



# CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

448 E. 1st Street, Room 190 Salida, Colorado 81201

September 01, 2020 - 6:00 PM

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## AGENDA

### CALL TO ORDER

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

**Civility Invocation**

**Community Updates**

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes - August 18, 2020
3. Approval of CORE Act Letter
4. Approval of Hunting/Fishing License Requirement to Access State Wildlife Areas Letter to Colorado Parks & Wildlife Commission
5. Approval of 2020 Stormwater Improvements Project
6. Approval of Salida Bike Fest

**CITIZEN COMMENT** – Three (3) Minute Time Limit

### PROCLAMATIONS

7. George Blake Day - September 13, 2020
8. Bike to Work Week - September 21-27, 2020

### NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

9. Declaration of Extension of State of Local Emergency - COVID-19 Action Plan Implementation

### COUNCILORS, MAYOR AND CITY TREASURER REPORTS

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**Council Reports**

**Treasurer Report**

**ADJOURN**



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Mayor P.T. Wood

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August 18, 2020 - 6:00 PM

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## MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

### PRESENT

Council Person Alisa Pappenfort

Council Person Dan Shore

Council Person Harald Kasper

Council Person Jane Templeton

Council Person Justin Critelli

Council Person Mike Pollock

Mayor PT Wood

Treasurer Merrell Bergin

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes - August 4, 2020

Motion made by Council Person Kasper to combine and approve the items on the Consent Agenda, Seconded by Council Person Shore.

Voting Yea: Council Person Pappenfort, Council Person Shore, Council Person Kasper, Council Person Templeton, Council Person Critelli, Council Person Pollock

With all in favor, the motion passed.

### CITIZEN COMMENT— Three (3) Minute Time Limit

**Ron Dalrymple asked Council to address the aggressive deer population.**

### LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY

3. Public Hearing – New Brew Pub License for Hubbub Brewing, 248 W Highway 50, DBA Soulcraft Brewing

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Motion made by Council Person Kasper to approve a new Brew Pub License for Soulcraft Brewing. Seconded by Council Person Pollock.

Voting Yea: Council Person Pappenfort, Council Person Shore, Council Person Kasper, Council Person Templeton, Council Person Critelli, Council Person Pollock

With all in favor, the motion passed.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS**

4. Ordinance 2020-10 – An Ordinance of the City of Salida, Colorado, Rezoning Certain Real Property Owned by the City of Salida from Single-Family Residential District (R-1) to Medium-Density Residential District (R-2) (Planning)

Lawton Eddy, Ken Matthews, Karen Karnuta, Dani Cook, Becky Grey, Don Stephens, Ray Kitson, Sterling Stoudenmire, and Karen Herbaleta spoke in favor of Ordinance 2020-10.

Motion made by Council Person Critelli to approve Ordinance 2020-10. Seconded by Council Person Kasper.

Voting Yea: Council Person Pappenfort, Council Person Shore, Council Person Kasper, Council Person Templeton, Council Person Critelli, Council Person Pollock

With all in favor, the motion passed.

5. Ordinance 2020-11 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Salida, Colorado, Vacating a Portion of the East Crestone Avenue Right of Way at the Intersection with West Third (Planning)

David Martin, Treva Dominguez, Willie Dominguez, and Theresa Thompson spoke against Ordinance 2020-11. Alexandra Pestrepo, Karen Arboleda, John Goetz, Ray Kitson, Dani Cook, Susanna Spaulding, and Karen Karnuta spoke in favor of Ordinance 2020-11.

Motion made by Council Person Critelli to approve Ordinance 2020-11. Seconded by Council Person Templeton.

Voting Yea: Council Person Pappenfort, Council Person Shore, Council Person Kasper, Council Person Templeton, Council Person Critelli

Voting Nay: Council Person Pollock

The motion passed.

6. Resolution 2020-28 A Resolution of the City Council for the City of Salida, Colorado Approving the Development Agreement for the Salida RV Resort (Planning), to be continued until September 15, 2020

Motion made by Council Person Pappenfort to continue Resolution 2020-28. Seconded by Council Person Kasper.

Voting Yea: Council Person Pappenfort, Council Person Shore, Council Person Kasper, Council Person Templeton, Council Person Critelli, Council Person Pollock

With all in favor, the motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS**

7. Resolution 2020-30 – A Resolution of the City Council for the City of Salida, Colorado Approving the Subdivision Improvement: Scott Street Water Facilities Reimbursement; and Inclusionary Housing Agreement for the Confluent Park Subdivision (Planning)

Motion made by Council Person Shore to approve Resolution 2020-30. Seconded by Council Person Pappenfort.

Voting Yea: Council Person Pappenfort, Council Person Shore, Council Person Kasper, Council Person Templeton, Council Person Critelli, Council Person Pollock

With all in favor, the motion passed.

## **COUNCILORS, MAYOR AND CITY TREASURER REPORTS**

### **Council Reports**

Pollock had nothing to report.

Shore reported that Wish of a Lifetime would like to hold an event for George Blake of Salida and thought it would be a positive gathering for the community.

Templeton reiterated Chief Johnson's message of street safety as children were returning to school the next day. She also highlighted that it was the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment allowing women to vote.

Critelli asked Public Works what the status was of a sidewalk on F Street that had cones around it. Public Works Director David Lady said they were looking at multiple options to fix that section since a tunnel was located below it.

Pappenfort commended Black women for founding the Equity Movement. Relaying that they waited decades, after white women, were allowed to vote. She was also looking forward to having a discussion about pollution and an anti-idling ordinance for the City.

Kasper had nothing to report.

Wood reported that he had been working with SPOT, Salida Parks and Open Trails, regarding keep the Sands Lake West trail open to the public. He reminded the community that on August 29th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. there was going to be an electronics recycling event.

Treasurer Report

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City Sales Tax was up again in June, an 8.7% increase from June 2019. County tax was up 7.1 % and Marijuana tax was down from June 2019. Overall total tax receipts were 11% higher than last year and 10% above budget. Retail Trade accounts for roughly 70% of tax collections and that industry was doing well. There was speculation that stimulus checks were driving retail trade in the county. If those payments are reduced there may be an impact to the local economy.

**ADJOURN at 9:02 p.m.**



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Mayor P.T. Wood

The Mountain Pact  
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September 9, 2020  
(deadline for signing on)

Dear Senator Gardner,

As local elected officials in Colorado, we write to implore you to actively support the Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy (CORE) Act. There is broad bipartisan support in Colorado for the protection of our public lands and this bill is the most broadly supported legislation to protect public lands in Colorado in a generation. It is supported by the majority of the Colorado congressional delegation and has passed the House of Representatives with bipartisan support *twice*. The CORE Act's inclusion in the House-passed version of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) offers this Congress a critical opportunity to pass significant protections for Colorado public lands. As the Colorado Senator on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, we urge you to actively take up the CORE Act in the Senate this year.

COVID-19 has hit our mountain communities very hard. Some are struggling with 50% unemployment. Before the pandemic, 229,000 jobs in Colorado were in our state's outdoor recreation economy. As local elected officials who are tasked with helping our region's economy to recover, we know protecting our state's public lands permanently is an important part of the solution. The CORE Act will help our communities recover from the pandemic by bringing some of these people back to work.

The CORE Act, which will protect 400,000 acres of Colorado public land and nearly 80,000 acres will be new recreation and conservation management areas that preserve existing outdoor uses such as hiking and mountain biking, is the most significant and broadly-supported effort to protect Colorado's most cherished lands, waters, and forests in a generation. It also includes a first-of-its-kind National Historic Landscape at Camp Hale to honor Colorado's military legacy and the history of Colorado's 10th Mountain Division, a unique and powerful tribute to those who have served our country. The last living members of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division have [called on you to support this effort](#) before they pass.

For decades, local communities have been calling for the protection of historic sites, recreation areas, unspoiled wilderness lands, as well as waterways and wildlife habitat through individual pieces of legislation that have now been united and refined in the CORE Act. This important legislation is the result of collaboration with diverse stakeholders including ranchers, sportsmen, small business owners, veterans, local elected officials, outdoor recreation organizations, as well as water, and energy groups.

Public lands are the backbone of our mountain communities. This bill will protect our public lands and outdoor recreation opportunities to boost the economy as we recover from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and has now passed the House of Representatives twice. We urge you to publicly support the CORE Act and work with Senate leadership to ensure the CORE Act passes Congress this year.

Sincerely,

*(below list as of 8/27/20)*

Mayor Torre, Town of Aspen  
 Mayor Pro Tem Ward Hauenstein, Town of Aspen  
 City Councilperson Skippy Mesirow, Town of Aspen  
 Mayor Sarah Smith Hymes, Town of Avon  
 Mayor Bill Kane, Town of Basalt  
 Council Member Bill Infante, Town of Basalt  
 Council Member Elyse Hottel, Town of Basalt  
 Mayor Sam Weaver, City of Boulder  
 Council Member Mary Dolores Young, City of Boulder  
 Council Member Aaron Brockett, City of Boulder  
 Mayor Eric Mamula, Town of Breckenridge  
 Mayor Dan Richardson, Town of Carbondale  
 Trustee Heather Henry, Town of Carbondale  
 Trustee Lani Kitching, Town of Carbondale  
 Mayor James A. Schmidt, Town of Crested Butte  
 Mayor Pro Tem William Dujardin, Town of Crested Butte  
 County Commission Chair Kathy Chandler-Henry, Eagle County  
 County Commissioner Matt Scherr, Eagle County  
 County Commissioner Jeanne McQueeney, Eagle County  
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 Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Burley, Town of Frisco  
 Council Member Melissa Sherburne, Town of Frisco  
 County Commissioner Jonathan Houck, Gunnison County  
 County Commissioner Ronald Mason, Gunnison County  
 Mayor Laila Benitez, Town of Mountain Village  
 Mayor Pro Tem Dan Caton, Town of Mountain Village  
 Council Member Patrick Berry, Town of Mountain Village  
 Council Member Natalie Binder, Town of Mountain Village  
 Council Member Peter Duprey, Town of Mountain Village  
 Council Member Jack Gilbride, Town of Mountain Village  
 Council Member Marti Prohaska, Town of Mountain Village  
 Mayor Corinne Platt, Town of Ophir  
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 County Commissioner George Newman, Pitkin County  
 County Commissioner Kelly McNicholas Kury, Pitkin County  
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 Council Member Kevin Grambley, Town of Ridgway  
 Council Member Beth Lakin, Town of Ridgway  
 Council Member Russ Meyer, Town of Ridgway  
 Council Member Terry Schuyler, Town of Ridgway  
 County Commissioner Hilary Cooper, San Miguel County



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Council Member Michael Buccino, City of Steamboat Springs  
Council Member Sonja Macys, City of Steamboat Springs  
Council Member Heather Sloop, City of Steamboat Springs  
Mayor DeLanie Young, Town of Telluride  
Mayor Pro Tem Todd Brown, Town of Telluride

To: Colorado Parks & Wildlife Commission  
c/o Commission Assistant  
Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
1313 Sherman St., Denver, CO 80203  
dnr\_cpwcommission@state.co.us

Cc: Dan Prenzlou, Colorado Parks and Wildlife Director  
Brett Ackerman, Colorado Parks and Wildlife Southeast Regional Manager

Date: August 27, 2020

Subject: Hunting/Fishing License requirement to access State Wildlife Areas near Salida, CO

Greetings Commissioners and Mr. Ackerman,

On behalf of the City of Salida, I am writing to express our concern regarding the new regulation requiring the purchase of a hunting or fishing license for the use of walking trails and other recreation in the State Wildlife Areas (SWA's). Specifically, we would like to discuss solutions for the Sands and Frantz Lake Wildlife Areas adjacent to Salida, CO.

Unlike other more remote SWA's, Sands and Franz Lakes are next to the City of Salida and connect directly with the Salida Trail System. They are utilized daily by residents and visitors for walking, jogging, wildlife viewing and other forms of non-consumptive recreation. We understand and support the desire to protect Wildlife habitat on these properties but we feel the new regulation inequitably restricts public access and will not serve to resolve the management issues at these properties.

Over the past 30 years, the City, County, groups and individuals have helped plan and executed improvements to these areas involving a strong partnership with the former local Colorado Division of Wildlife (DOW) and now the Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW). Non-profit organizations include Salida-area Parks, Open-space & Trails (SPOT), Greater Arkansas River Nature Association (GARNA), Central Colorado Conservancy, Trout Unlimited and the Southwest Conservation Youth Corps (SCC). (Please see attached In-town Salida Trail System map.)

Since 1994, six (6) DOW/CPW Fishing is Fun (FIF) Grant projects have occurred involving state wildlife and community collaboration in planning, grant writing, funding and execution. Four (4) of these projects included; enhancing the existing trails around and between both the Sand and Frantz Lakes, installing bathrooms at each Lake, repairing the fishing pier at Frantz Lake and replacing the fishing pier at Sand Lake. FIF projects also included building two (2) new trails from the CR160 mesa above the lakes, namely, the Mesa Lane Trail down to Sands Lake and the Angler Trail to Frantz Lake.

In 2014, a FIF grant was awarded to the City of Salida for the ADA Angler Access Trail as part of the Salida River Trail Project in 2014. This grant was again a cooperative effort through the GOCO Paths to Parks Initiative that created the Salida River Trail, a three mile public trail that runs along the Arkansas River. The trail connects four (4) city parks, McCormick Park, Riverside Parks, the Salida White Water Park and Marvin Park, to the State Wildlife Areas including Sands Lake, with its handicapped fishing access trail, and Frantz Lakes, and the "Old Gun Club" Trail loop. Additionally, through the long

standing SPOT Adopt-a-Trail Program, community groups, families and individuals provide support to the wildlife management team through volunteer stewardship in the six (6) SWA trail sections. (Please see the attached list of projects and cost breakdowns.)

In total, the City, County and other partners have contributed over \$230,000 to help improve recreation opportunities for both fishing access and other recreation like hiking and wildlife viewing. Additionally, volunteers have contributed another \$57,000 of in-kind time on stewardship of these areas. After spending years and a great deal of time and energy enhancing these SWA's to make them more attractive, safe and comfortable, we feel that requiring a hunting or fishing license will restrict many residents and visitors from being able to enjoy recreating at Sands and Franz Lake SWAs.

We would like to explore the opportunities for exempting these properties from the new regulation by means of a trail easement, cooperative management agreement, joint education/enforcement efforts, potential acquisition or other collaborative solutions. We hope to address this issue quickly with CPW staff in order to avoid further public confusion and consternation – we have already received numerous questions and complaints regarding this issue. We have also discussed the regulation with local DWM Jim Aragon. Please let us know how we can best proceed with resolving this issue.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

P.T. Wood  
Mayor, City of Salida

**DOW/CPW Property FIF Grants**

1993 DOW/Fishing is Fun (Around & Between Frantz & Sand Lakes, Franz Pier)  
 County DOW Total  
 \$21,700 \$66,388 \$88,088

2003 DOW Fishing is Fun (Angler Trail to Frantz Lake)  
 County DOW Total  
 \$18,100 \$42,300 \$60,400

2003 DOW Fishing is Fun (Mesa Lane Trail)  
 City DOW Total  
 \$15,000 \$45,000 \$60,000

2004 DOW Fishing is Fun (Facilities Improvements to Sand & Frantz Lakes:  
 Restrooms, Pier, Landscaping)  
 County DOW Total  
 \$13,000 \$39,000 \$52,000

2011 GOCO River Corridor Initiative (Salida Siding Trail)  
CPW FIF (Salida Siding Angler Facilities as part of the Salida Siding Project)  
 County City Partners GOCO Total  
 \$100,000 \$125,000 \$537,748 \$1,356,968 ~~\$2,119,716~~  
 \* Grants approved/not accomplished/RR land purchase failed

2014 GOCO Paths to Parks (Salida River Trail)  
 Salida CPW Partners GOCO Total  
 \$60,000 \$19,000 \$62,547 \$489,614 \$631,161

CPW FIF (E. Sands Lake ADA Angler Access Project)

Salida CPW Total  
 \$41,000 \$19,000 \$60,000

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City \$56,000 CPW Total (FIF only)  
 County \$52,800  
 \$108,800 \$211,688 \$320,488

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**Other DOW/CPW Property Grants & Donations**

1999 -2019 Memorial Bench Donations (7) & Installation  
 Individual Donors Total  
 \$7,000 \$7,000

2004 CO Department of Health & Environment (Gun Club Reclamation)  
 CDHE Total  
 \$50,000 \$50,000

1990-2020 Community Volunteers

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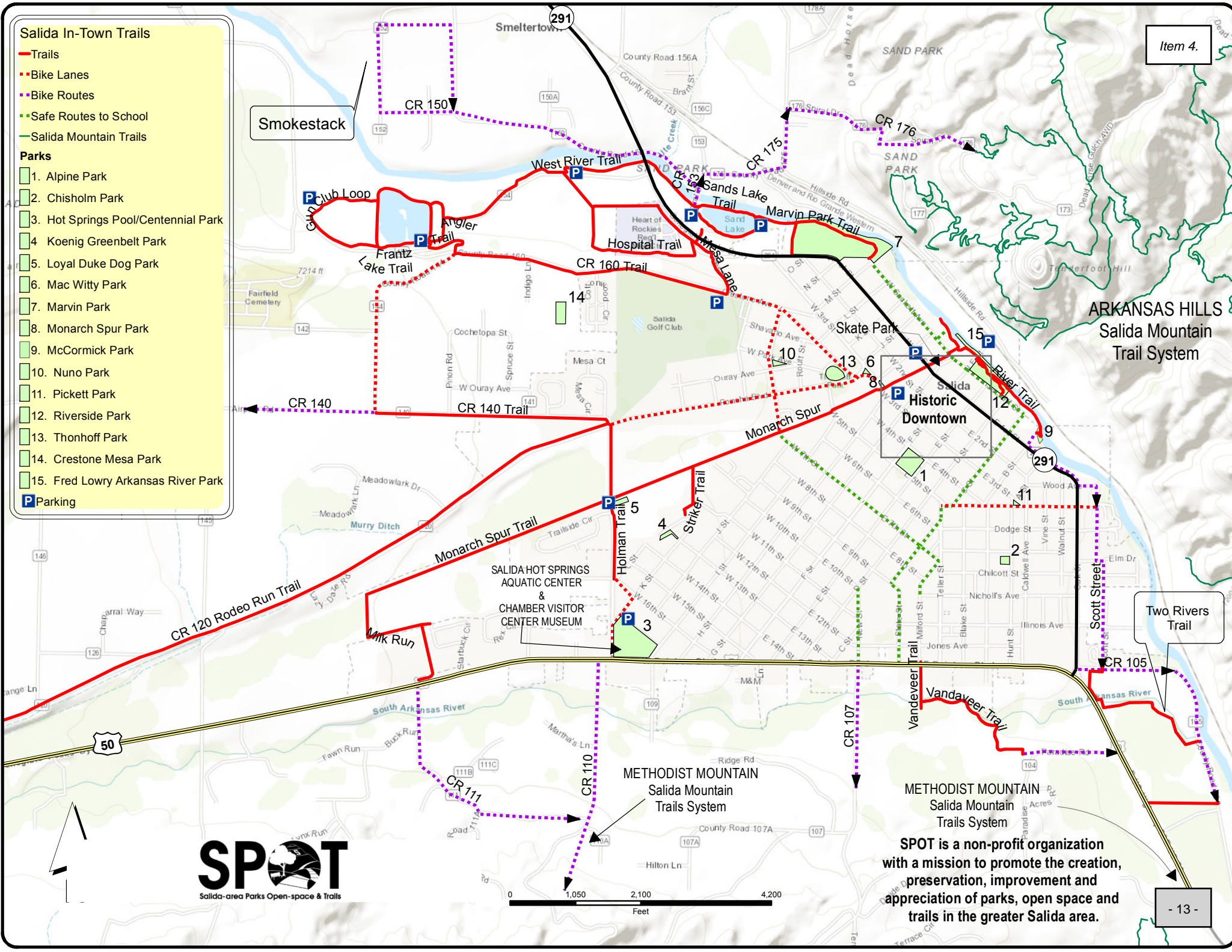
\$57,000 \$57,000

**Salida In-Town Trails**

- Trails
- - - Bike Lanes
- - - Bike Routes
- - - Safe Routes to School
- Salida Mountain Trails

**Parks**

1. Alpine Park
  2. Chisholm Park
  3. Hot Springs Pool/Centennial Park
  4. Koenig Greenbelt Park
  5. Loyal Duke Dog Park
  6. Mac Witty Park
  7. Marvin Park
  8. Monarch Spur Park
  9. McCormick Park
  10. Nuno Park
  11. Pickett Park
  12. Riverside Park
  13. Thonhoff Park
  14. Crestone Mesa Park
  15. Fred Lowry Arkansas River Park
- P** Parking



**SPOT is a non-profit organization with a mission to promote the creation, preservation, improvement and appreciation of parks, open space and trails in the greater Salida area.**

Item 4.

To: Colorado Parks & Wildlife Commission  
c/o Commission Assistant  
Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
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Cc: Dan Prenzlou, Colorado Parks and Wildlife Director  
Dan Gibbs, Colorado Department of Natural Resources Executive Director  
Vanessa Mazal, Department of Natural Resources Policy Advisor  
Brett Ackerman, Colorado Parks and Wildlife Southeast Region Manager  
Nathan Fey, Colorado Office of Outdoor Recreation Industry Director

Date: July 1, 2020

Subject: Hunting/Fishing License requirement to access State Wildlife Areas

Greetings Commissioners,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we appreciate the opportunity to present some concerns regarding a new regulation to access State Wildlife Areas and certain State Trust Lands leased by Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW). The rule change - adopted April 30, 2020 by the CPW Commission - states that a valid hunting or fishing license will be required for everyone 18 or older attempting to access these lands beginning July 1. We understand the agency's goals to generate revenue and properly maintain and manage access to these areas but we have a number of questions and concerns regarding recreation access, implementation, enforcement, and public involvement in this decision.

The Colorado Mountain Club was founded in 1912 as a recreation, education and conservation organization with a goal to facilitate and advocate for safe and sustainable human-powered recreation. With over 7,000 members state-wide, the club represents hikers, climbers, mountaineers and backcountry skiers, as well as wildlife enthusiasts and public land supporters. CMC has a long history of working closely with Colorado Parks & Wildlife as well as federal and local land managers on access issues, trail stewardship, habitat conservation and more. Additionally, CMC is a founding member of Outdoor Alliance Colorado, as is American Whitewater, and we work closely with a variety of outdoor recreation, stewardship and conservation partners across the state.

American Whitewater is a national non-profit 501(c)(3) river conservation organization founded in 1954 with approximately 6,000 members and 100 local-based affiliate clubs, representing whitewater enthusiasts across the nation. American Whitewater's mission is to protect and restore America's whitewater rivers and to enhance opportunities to enjoy them safely. Our vision is that our nation's remaining wild and free-flowing rivers stay that way, our developed rivers are restored to function and flourish, that the public has access to rivers for recreation, and that river enthusiasts are active and effective river advocates. Many of our members enjoy paddling on rivers that are accessed by or flow through State Wildlife Areas and State Trust Lands, and we are invested in finding a solution to keeping these areas open and accessible to the paddling community and other non-consumptive recreationists.

Great Old Broads for Wilderness is a national grassroots organization, led by women, that engages and inspires activism to preserve and protect wilderness and wild lands. They presented on this issue at the June 12 CPW Commission meeting. Boulder Climbing Community and Colorado Mountain Bike Association are both Front Range recreation organizations and members of Outdoor Alliance Colorado.

### Recreation

There are dozens of State Wildlife Areas that currently provide recreation opportunities for non-hunting/fishing activities including hiking, boating, rock climbing, horseback riding, wildlife viewing, picnicking, camping and more. These uses have been promoted in CPW's Colorado State Recreation Lands brochure and these properties provide valuable access points and connections for outdoor recreation. Outdoor recreation in Colorado generates \$62 billion in economic output, \$21 billion in wages and salaries, and provides 511,000+ jobs across the state.<sup>1</sup> Southwick Associate's 2020 report found that trail sports, camping, picnicking, water sports, and wildlife viewing near Colorado waterways are incredibly popular, and the same report found that water-related recreation generated 10.8 billion in Colorado.<sup>2</sup> Because the proposed fee mechanism for access to these properties is a hunting or fishing license, there is no revenue generated for the recreation infrastructure to support these uses. Further, if the goal of the fee is to curtail recreation use, then there is no evidence to support that the fee will reduce recreation use and no way to track how many people will now be purchasing hunting or fishing licenses in order to use these sites for alternative forms of recreation. If there are critical resource issues occurring from recreation use, we encourage CPW to address those on a site-by-site basis rather than a blanket approach to impose a fee at all sites.

We have included a full list of areas where high-priority recreation occurs on these state lands in Appendix A and we encourage CPW to carefully assess how the new regulation will impact recreation use. A few specific issue areas include:

- Bergen Peak in Jefferson County is a popular destination for front range hikers and Colorado Mountain Club trips. The Bergen Peak trail begins in Elk Meadows (a Jefferson County Park), runs through the SWA, and reaches the peak summit, which is in a Denver Mountain Park. How will CPW educate the 1000s of users who travel through the SWA and adequately enforce the new license requirement?
- Dome Rock SWA is adjacent to Mueller State Park and includes a network of hiking trails as well as rock climbing access. Most users enter through the park and will now be required to purchase a state parks pass as well as a hunting or fishing license.
- Mount Evans SWA in Clear Creek County provides historic access to the Mt. Evans Wilderness, Beartrack Lakes and more for hiking and backpacking. There are no other routes that offer direct access to this pocket of federal lands.

<sup>1</sup> Southwick Associates. (2018, July 23). The 2017 Economic Contributions of Outdoor Recreation in Colorado. Retrieved June 26, 2020, from [https://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/Trails/SCORP/2017EconomicContributions\\_SCORP.pdf](https://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/Trails/SCORP/2017EconomicContributions_SCORP.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> Southwick Associates. (2020, March 9). The Economic Contributions of Water Related Outdoor Recreation in Colorado. Retrieved June 26, 2020, from <https://businessforwater.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Southwick-Technical-report-2020.pdf>

- State Trust Lands open for recreation through CPW also have some access issues, particularly several in western Moffat County.
- Loma Boat Launch SWA in Fruita, Colorado is a river access point on the Colorado River that provides access to Ruby-Horsethief canyon and acts as a take-out for the day run in Grand Junction. Ruby-Horsethief is one of the most popular Class 2 multi-day floats in Colorado. Locals and visitors enjoy this beginner-friendly river segment in numerous different craft types, including rafts, hardshell kayaks, packrafts, and Stand Up Paddleboards. Many people float this section to enjoy the scenery and wildlife, side hikes, and paddling experience and are often not there to go fishing and hunting. This SWA is the primary access point to downstream public lands and limiting access here would limit access to our Federal public lands.
- Granite SWA is used for multiple river access points on the Arkansas River, including for the Granite, Pine Creek, and Numbers sections. The SWA access at Clear Creek is a critical access point for paddlers who are not capable of paddling the challenging Pine Creek rapid downstream.
- Whiskey Creek STL has been historically used as both a put-in and takeout for boating on the Eagle River. The access area is very minimalistic with no amenities and boaters have made efforts to improve the river access stairs and trail.

#### Community Access

A number of SWAs are located in close proximity to local communities and/or provide critical access and connector trails to adjacent public lands. The trails are popular for dog walkers, families, tourists and local residents and the new regulation will be incredibly difficult to enforce. These properties also help achieve the goal set forth in the Colorado the Beautiful initiative that every Coloradan will live within 10 minutes of a park, trail, or vibrant green space. Requiring a hunting or fishing license to access these properties may limit access for socio-economically disadvantaged populations who cannot afford the associated fees. We would like CPW to rethink the applicability of the new regulation on these highly popular community properties that provide important access for diverse populations.

- The Sands Lake, Mount Shavano & Franz Lake SWAs are directly adjacent to downtown Salida, CO and include a river trail that begins on City of Salida property and sees hundreds of walkers each day.
- The Buena Vista SWA includes the Buena Vista Whitewater Park and includes a bridge over the Arkansas River connecting downtown Buena Vista to the Midland Hills trail network on adjacent Bureau of Land Management property.
- The four properties above, and several other SWAs are also along the route of the Salida to Leadville Stage & Rail Trail - one of former Governor Hickenlooper's 16 in 2016 priority trails. A new license and fee on these segments of the trail could be cumbersome and confusing for users exploring the 80 mile route.
- West Lake SWA is located in the heart of Grand Junction and provides important greenspace and picnicking opportunities for area residents.

#### General Policy Questions/Concerns

We have a number of other general questions and concerns about the new regulation, including:

- How will implementation and enforcement work? Will users be required to show proof of their valid license when visiting these areas? Will CPW increase patrolling at key access points? How



will CPW ensure compliance at all 350 SWAs? Will some areas see more enforcement while the regulations are more lenient in others?

- How will the new license requirements impact commercial outfitters and guides?
- How will boating through a SWA or STL be regulated if the user does not park or access the river on SWA land?
- How will CPW educate users about the new license requirements? Will users be able to purchase licenses on-site or from agency staff (especially in more remote areas)? This may help with compliance especially during initial implementation of the new regulation.
- How will new revenue generated from additional license sales be utilized? How will it benefit SWAs, including the wildlife habitat and the recreation infrastructure on those properties? We recommend that CPW develop public education information about how these fees are utilized to increase transparency and public support for the new regulations.
- Purchasing a general hunting or fishing license does not allocate money to a specific site and therefore does not address site-specific management issues. A site-base fee, like a parking fee or walk-in fee, would better allow the agency to both track use but also allocate funds to more heavily used areas.
- Purchasing a general hunting or fishing license does not necessarily reduce recreation volume at problematic sites. CPW should consider a different management strategy if this is a goal at specific sites.
- Requiring recreationists to purchase a hunting or fishing license may create a false perception that these activities are on the rise. With this new requirement, there is no way to determine why a user is purchasing a license and the perceived increase in consumptive use may lead to ill-informed management decisions (e.g. if CPW sells 3x as many fishing licenses, will there be pressure to spend 3x as much money on the fisheries program?).
- In some areas, the new regulation may be double/triple taxing recreationists with a state parks fee, hunting/fishing license, and habitat stamp required to access a given area.
- The rapid decision and implementation of this new fee seems at odds with the strategic work CPW has been doing in recent years to address the funding gap for wildlife management. This regulation change was not included or analyzed in the 2018 CPW Future Funding Study<sup>3</sup> and could present unforeseen issues with future funding initiatives for many of the funding opportunities laid out in the study, such as, a “recreation stamp”, an outdoor gear tax, or one of the many options detailed in the 2018 study. CPW needs to devise some way for non-consumptive quiet users and wildlife enthusiasts to contribute funding that will be earmarked exclusively for wildlife habitat protection. We support creative remedies that meet the needs of all users and CPW but requiring a consumptive license for non-consumptive use is not a smart solution.

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<sup>3</sup> Meridian Institute, & Earth Economics. (2018, December 6). Colorado Parks and Wildlife Future Funding Study. Retrieved June 29, 2020, from [https://docs.merid.org/SITECORE\\_DOCS/Colorado%20Parks%20and%20Wildlife%20Future%20Funding%20Study%20Dec2018.pdf](https://docs.merid.org/SITECORE_DOCS/Colorado%20Parks%20and%20Wildlife%20Future%20Funding%20Study%20Dec2018.pdf)

### Lack of Public Involvement in Decision Making

The manner by which this new rule was proposed and approved raises a number of concerns about why no public notice or comment process was provided. While the emergency rulemaking may technically exempt the agency/commision from this duty, it does not engender public confidence and perhaps would have allowed for many of our concerns to come to light earlier. A public comment period would have allowed users of these properties to highlight different access issues and allowed for more creative ideas and problem solving to address CPW's concerns. We would propose that the agency put a hold on the implementation of this new regulation before it goes into effect and initiate a 90-day review period which includes a 45-day public comment period. The public engagement and regulatory analysis that would be required under the Colorado Revised Statutes 24.4.103(4) and (4.5) if this were not an emergency ruling would be very beneficial to this process and would lead to a more sustainable solution that has public support. We additionally ask that the Commission complete a regulatory analysis as outlined in 24.4.103(4.5).

### Conclusion

As recreation and conservation organizations, we understand the need and challenge to balance outdoor access and habitat protection. CPW is in a uniquely difficult position to manage SWAs and STL lands for their intended purpose while facilitating other recreational uses. We also understand the funding challenges the agency is facing and we are eager to work towards and support collaborative solutions to this problem. However, we do not agree that requiring a hunting or fishing license for non-consumptive use is an appropriate mechanism to address this issue.

Sincerely,



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## Appendix A

### List of Recreation Impacts

#### HIKING

*Screening criteria: West of I-25 and in alphabetical order; description specifically mentions hiking or “wildlife viewing” as an approved activity in the Colorado State Recreation Lands Brochure; sizeable acreage, at least 1 square mile (640 acres) or higher.*

*There are numerous other SWAs that include popular hiking trails but these highlight some of the priority areas that deserve additional consideration before the new regulations are implemented.*

- Beaver Creek SWA (Fremont County, north of Canon City near Skaguay Dam). Game Management Unit (GMU) 59. 2,227 acres. Open for hiking, wildlife viewing, no overnight camping.
- Bergen Peak SWA. Jefferson County. GMU 39, 1,093 acres. Open for hiking, horseback riding, no camping, dogs on leash. Bergen Peak trail begins in Elk Meadows JeffCo Park, runs through the SWA, and reaches the peak summit, which is in a Denver Mountain Park.
- Billy Creek SWA (four tracts in Ouray and Montrose Counties). GMUs 62, 65, 5,498 total acres. Open for public access May 1 – Dec. 31, for wildlife viewing, camping, hiking.
- Browns Park SWA (Moffat County, four tracts 41 and 59 miles west of Maybell, three tracts off County Road 10N). GMU 201, 2,226 acres all units. Camping, wildlife viewing allowed.
- Buena Vista SWA (Chaffee County, fishing easement). GMUs 49, 481, 41 acres. Use described as “coldwater stream, fishing access only.” Unit includes footbridge across Arkansas River, etc.
- Colorow Mountain SWA (Rio Blanco County, two units located 15 miles west of Meeker). GMU 11, 1,979 acres. Uses include hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, limited OHV access.
- Dome Rock SWA (Teller County, 5 miles south of Divide). GMU 581, 6,980 acres. Wildlife viewing and hiking. Access is from County Road (CR) 61 trailhead or from Mueller State Park. SWA has a system of trails. Beginning July 1, a person under age 65 accessing from the State Park will need a Parks pass, habitat stamp, and hunting or fishing license to access the SWA
- Dry Creek Basin SWA (San Miguel County, 17 miles SW from Naturita along State Hwy. 141). GMU 70, 12,773 acres. Hiking, wildlife viewing, camping in designated areas.
- Escalante SWA (10 separate tracts located in Mesa, Delta, Montrose counties). GMU 62, 7,609 total acres. Hiking, wildlife viewing, interpretative program, historical area.
- Heckendorf SWA (Chaffee County 5 miles NW from Buena Vista). GMU 481, 720 acres. Hiking & wildlife viewing. Access only from designated parking areas.
- James M. John SWA (Las Animas County, current access is through New Mexico). GMU 140, 8,200 acres. Wildlife viewing, hiking, picnicking, access by foot or horseback Apr. 2 – Nov. 30.
- Lake Dorothea SWA (Las Animas County, current access is through New Mexico). GMU 140, 4,500 acres. Picnicking, hiking, wildlife viewing, access by foot or horseback only from established parking areas, camping in designated areas.
- Little Snake SWA (Moffat County, 17 miles north of Maybell, CR 19 runs through the SWA). GMUs 2, 3, 4,860 acres. Wildlife viewing, hiking, camping only in self-contained units in hunting season.

- Mount Evans SWA (Clear Creek County, approx.. 9.5 miles west of Evergreen Lake). Wildlife viewing. Open for non-hunting & fishing June 15 to day after Labor Day. GMU 39, 3,438 acres. Historic access for CMC to Mt. Evans Wilderness, Beartrack Lakes, etc.
- Oak Ridge SWA (Rio Blanco County, six tracts, two water only, east of Meeker). GMUs 23, 24, 13,664 total acres. Wildlife viewing, hiking, camping only in designated areas. Oak Ridge Unit open July 16 – Nov. 30.
- Radium SWA (Eagle, Grand, Routt counties, approx.. 14.5 miles SW from Kremmling). GMUs 15, 27, 361, 10,996 acres. Camping and wildlife viewing.
- Sarvis Creek SWA (Routt County, approx 11 miles from Steamboat Springs). The nearby Sarvis Creek Wilderness is typically accessed through Pleasant Valley via the SWA. It is a popular area for hiking as well as equestrian use and bird watching.
- Sharptail Ridge SWA (Douglas County, E of Roxborough State Park and NE from USFS Indian Creek trailhead, part of Douglas County open space system, but closed in hunting season). GMU 51, 699 acres. Day use only. Access by foot only.
- Spanish Peaks SWA (Las Animas County, west of Aguilar). GMU 85, 6,450 acres. Hiking, wildlife viewing, camping only in designated areas. Access only from designated parking areas.
- Twin Sisters SWA (Larimer County, 6.5 miles north of Allenspark). GMU 20, 640 acres. Hiking and wildlife viewing.

RIVER ACCESS for WHITEWATER PADDLING: Overlap with SWAs and STLs

*\*In addition to these river access points, there are 60+ whitewater paddling river segments that overlap with SWAs and STLs, which may limit camping, hiking, wildlife viewing, and other activities along the river corridor.*

- Arkansas River
  - Granite to Numbers Launch; Granite SWA is used as put-in
  - Clear Creek to Numbers Launch; Granite SWA used an alternative put-in for the Pine Creek section or take out for Granite section so paddlers don't have to run the challenging Pine Creek rapid
  - Railroad Bridge to Buena Vista; Buena Vista SWA used as take-out
  - Buena Vista Whitewater Park; Buena Vista SWA overlaps with access to the whitewater park, which primary purposes include whitewater kayaking, rafting, and river surfing
  - Buena Vista to Fisherman's Bridge; Buena Vista SWA also serves as the put-in for the BV Town section and the longer "milk run" segment
- Cache la Poudre River
  - Cherokee Park Rd. to Halligan Reservoir; Cherokee SWA overlaps with both the put-in and the takeout for this segment
  - Filter Plant to Picnic Rock Access; Poudre River STL is used as the put-in for this segment
- Colorado River
  - Hot Sulphur Springs to Hwy 40 Bridge; Hot Sulphur Springs SWA serves as the take-out for this segment
  - Palisade to Loma Launch; Loma Boat Launch SWA serves as the take-out for this segment

- Loma Launch to Westwater (Ruby-Horsethief); Loma Boat Launch SWA serves as the put-in for this segment. Ruby-Horsethief is one of the most popular Class 2 multi-day floats in the State and is used heavily by the non-angling community
- Eagle River
  - Forest Service Visitor Center to River Run; Whiskey Creek STL is the takeout for this run, also known as the Dowd Chute. Access and parking developments are very limited and non-angling river users have been using this area for decades
  - River Run to Edward; Whiskey Creek STL is the put-in for this run, which provides a mellower floating opportunity and is historically used by commercial and non-commercial river users
- Rio Grande River
  - Box Canyon to Creede; Creede SWA is used for the take out for this run
  - Creede to Wagon Wheel Gap; Creede SWA is used for the put-in
  - Wagon Wheel Gap to South Fork; Coller SWA is the take-out
  - South Fork to Del Norte; Coller SWA is the put-in
- Roaring Fork River
  - Basalt to Carbondale; Bob Terrell SWA overlaps with the takeout for this run
- White River, North Fork
  - Mirror Lake to South Fork; Oak Ridge SWA serves as the takeout for this segment
- White River, South Fork
  - National Forest CG to North Fork; Oak Ridge SWA serves as the takeout for this segment
- Uncompahgre River
  - Billy Creek SWA to Trout Rd; SWA is used as the put-in

ROCK CLIMBING: listed as recreation in Colorado State Recreation Lands Brochure

- Dome Rock SWA [*climbing is listed though currently prohibited*]
- Two Buttes Res. SWA

BIKING: listed as recreation in Colorado State Recreation Lands Brochure

- Colorow Mountain SWA
- San Luis Lakes SWA

WINTER USE:

- Haviland Lake SWA in La Plata County provides excellent snowshoeing opportunities
- San Luis Lakes SWA lists Crosscountry Skiing as a recreation use in the Colorado State Recreation Lands Brochure



**REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

Meeting Date: September 1, 2020

<b>AGENDA ITEM NO.</b> Choose an item.	<b>ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:</b> Public Works	<b>PRESENTED BY:</b> David Lady
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**ITEM:**

Council Action Approve 2020 Stormwater Improvements Project  
 Project No 2020-006  
 Consent Agenda

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Salida right-of-ways have stormwater infrastructure at several locations across town that convey surface run-off to receiving drainages such as the Arkansas River. A Stormwater Study completed in 2017/2018 identified point discharge locations and other hydrology information. A water quality assessment report completed in 2019 provided recommendations for water quality improvements at the identified locations.

Staff worked with consulting engineers on plans associated with water quality improvements and submitted a DOLA EIAF grant application for the project. The City was successful at receiving a matching grant of \$95,000 for the project. This project and associated grant is for improvements adjacent to F Street and Riverside park. These improvements include re-routing the F Street stormwater collected in the inlets south of the bridge to a ‘Baysaver’ device which filters sediment and improves water quality. These devices are effective in areas where there is limited space for cleaning the stormwater through natural processes such as bio-swales and vegetative improvements. The stormwater is then conveyed under the pedestrian trail and discharged at the river. This project will improve water quality and prevent normal flows from discharging under the bridge which has previously created on-going sediment deposition and routine maintenance issues.

Bids were received on August 25, 2020 as follows.

- Avalanche Excavating, Inc.      \$163,402.50
- RJ Gleeson Construction, LLC    \$258,000.00

**FISCAL NOTE:**

A budget allocation of \$100,000 is included in the 2020 budget under the Street Fund and listed as:  
 - Streets – Drainage Improvements (31-30-6014-3)

A 1:1 matching DOLA EIAF grant of \$95,000 was awarded to the City.

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT	\$	163,402.50
CONTINGENCY (10%)	\$	16,000.00
QA MATERIALS TESTING (2%)	\$	2,000.00
<b>TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET (excl. grant)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>181,402.50</b>
DOLA Grant Amount	\$	\$95,000.00



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Meeting Date: September 1, 2020

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

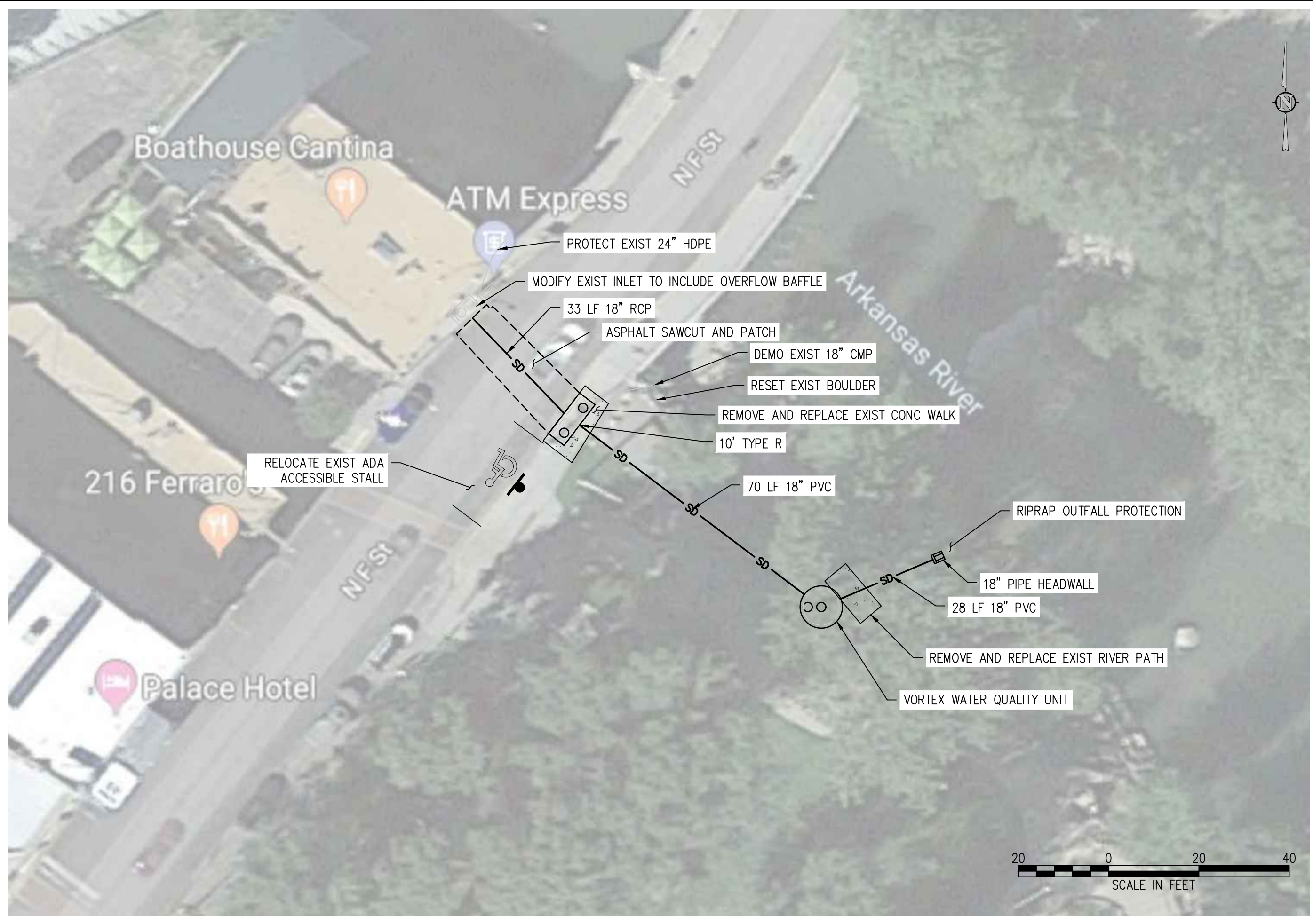
Award a construction contract for the 2020 Stormwater Improvements Project and authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a Construction Agreement between the City and Avalanche Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$163,402.50 with a total project budget of \$181,402.50 (excluding grant revenue of \$95,000).

**SUGGESTED MOTIONS:**

A Council person should make a motion to “combine and approve the items on the consent agenda.”

Followed by a second and then a voice vote.

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Item 5.

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NO	DATE	DESIGN	DWN	REVISION DESCRIPTION

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F STREET AND SACKETT AVENUE  
STORMWATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS  
SALIDA, COLORADO

SITE FIGURE





The Barracuda is a market-changing stormwater quality technology. This high performance vortex hydrodynamic separator is designed to remove total suspended solids in order to protect our precious receiving waters. The Barracuda is also an outstanding value that offers multiple pipe configurations and quick installation.

#### FEATURES:

- Single manhole design
- No elevation loss between the inlet and outlet
- Variable inlet/outlet angle configurations (not just 180 degree orientation)
- Internal bypass for inline installation (where applicable)
- Revolutionary, patent pending “teeth” mitigate turbulence in the sump area to prevent re-suspension of captured contaminants
- Available with grated drop inlet configuration
- Available with trash and/or oil capture add-ons

#### BENEFITS:

- Internal components are in stock for quick delivery
- The S3, S4, S6, and S8 can be installed in a standard 36” (900 mm), 48” (1200 mm), 72” (1800 mm), and 96” (2400 mm) precast manhole, respectively
- The S3 and S4 can be provided factory installed within a 36” (900 mm) and 48” (1200 mm) ADS HP manhole and delivered to the jobsite
- The Barracuda “teeth” apparatus is fabricated and designed for quick and easy field assembly
- Designed for easy maintenance using a vacuum truck or similar equipment.
- Inspection and maintenance are performed from the surface with no confined space entry

**ADS Service:** ADS representatives are committed to providing you with the answers to all your questions, including specifications, installation and more.



**Variable inlet/outlet angle configurations**





**REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Meeting Date: 9/1/20

<b>AGENDA ITEM NO:</b>	<b>ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:</b> Parks & Recreation	<b>PRESENTED BY:</b> Mike 'Diesel' Post
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**ITEM:**

Approval of BikeFest 2020

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Salida will host Salida Bike Fest this September 18 -20. Events that will specifically take place in the city of Salida are, kids bike decorating in Alpine park on Saturday morning in cooperation with the Farmers market followed by a bike parade through town led by Salida Police.

The Salida Bike Festival is a 3 day festival celebrating bicycles of all kinds. Various groups in Salida have teamed up to create and promote unique and fun bike events throughout the week. These events include the Annual Monarch Crest Crank; the Banana Belt Mountain Bike Race, and kids bike decorating in Alpine park. This year's events are available to visitors and locals and support the local bike community and culture.

Bike Fest has several goals, which include promoting safe bicycling, getting more people on bikes, helping local cycling/trail organizations with awareness and fundraising, and of course just having fun in Salida celebrating bikes! The Alliance Against Domestic Abuse will host the Monarch Crest Crank during BikeFest and they will be the recipients of all proceeds from their events.

We expect both locals and people from out of town to participate in the various Bike Fest activities. For this year's festival, due to COVID-19 we have removed the festival component from the event.

**FISCAL NOTE:**

The Parks and Recreation Department budgeted \$3,500 for this year's event; down from \$5,000 in previous years. Projections are to make \$1300 in revenue.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the council approve BikeFest 2020 in the consent agenda.

**SUGGESTED MOTION:**

Consent agenda item

**ATTACHMENTS:**

2020 BikeFest projected budget

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# Salida Bike Fest 2020

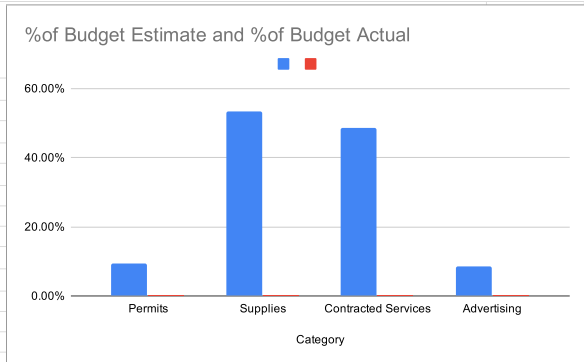
Category	%of Budget Estim	%of Budget Actu	Subtotals	Budget Total
Permits	9.43%	0.00%		\$3,500.00
Supplies	53.28%	0.00%	<b>Estimated Expense</b>	<b>Total Actual Expense Totals</b>
Contracted Services	48.57%	0.00%		\$4,194.90
Advertising	8.57%	0.00%	<b>Estimated net Revenue</b>	<b>Actual Revenue</b>
				\$1,355.10
				\$0.00

Category	Projected Costs	Actual Costs	Comments
<b>Permits</b>	<b>\$330.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
BLM	\$0.00		
Forest Service	\$150.00		
Forest Service post event cost	\$180.00		
City Of Salida	\$0.00		
Chaffee County	\$0.00		

Supplies	Projected Costs	Actual Costs	Comments
<b>Supplies</b>	<b>\$1,864.90</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
Competitor T-shirts (Souled out)	\$1,393.00		
volunteer t-shirts (Souled out)	\$417.90		
Staff T-shirts (Souled out)	\$54.00		

Contracted Services	Projected Costs	Actual Costs	Comments
<b>Contracted Services</b>	<b>\$1,700.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
Race Timer - Chocolate Bunney Produc	\$1,400.00		
Search and Rescue South	\$300.00		3 - 4 medical staff

Advertising	Projected Costs	Actual Costs	Comments
<b>Advertising</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
Facebook	\$100.00		
Mountain Mail Advertising	\$200.00		



Category	Projected Revenue	Actual Revenue	Comments
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>\$5,550.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
Online Race Entries(75) \$50	\$3,750.00		
10x10 Booth Purchases	\$0.00		
\$500 cash donation Waste I	\$500.00		
SBC cash donation	\$300.00		
t-shirt sales	\$1,000.00		





Erin Kelley &lt;erin.kelley@cityofsalida.com&gt;

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## Public Comment for the Sept. 1, 2020 General City Council Meeting

1 message

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Jennifer Swan <queedub@gmail.com>

Sun, Aug 30, 2020 at 7:19 PM

To: "P.T. Wood" <ptwoodmayor@gmail.com>, Dan Shore <dansshore@yahoo.com>, mike.pollock@salidaelected.com, Alisa Pappenfort <alisapappenfort@gmail.com>, Harald Kaspar <harald.kaspar@gmail.com>, jane.templeton@salidaelected.com, justin.critelli@salidaelected.com, drew.nelson@cityofsalida.com, clerk@cityofsalida.com

Hello Mayor and Council Members.

Thank you for your time once again. I wanted to follow up my correspondence with you and Russ Johnson about the vandalism. I'd like to submit my "public comment" via email.

As you read in my previous email, I am growing more concerned about these hateful acts. I am a cisgen, hetero, white woman and recognize my privilege as so. This does not mean that I cannot be empathetic to how this might feel to someone who is not. I cannot sit silent about acts that are targeted, malicious and intimidating to people of color and the LGBTQIA+ community. If we do not recognize and denounce these acts as hate crimes, what are we saying to those populations? Please try to put yourself in the shoes of someone who does not benefit from your privilege.

I'm hoping you can see that these acts are serious in their effects on our whole community as well. What are we telling our young citizens with inaction? What about the people who stand up for inclusion and diversity in town, just to have the unease of trespassing, theft and vandalism happen on their property? What does it tell the vandals?

We would not be the first town to declare defacing pride flags and BLM signs as a hate crime, but this declaration would still be the right one for our town.

Thanks again for your time and your service to Salida.

Jennifer Swan

630 E Street, Salida

ps. Please see the 2 articles from the Ark Valley Voice describing the incidents as well as how Colorado defines hate crimes in Statutes Title 18. Criminal Code § 18-9-121

<https://arkvalleyvoice.com/what-happened-on-the-night-of-august-23-was-more-than-just-vandalism/>

<https://arkvalleyvoice.com/more-vandalism-in-salida/>



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**Email- Public Comment for Sept. 1, 2020 City Council Meeting**

1 message

**jeannine walters** <waltersj62@hotmail.com>

Mon, Aug 31, 2020 at 4:50 PM

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Hello Mayor and Council Members.

I am writing to communicate my growing concern with the recent vandalism on symbols of inclusion and diversity in our community. The targeted destruction of Pride flags and BLM signs is not only a violation to the property owner's (on which the damage has occurred) it's an attack on those community members they represent. Clearly these acts are motivated by hate therefore making them a hate crime. I hope that you recognize this as well. Please make a public statement declaring these acts as a hate crime.

I hope that with this declaration, whomever is responsible will realize the seriousness of the situation and stop adding to the fear and anxiety marginalized people live with on a daily basis.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jeannine Walters

Salida, CO

## Proclamation

### George Blake Day – September 13, 2020

**Whereas**, George Blake is a veteran of Pearl Harbor and fought for his country during World War II, serving in the United States Army from 1940 until 1945; and

**Whereas**, George Blake is a resident of Salida, Colorado and is currently engaged with American Legion Salida Post 64; and

**Whereas**, as George Blake approaches his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Mr. Blake once again has dedicated himself to the service of others to champion generosity at a time when people need it most; and

**Whereas**, George Blake has established a goal of taking 100 walks before his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in order to raise money and awareness to benefit the Emergency Response Fund of Chaffee County, which supports Solidans – the people and place that mean most to him during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**Whereas**, George Blake will reach his 100 walk milestone in the month of September, and will be honored by the Wish of a Lifetime organization for his tremendous civic and patriotic contributions to Salida, Colorado.

**Now, therefore, the City of Salida does hereby proclaim** its appreciation for George Blake’s generosity, kindness, and service to others throughout his life, including his commitment to 100 walks in service to Chaffee County and the Emergency Relief Fund, and further proclaim September 13, 2020, as George Blake Day in Salida, Colorado.

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P.T. Wood, Mayor

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Date



## Proclamation

### Bike To Work Week – September 21-27, 2020

**Whereas**, bicycle commuting is an effective means to improve air quality, reduce traffic congestion, and conserve energy; and

**Whereas**, bicycle commuting benefits both employees and employers through better employee health and fitness, reduced commuting and parking costs; and

**Whereas**, increasing numbers of employers have installed bicycle parking and shower facilities to help encourage bicycle commuting; and

**Whereas**, the City of Salida encourages the use of bicycles as a means of transportation; and

**Whereas**, the City of Salida has invested in infrastructure such as trails, separated bike lanes, share the road symbols, crosswalks, and other features to protect all modes of transportation on Salida’s streets and facilitate safe and convenient travel by bicycle; and

**Now, therefore, the City of Salida does hereby proclaim** September 21 through September 27, 2020, as Bike to Work Week in Salida, Colorado, and encourages all residents and local employees to ride bicycles as a viable means of transportation to and from work.

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P.T. Wood, Mayor

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Date



**REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

Meeting Date: September 1, 2020

<b>AGENDA ITEM NO.</b> 5.a.	<b>ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:</b> Administration	<b>PRESENTED BY:</b> Drew Nelson
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**ITEM:**

Declaration of Extension of State of Local Emergency – COVID-19 Action Plan Implementation

**BACKGROUND:**

As we are all quite aware, the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic has created an environment where federal, state and local governments Article XVII, Section 2-17-10 of the Salida Municipal Code states that when it appears to the Mayor that the general health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the City are threatened, he or she may declare a state of emergency by proclamation. After conferring with the Chaffee County Health Department, on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, such an emergency declaration was approved by Mayor Wood to approve the City of Salida COVID-19 Action Plan. The City Council ratified the emergency declaration on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, extending until April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Five extensions have been granted for the Declaration, with the most recent one ending on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. This Action Plan provides for a tiered response to local conditions and will be evaluated on a constant basis going forward. The Action Plan is attached for your review, and the City is currently operating at the Tier II level.

Section 2-17-30 establishes a term of no more than ten (10) days of for any emergency declaration. It also provides that the City Council may extend any proclamation issued by the Mayor for a period not to exceed forty (40) days by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. As issues related to COVID-19 continue, it is imperative that the City continues to follow the protocols established in the Action Plan.

**FISCAL NOTE:**

No direct costs immediately; however, costs may be incurred as this ever-evolving situation goes forward.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval by the City Council of a Declaration of Extension of Local State of Emergency to implement the City of Salida’s COVID-19 Action Plan, as currently established, until October 7<sup>th</sup>, which is one day after the first regular City Council meeting in October.

**SUGGESTED MOTIONS:**

A City Councilmember should make a motion to approve a Declaration of extension of Local State of Emergency to implement the City of Salida’s COVID-19 Action Plan, extending until October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020, followed by a second and a roll call vote.

**CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO  
EXTENDING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY  
REGARDING COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019)**

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:**

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a highly contagious virus that has spread to numerous countries throughout the world, including the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the virus may cause serious illness or death in certain cases, particularly for elderly and persons with underlying health conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) declared the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 a “global pandemic”, pushing the threat beyond the “global health emergency” it had announced in January; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the Governor of the State of Colorado declared a state of emergency due to the presence of COVID-19 in Colorado; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners of Chaffee County declared a Local Disaster Emergency as authorized under C.R.S. § 24-33.5-703(3) to assist local governments in responding to and recovering from emergency events, including emergency epidemics and pandemics; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, the Salida City Council unanimously approved an initial Local State of Emergency regarding COVID-19, extending until April 25, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 21, 2020, the Salida City Council unanimously approved an extension of the Local State of Emergency regarding COVID-19 until May 6, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 5, 2020, the Salida City Council unanimously approved an extension of the Local State of Emergency regarding COVID-19 until June 3, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 2, 2020, the Salida City Council unanimously approved an extension of the Local State of Emergency regarding COVID-19 until July 8, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 7, 2020, the Salida City Council unanimously approved an extension of the Local State of Emergency regarding COVID-19 until August 4, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 4, 2020, the Salida City Council unanimously approved an extension of the Local State of Emergency regarding COVID-19 until September 2, 2020

**WHEREAS**, the Chaffee County Public Health Department anticipates that, due to the contagiousness of the illness and the fact that numerous travelers from around the world visit the County, Chaffee County will see cases of the virus and its transmission within the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Article XVII, Section 2-17-10 of the Salida Municipal Code authorizes the Mayor to declare a State of Emergency via proclamation when it appears that the general health, safety and

welfare of the inhabitants of the City are threatened by general public unrest or riot, or by attack upon the State; and

**WHEREAS**, Article XVII, Section 2-17-30 allows for the City Council to extend any proclamation issued by the Mayor under Section 2-17-10 to be extended for a period not to exceed forty (40) days by a two-thirds (2/3) vote; and

**WHEREAS**, the City’s current State of Local Emergency proclamation will expire on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, which does not coincide with the Governor of the State of Colorado’s Safer-At-Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors order, which is anticipated to be extended; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost and magnitude of responding to and recovering from the impact of the COVID-19 virus on local emergency services providers and medical services is anticipated to be far in excess of the community’s available resources; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the outbreak of COVID-19 in Chaffee County and the Salida community, and in light of the ongoing risk to public health and safety, at this time it is necessary to extend the existing Local State of Emergency.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED BY THE SALIDA CITY COUNCIL:**

Section 1. The confirmed presence of COVID-19 in Chaffee County constitutes a Local State of Emergency, as defined in Article XVII, Section 2-17-10 of the Salida Municipal Code, not to exceed a term of forty (40) days.

Section 2. The effect of this declaration of Local State of Emergency shall continue the City’s COVID-19 Action Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit A, authorizing a tiered approach to proactively respond to changes in the COVID-19 situation as well as reflect the recommendations of our Federal, State, and Local Health Departments.

Section 3. This declaration shall be made effective immediately on September 1, 2020, and shall be in effect until October 7, 2020.

**APPROVED, DECLARED AND ADOPTED** on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2020.

CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO

[ SEAL ]

ATTEST:

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P.T. Wood, Mayor  
City of Salida, Colorado

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City Clerk




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## CITY OF SALIDA – COVID-19 ACTION PLAN

**Purpose:** To provide a comprehensive and tiered Action Plan to City of Salida officials in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. This Action Plan is intended to slowly escalate to proactively respond to changes in the situation as well as reflect the recommendations of our State and local Public Health Departments. This Action Plan is effective March 13, 2020, until further notice.

**Authority:** Per Sections 2-17-10 and 2-17-20 of the Salida Municipal Code, when it appears to the Mayor that the general health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the City are threatened, he or she may declare a state of emergency proclamation. The proclamation may impose a curfew within the City, may prohibit public or private assemblies, may impose restrictions on movement within the City and may contain other regulations necessary and proper to the maintenance of public peace, order and safety.

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### Tier I

**Heightened Awareness.** The CDC and local health authorities have indicated that COVID-19 is in the U.S. and are encouraging citizens to be aware and to focus on sanitization and hygiene.

- Encourage employees to stay home if sick or to go home if exhibiting symptoms while at work. Employees will continue to use sick leave.
  - Identify work spaces where employees can temporarily isolate if they are awaiting transportation to their home or medical care.
  - Wash hands often, also use hand sanitizer often.
  - Cover mouth with arm/elbow if coughing.
  - Heightened amount of environmental sanitation – Lysol, wipes, environmental germicide sprays, etc.
  - Employees should refrain from traveling to conferences and/or meetings in other parts of the Country where cases of COVID-19 are expanding.
  - Acquire/Inspect/Issue Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to selected City Staff (gloves, masks, etc.).
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### Tier II

**Statewide Concern.** The Colorado Department of Health and Environment (CDPHE) have indicated multiple cases of COVID-19 within the State of Colorado. When directed by the Mayor, City Administrator, or their delegate, the City will move its response to Tier II which, in addition to Phase I steps, include:

- Trial Teleworking and staggered shifts authorized. Departments should, on a very limited basis, begin to set up telework sites for a limited number of employees to lessen the impact on Tech Services.
  - Employees should refrain of physical contact with each other and with members of the public (i.e. handshakes, hugging, etc.). CDC recommends a 6’ distance of separation.
  - Employees should limit or eliminate any outside agency meeting attendance, unless able to be done remotely.
  - City Departments should begin to limit internal meetings.
  - Employees who self-identify as high risk (having compromised immune systems, for example) should work from home. If sick, no sick leave required – will treat as regular time. This provision would temporarily suspend Section 3.5.E. of the City of Salida Personnel Manual requiring medical certification of illness. This includes any part-time employees currently ineligible for sick leave.
  - The City will take direction from State and Local Health authorities.
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### Tier III

**Chaffee County Concern.** Chaffee County Health has indicated multiple cases of COVID-19 within the Region. When directed by the Mayor, City Administrator, or their delegate, the City will move its response to Tier III which, in addition to Phase II steps, include:

- Employees will be directed to stay home (or go home) if they or any family member they live with is exhibiting any symptoms, or if they are high risk. Employees staying home will not be required to use sick leave, but will treat it as regular pay. This provision would temporarily suspend Section 3.5.E. of the City of Salida Personnel Manual requiring medical certification of illness. This includes any part-time employees currently ineligible for sick leave.
- Elimination of any City meetings or events (unless able to be done remotely). Recreation programs shut down, including closure of Salida Hot Springs Aquatic Center, the SteamPlant Event Center, and the Rotary Scout Hut. Specific closure dates shall be established by Department Heads and announced via press release.
- Teleworking and staggered shifts authorized. Departments will continue to roll out additional measures or plans to allow employees to work remotely, when feasible.
- Departments must take additional steps they have identified to limit exposure between employees and between employees and members of the public.

- City buildings reduced staffing authorized. Departments will take steps to ensure City Buildings are minimally staffed, but public spaces are very limited.
  - Heightened level of sanitization of spaces including additional germicide spraying.
  - Selected City Staff have PPE on hand and begin utilization, as appropriate.
  - Public events (other than official meetings of City boards) scheduled to take place in City-owned facilities are suspended until further notice. The Salida community is strongly encouraged to engage in social distancing and to postpone or cancel any gatherings where people will congregate in large numbers and/or in close contact with one another.
  - Other steps as directed by State and Local Health authorities.
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#### Tier IV

**Full implementation of Response Plan.** Tier IV may occur at such time as Chaffee County Public Health recommends regionwide social spacing, or schools are shut down, or at such other time as Salida deems it to be in the best interest of the organization and/or community. When directed by the Mayor, City Administrator, or their delegate, the City will move its response to Tier IV which, in addition to Phase III steps, include:

- City Buildings minimally staffed, no public access. Public will be directed to conduct business online, if feasible, or by phone. Non-essential services (City Hall Administration, City Hall Finance, Fire Station Administration, Police Station Administration, Public Works Administration) are closed to the public. Public is encouraged to use digital and telephone communication, website access, online payments, and other ways of communication to conduct business with the City.
  - Departments will fully enact Departmental plans. Teleworking options and staggered shift work maximized. Only essential services ongoing, unless able to be provided through employees working remotely.
  - Incident Command may be set up locally or in coordination with County Authorities.
  - Selected City Staff mandatory use of PPE.
  - Other steps as directed by State and Local Health authorities, including support of their efforts.
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Mayor P.T. Wood is encouraging the greater Salida and Chaffee County community to work together during this time. “It is imperative that we understand the impact of this pandemic on our community, and we know that collective action on preventative hygiene and minimizing social gatherings will significantly reduce the long-term impacts on Salida,” he said. “These short-term measures will build upon our resiliency and strength. We have one goal in mind – to mitigate the possible spread of the disease and avoid a longer-term risk to our community. The City of Salida is asking your cooperation in proactively implementing these measures.”

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