the agenda.

INTRODUCTIONS:
- Welcome to CJ Cullins, our new Volunteer Coordinator!

INFORMATION:
- Photo of Open Lands Board for 2008 Annual Report. (Please remember to avoid wearing white)
- Small Grants Subcommittee – Volunteers needed to work with Sue Burke on “growing” the Small Grants Program. The program is to be expanded, and the process moved to a different time of year.
- CSU & Wind Holdings – Maxwell Ranch Wind Farm Proposal of 93 towers east of Red Mountain Road submitting application to Larimer County for 1041 Review Process. Focus is impact on Mountains to Plains landscape. Staff attending "stakeholders meeting" March 5.
- Volunteer Ranger Assistant Training – Partnership with Fort Collins on Feb 10, 12, 14 with 50 applicants.
- Open Lands Visual Artist of the Year - committee assembled to review submissions and will choose the 2009 artist in early March. Applications accepted until February 27, 2009. For more information, contact Justin Scharton at jscharton@larimer.org.
- CCLT Conference - The 2009 Colorado Coalition of Land Trusts Conservation Policy Conference is being held March 18th-20th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Denver. The conference is focused on excellence in conservation policy, stewardship and education. If interested in attending any or all sessions, contact Justin Scharton at jscharton@larimer.org.
- Red Mountain Open Space Update - Timeline and Budget
- Natural Resource events for March. See handout.
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BOARD COMMENT: Items not on the agenda
• ACTION:

DISCUSSION:
• 2009 Goals. See attachment.
• Volunteer Program: 2008 in Review and the Volunteer Strategic Plan.
• Level of Service and Facility Development on Open Space Properties determined as a part of the Management Planning Process. See handout.

FINANCIAL REPORT:
• Finance Committee meeting – 2/26/09 at 4:00 pm.
• Hermit Park Open Space – 2008 in Review and looking forward to 2009. Lori Smith, Chris Fleming, Gary. See handout.
• Quarterly Cash Flow for the Open Space sales tax. See handout

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

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

Next regular meeting: Thursday March 26, 2009; Loveland Library, 300 N. Adams St., Loveland

Attachments:
Agenda for February, 26, 2009 meeting
Minutes of January 22, 2009 meeting
Sales tax report for January, 2009
Bernard Conservation Easement II Final Report
2009 Open Lands Program Goals
2009 Open Lands Program Work Plan**
Newspaper Items

Handouts:
RMOS Budget Update
Hermit Park Open Space – 2008 in Review and 2009
Quarterly Cash Flow for the Open Space sales tax
Natural Resources Events for March
Level of Service and Facility Development on Open Space Properties

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