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To: Lefthand Watershed Oversight Group (LWOG) Board of Directors

From: Jessie Olson, LWOG Executive Director

RE: August board meeting agenda items

The purpose of this memo is to provide the LWOG BOD with an update on BOD agenda items in order to better inform and prepare the LWOG BOD for the upcoming board meeting. This memo follows items listed on the agenda for the upcoming 08/21/2018 meeting and includes other information-only items.

Meeting Minutes

Draft meeting minutes from July are attached (attachment 1) for review and approval.

Approval of Financial Statement

A vote is needed to accept the profit and loss statement from July (attachment 2).

Board Schedule

We will be skipping the September board meeting and we reconvene in October.

Adaptive Management & Monitoring

We are finalizing our field monitoring forms and protocols and have hosted several meetings with other coalitions and the County in order to build a framework and process that works for multiple parties. Our goal is to have data collected in the same way among all interested parties, with open access to data for anyone interested. This will be a big focus of staff's work over the next couple months as we will be collecting data in late August, September, and October.

Citizen Science and Outreach Program (CDBG-DR Planning Grant)

We've received proposals for a team to develop a community science plan and a website and tools for the stewardship handbook and adaptive management plan. We will discuss the proposals received and our recommendation for hiring. A vote will be needed to accept (or deny) the recommendation of staff.

63rd Street Extension

We've completed our 63rd street Extension project and are in the process of closing out the project. We have our final monitoring with DOLA at the end of this month. We will send out a landowner survey for the project shortly and will follow up with the results at the next board meeting.

EWP/DOLA Plains and Foothills Projects (3 Reaches)

We're in the process of closing out this project and submitting the final pay requests to DOLA.

St. Vrain & Left Hand Stream Management Plan

The Biohabitats team was awarded the contract to complete the St. Vrain and Left Hand Stream Management Plan. We are a subcontractor on the project, leading the community engagement portion of the project. We have an approximately \$7K budget to work on the plan.

DOLA CDBG-DR Legacy Projects

We will ratify the email vote to hire the Left Hand Excavating- Biohabitats Team. A project kick off meeting was held on August 15th and the design portion of the project is now underway.

Cross Watershed Partnership

Conversations have continued with other coalitions regarding future partnerships. We're working on putting together a proposal of next steps and future funding proposals and I will have more to share at our next board meeting.

Update on Fundraising and Outreach

- We will be attending Niwot Rock and Rails this week (August 16th)- thanks Mark and Kathy for volunteering to help table!
- Meg and Chris Wiorek tabled at the B-Strong Ride for Celestial Seasonings to help gain interest in protecting and restoring Left Hand Creek watershed.
- We hosted a volunteer event with Ecoproducts this month.
- Update on our grant applications for the Fish passage feasibility study and education initiative:
 - We submitted the state WSRF grant and TU Embrace a stream grants this month. CWCB board will take action on the WSRF grant at their September board meeting.
 - We are still waiting to hear about the Heathy Rivers Grant application.
- We submitted a grant application to the Boulder Community Foundation last month. Patagonia grant is ready to be submitted in the next week.
- I met with the Environmental Defense Fund staff to discuss potential future partnerships and initiatives related to water plan implementation.
- I will re-focus efforts in the next couple months to produce a business plan and partnering/sponsorship packet with Jim Bryant and Chris.
- With the business plan and partnership packet in place, I will continue to re-focus efforts with fundraising within a diverse set of partners and seeking co-investment opportunities within the corporate community and soliciting individual donations.
- Jessie and Mark will be participating in the Water Education Colorado Flood Tour taking place September 18th. The tour will stop at the Streamcrest project site.
- Left Hand Brewery is going to brew a collaboration beer with us to celebrate and support the watershed! It will be released in the fall, stay tuned for more details.
- We will discuss whether the board is interested in doing any kind of event or recognition of the 5-year flood anniversary and/or helping host a booth at the Boulder County preparedness fair on September 8th.

Attachments:

1. BOD meeting minutes
2. Financial Reports

Attachments 1
BOD meeting minutes

Attachment 2
Financial Report