

Parks & Open Space

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PARKS & OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Time/Date of Meeting: 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 27, 2023 Location: Boulder County Courthouse

1325 Pearl Street, Third Floor, Boulder

TO: Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee

FROM/PRESENTER: Mike Foster, Ag Division Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Agriculture Update ACTION REQUESTED: Information Only

Staff will provide updates on the following areas:

Overview of Ag Division

- Highlights of 2022 Annual Report

- Focus areas for 2023

The Agriculture and Water Resources Division within Parks & Open Space (POS) manages approximately 25,000 acres of agricultural land and leases them to private farmers/ranchers to help steward the land. The management of these lands is driven by the Cropland Policy, updated in 2021, and provides broad guidance on how agriculture is managed on POS lands. The Cropland Policy was developed by a group of community members in 2011 and directs the management of cropland on agricultural properties owned by POS.

The staff update will provide an overview of the Ag Division, key accomplishments from 2022 as well as primary focus areas for 2023.