



Memorandum

TO: Town Council

FROM: Community Development Department

DATE: September 4, 2018

SUBJECT: An update to the 1994 Comprehensive Open Lands Plan, pursuant to Section 12-3-7, Amendment, Vail Town Code. (PEC17-0049)

Applicant: Town of Vail, represented by Braun Associates, Inc.
Planner: Chris Neubecker

I. Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to outline the format for Council's work session on the update to the 1994 Comprehensive Open Lands Plan ("Plan"). As discussed at the August 7th meeting, the goal of this work session is to finalize Council's review of the draft Plan and to provide staff with direction on refinements to be made to the Plan. The intention is then to make all suggested revisions to the Plan and present it to Council for formal review in the coming weeks.

Discussion at the work session will be organized around the three main chapters of the Plan:

- Chapter 2 (Environmentally Sensitive Lands)
- Chapter 3 (Town Lands and Use of Lands)
- Chapter 4 (Trails)

For a copy of the draft 2018 Open Lands Plan Update, please select the link below. Note that this version of the Plan is what was endorsed by the Planning and Environmental Commission (PEC). To date, no refinements have been made to the Plan based on Council's prior discussions.

<https://www.vailgov.com/openlandsupdate>

II. Meeting Format

The following information will be presented for each of the three main chapters of the Plan:

1. Review of refinements suggested by Town Council during prior work sessions. These refinements are fairly straight forward and Town Council generally seemed agreeable to them. An example would be the suggestion to further bolster narrative in the Plan regarding the importance of how the Town manages its lands and establishing baseline conditions to monitor such lands. Staff will be looking for confirmation from Town Council on these refinements.
2. Review of topics discussed at prior meetings that warrant further conversation. An example of a topic that warrants further discussion is for Town Council finalize direction on the sixteen (16) suggested Action Items for protection of Environmentally Sensitive Lands, and the four (4) Action Items for use of Town lands. Staff will be looking for direct on how to proceed with these topics.
3. Town Council discussion of any other elements of the Plan.
4. Presentation of community input regarding suggestions for changes to the Plan.

III. Input from Town Council and Next Steps

The Community Development Department requests that the Town Council provide feedback on the draft Plan. Staff will then refine the Plan accordingly and present it to Town Council for formal review/approval at an upcoming meeting.

IV. Attachments

- A. Open Lands Presentation from Braun Associates