



# Parks & Open Space

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## **PARKS & OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Time/Date of Meeting: 6:30 p.m., Thursday, August 24, 2023

Location: Boulder County Courthouse  
1325 Pearl Street, Third Floor, Boulder

<b>TO:</b>	Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee
<b>FROM/PRESENTER:</b>	Cassandra Schnarr, Ag Division; Land and Leases Team Supervisor
<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	<b>Agriculture Update</b>
<b>ACTION REQUESTED:</b>	Information Only

Staff will provide updates on the following areas:

- Changes to the Ag Request for Proposal (RFP) Evaluation Criteria

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. Tenants that lease our properties are typically selected through the County's formal procurement process. This process requires POS staff to issue a Request for Proposal whereby interested parties submit written responses on how they intend to manage the property. Ag staff evaluates those proposals based on certain criteria and select a tenant to manage that property for a fixed period.

The staff update will provide an overview of recent changes to the Ag RFP criteria and how it clarifies the process and aligns with county goals of soil health and equity, diversity and inclusion.