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RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE

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Item #10: 2009 Board Work Plan

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Approved by the Director:

Proposed Action: Decision

Summary

The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (Board) plans to meet four times in 2009 to award grant funding and provide policy direction for the grant programs and planning activities. Staff has prepared a work plan for Board consideration to ensure that high-priority topics can be addressed in a timely fashion during the year.

Staff Recommendation

Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff recommends that the Board adopt a work plan for 2009, and revisit the plan during each meeting to ensure that high priority issues are brought before the Board.

Background

During 2008, the Board updated its strategic plan, including many activities and deliverables that will help the Board achieve its goals. Some of these activities involve prioritizing and reviewing policies, while others address grant funding and outreach. Staff has prepared a work plan for Board consideration to ensure that high-priority topics can be addressed in a timely fashion during the year.

Analysis

Staff has developed a work plan based on the Board strategic plan and established funding cycles (Attachment A). The funding cycles inform both the dates that the Board



would consider approving grants for projects and the timeline for related policy changes. To fully develop the work plan, staff also is asking the Board to provide direction on the following:

- The first activity in the strategic plan is to prioritize, review, and consider new and existing policies. Staff is asking the Board to review the list of policies in the plan and provide direction regarding which are high priorities for review during 2009.

<p>Strategy 1.A.1.</p> <p>Evaluate and develop strategic investment policies and plans so that projects selected for funding meet the state’s recreation and conservation needs.</p>	<p>Activity 1</p> <p>Prioritize, review, and consider new and existing policies. A few of the many possible policies for review include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Encourage investment in passive recreation in natural settings B. Fund projects that combine conservation and recreation C. Create a small grants program D. Provide for urban wildlife habitat E. Give preference to new phases and resubmission of previously funded Board projects F. Address conversions and matching funds G. Address re-appropriations H. Implement Level of Service approach
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- Activity #15 of the Board’s strategic plan is to delegate more routine authority to the director. Staff is asking the board to clarify the intent of this activity. That is, is this a topic for which the Board wants a specific discussion, or is it a general direction for consideration in multiple policy discussions?

<p>Strategy 2.B.4.</p> <p>Ensure the Board has time on its agenda for discussing high-level policy issues.</p>	<p>Activity 15</p> <p>Delegate more routine authority to the director.</p>
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Next Steps

Based on the Board’s response to the questions posed above, staff will implement the work plan for 2009 and bring a revised version to the Board at its March 2009 meeting.

Attachments

- A. Proposed Annual Work Plan
- B. Board Strategic Plan

Attachment A: Proposed Annual Work Plan for 2009

Date and Location	Agenda Topics	
	Discussions	Decisions
March 26 – 27 Olympia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consequences for project delays • Conversion policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Use of public/tribal land as replacement, de minimus conversion, conversion for utilities • Grant timeline and policy development for 2010 cycle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ CREP Leases; State Parks Criteria in WWRP; Riparian Category Criteria ◦ Population proximity subcommittee report • Legislative Update • LWCF criteria – revised (<i>adoption if possible, otherwise July</i>) • Phased projects (<i>subcommittee report & recommendations</i>) • Waiver of retroactivity for development project alternates • Farmland Preservation Program – planning for 2nd year cycle (potential) 	
July 9 – 10 Bremerton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BFP program policies and evaluation criteria • Grant timeline and policy development for 2010 cycle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ CREP Leases; State Parks Criteria in WWRP; Riparian Category Criteria • Habitat & Recreation Lands Coordinating Group Update • Indirect cost reimbursement policy • Legislative Update • Manual 3 updates • Match policies • Project Tours • Use of acquisitions as mitigation banks • Farmland Preservation Program – 2nd year cycle (potential) • Request legislation (potential) • Supplemental budget requests (potential) • YAF modifications (potential) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALEA Grant Awards • Consequences for project delays • Conversion policies • LWCF criteria – revised • WWRP Grant Awards
September 21 – 22 Olympia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on outreach to applicants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BFP program policies and evaluation criteria • BIG grant award • Grant timeline and policy development for 2010 cycle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ CREP Leases ◦ State Parks Criteria (WWRP) ◦ Riparian Category Criteria • Manual 3 updates • Match policies • Phased projects, final decision • Supplemental budget requests
November 5 – 6 Olympia		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Awards: BFP; FARR; NOVA, N RTP • LWCF Grant Awards (potential) • WWRP Farmland Approval of Prioritized List (potential)