

**NINE STEP PLANNER  
BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS WORK SESSIONS**

This form needs to be reviewed and approved by the board **before** a work session is scheduled.

REQUESTED BY: Public Works/Parks and Lands Division

**1. TOPIC:**

Conservation Futures Open Space Acquisition. Parks Advisory Board recommendation to the Council.

**2. WORK SESSION:**

Patrick Lee, Kevin Tyler, Bill Bjerke, Larry Frueh

**3. TIME FRAME:**

LENGTH OF TIME NEEDED: One hour

DESIRED DATE: September 27, 2017

SCHEDULED DATE OF WORK SESSION: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. TIMING CONSIDERATIONS:**

At the July 26, 2017, work session, staff provided an overview of acquisition projects toward which conservation futures funds are requested to be allocated and a funding strategy to support the acquisitions. At that time Council referred the projects and funding strategy to the Parks Advisory Board (PAB) for review and recommendation.

Staff will present the PAB recommendation and solicit council direction on projects to pursue and the financial strategy through which to do so. This will allow staff to align budget priorities for inclusion in the Supplemental Budget Re-adoption for the second year of the biennial budget.

**5. DESIRED RESULTS:**

- Provide council an overview of the Parks Advisory Board Process.
- Review project groupings and financial implications considered by PAB.
- Present the PAB recommendation.
- Solicit Council direction.

**6. IMPACTS (COMMUNITY/FINANCIAL/STAFF/OTHER):**

Council direction will be reflected in Legacy Lands work program and budget.

**7. POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Potential funding strategies include submittal of grant applications and a bonding scenario against the Conservation Futures revenue stream.

**8. ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED:**

Twelve project proposals were submitted for funding consideration. An overview of each proposal was presented at the July 26, 2017, work session. When referring the list and associated financial strategy to the Parks Advisory Board for review and recommendation,

council advised PAB that it would be helpful to prepare a range of project groupings for council consideration in their recommendation back to the council. Four project groupings and associated financial scenarios were reviewed by PAB including:

- Scenario 1: Pursue all twelve projects. Issue \$9 million in revenue bonds;
- Scenario 2: Pursue the top nine projects. Issue \$5 million in revenue bonds;
- Scenario 3: Pursue the most urgent projects (seven projects). Issue \$4 million in revenue bonds;
- Scenario 4: Pay as we go. No bonding (This would only allow us to pursue one large project and two small projects in the next few years).

The Parks Advisory Board recommended that only Scenarios 1 through 3 be forwarded for council consideration. The PAB further recommended that council should direct staff to pursue Scenario 1.

9. **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Support the Parks Advisory Board recommendation.

**APPROVED FOR SCHEDULING:**

Signature of requestor:

  
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Kevin Tyler, Lands Manager

DATE: 8/28/17

  
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Heath H. Henderson, Public Works Director

DATE: 8/28/17