

WAIVER REQUEST -- April 23, 2015

FY 2015-16 Request to Waive the Six-Month Encumbrance Deadline Pursuant to Section 24-30-1404 (7), C.R.S.

Natural Resources — Parks and Wildlife *Land and Water Acquisitions, Wildlife Areas*

MOTION Approve the waiver request for the FY 2015-16 appropriation to the project (\$9,300,000).

SUMMARY

1995-042

The Department of Natural Resources, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), is requesting a waiver of the six-month encumbrance deadline concurrent with its FY 2015-16 request for cash funds spending authority for the Land and Water Acquisitions, Wildlife Areas project. CPW explains that the request for proposal (RFP) process includes commission approvals and purchase negotiations that cannot be easily completed within six months.

The project allows the division to acquire fee title or easements to property through a competitive bidding process. When the division identifies specific parcels to acquire, it provides a more detailed justification to the Capital Development Committee through its request to the committee to review and comment on the proposal pursuant to Section 33-1-105 (3)(a), C.R.S. The division's priorities for the FY 2015-16 appropriation include big game winter range and migration corridors (with an emphasis on sagebrush, mountain shrub, pinyon-juniper, oakbrush, and aspen habitats). Additionally, habitat to protect species that are threatened and endangered or identified as Species of Greatest Conservation Need is also a priority.

FY 2015-16 APPROPRIATION AMOUNT

Fund Source	Appropriation
CF	\$9,300,000
Total	\$9,300,000

STAFF QUESTIONS

None.

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Natural Resources — Parks and Wildlife *Land and Water Acquisitions, State Parks*

MOTION Approve the waiver request for the FY 2015-16 appropriation to the project (\$950,000 CF).

SUMMARY

2011-024

The Department of Natural Resources, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), is requesting a waiver of the six-month encumbrance deadline concurrent with its FY 2015-16 request for cash funds spending authority for the Land and Water Acquisitions, State Parks project. CPW explains that the request for proposal (RFP) process includes commission approvals and purchase negotiations that cannot be easily completed within six months.

The project allows the division to purchase lands adjacent to state parks to provide a buffer between park lands and new development, to acquire water for recreational purposes at various state parks, and to purchase lands for new parks. Acquiring fee title or easements to a property is done through a competitive bidding process. When the division identifies specific parcels to acquire, it provides a more detailed justification to the Capital Development Committee through its request to the committee to review and comment on the proposal pursuant to Section 33-1-105 (3)(a), C.R.S. For the Water Resources Program, the spending priorities were identified and ranked according to park users' demand for water-dependent recreation and the respective parks' master plans. For the Property Acquisition Program, properties adjacent to existing state parks are evaluated as they become available for sale or easement based on cost, property value, zoning, and the availability of matching funds.

FY 2015-16 APPROPRIATION AMOUNT

Fund Source	Appropriation
CF	\$950,000
Total	\$950,000

STAFF QUESTIONS

None.