



Parks & Open Space Budget Proposals

FY 2027 One time Operating & Capital: Funds 126, 150 & 151



POS 126/OS51

Irrigation Water Assessments

- **Proposal: \$81,500 1X Operating**
- BOCC Strategic Priority: Good Governance
- Due to the annual increasing cost of water assessments and the purchase of additional water shares through acquisitions, the Ag and Water Division needs additional funds to cover Boulder County's share of the water assessments.

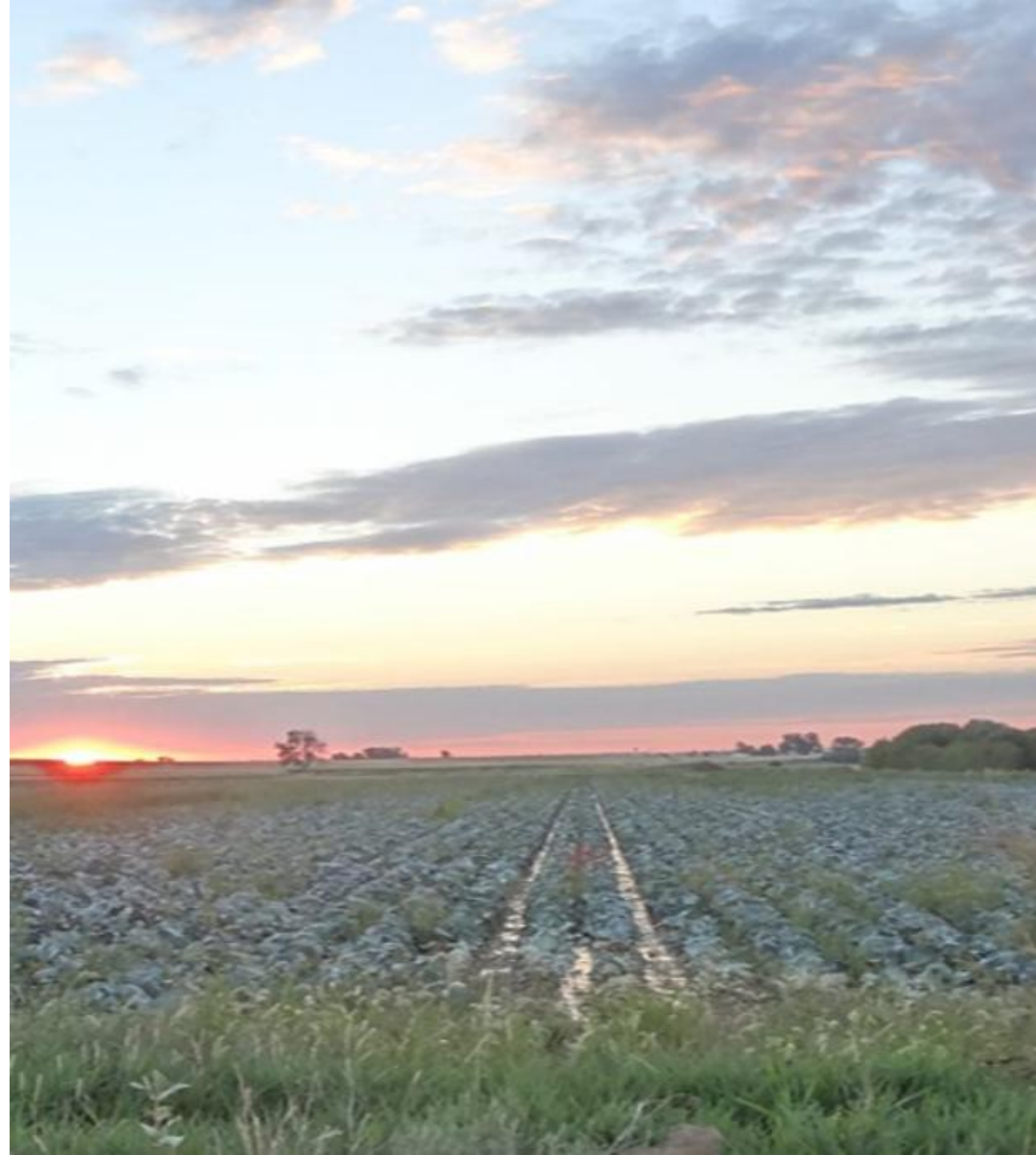
POS 126/OS51 Fuels Reduction Implementation

- **Proposal: \$360,000 1X Operating**
- BOCC Strategic Priority: Climate Action and Environmental Stewardship
- This is our match portion of a grant funded by Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action Program–Landscape Resilience Investment (COSWAP-LRI). This request funds implementation of fuel-reduction projects. Treatments include selective thinning, mechanical and non-mechanical harvesting, slash management, and rehabilitation across approximately 155 acres.



POS 126/OS51 Agriculture Infrastructure

- **Proposal: \$1,475,000 1X Operating**
- BOCC Strategic Priority: Climate Action and Environmental Stewardship
- Supports proposed agricultural infrastructure investments: including water-efficient irrigation systems, improved livestock corrals, new bridges over ditches, and a new hay shed. These upgrades promote water conservation, reduce erosion, protect soil and water quality, and enhance sustainable agricultural operations.





POS 126/OS51 Heron Lake

- **Proposal: \$475,000 1X Operating**
- BOCC Strategic Priority: Good Governance
- Construct a redesigned outlet structure or bridge at Heron Lake within Pella Crossing. The current outlet, rebuilt after the 2013 flood, clogs frequently with debris and beaver activity, resulting in flooding on one of the most heavily used trails in the county. This has created repeated safety hazards, ADA non-compliant conditions, and equestrian access issues. The chronic clogging also requires weekly maintenance visits from four workgroups rotating throughout the year.

POS 126/OS51 District Level Planning Consultant

- **Proposal: \$275,000 1X Operating**
- BOCC Strategic Priority: Good Governance
- BCPOS is transitioning from piecemeal, property-level planning toward a district-level approach to provide more consistent, predictable, and equitable stewardship across 69,000+ acres that have no current management plan. Existing planning capacity is insufficient to deliver this transition without delaying key commitments, engagement needs, and landscape-scale decision-making.



POS 126/OS51 Wildlife Crossing

- **Proposal: \$300,000 1X Operating**
- BOCC Strategic Priority: Climate Action and Environmental Stewardship
- This request seeks continued funding in FY 2027 to continue advancing the US36 Wildlife Crossings Project through the 30% design phase. The US36 corridor between Left Hand Canyon and Hygiene Road is a documented public safety concern, representing 40% of all wildlife-related crashes in Boulder County and ranking within the top 5% statewide for wildlife-vehicle conflict.



POS 150/WMT Sort Yard Transportation & Grinding Services

- **Proposal: \$320,000 1X Operating**
- BOCC Strategic Priority: Climate Action and Environmental Stewardship
- The requested funding will specifically support contracted grinding and transportation services needed for efficient processing and movement of woody materials. The Sort Yard Program is a core component of Boulder County's wildfire-mitigation and climate-resilience strategy, providing free disposal of woody materials generated through defensible space work and forest wildfire mitigation projects.



POS 151/EST Resource Protection Radio Upgrades

- **Proposal: \$110,000 1X Operating**
- BOCC Strategic Priority: Good Governance
- Rangers are currently operating on a radio system that will be phased out by Boulder County Sheriff's Office Communications in 2028. The current system cannot be upgraded to allow encrypted transmissions, which are required by the communications center. Upgrading the radios ensures continued interoperability with the Sheriff's Office and other first responders and maintains ranger safety during operations.



POS 126/OS51 Buffalo Infrastructure Plan

- **Proposal: \$500,000 Capital**
- BOCC Strategic Priority: Climate Action and Environmental Stewardship
- Planning for infrastructure at Dowe Flats-CEMEX that would support operations of buffalo grazing pilot project. This proposal supports nature-based solutions to carbon drawdown in maintenance of open space. This proposal also supports Good Governance through racial equity & inclusive community engagement; Maintained and/or repurposed assets (including BCPOS lands and facilities).



