



THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND
BOARD MEETING
December 12, 2025

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*A meeting of The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund convened at
9:40am on Friday, December 12, 2025*

<u>Board Present</u>	<p>In-person: Mina Liebert (CD5), Jahi Simbai (CD7), Leticia Martinez (CD1), Patty Imhoff (CD6), Mara Brosy-Wiwchar (CD8), Pam Denahy (CD3), Turk Montepare (CD2), Craig Hughes (CD3), Charley Garcia (CD1), Mo Siegel (CD2), Brenda May (CD4), Tim Brass (DNR), Gabriel Otero (CPW)</p> <p>Virtual: Tom Lee (CD6), Krithika Prashant (CD5), Dan Gibbs (DNR)</p>
<u>Board Absent</u>	<p>Bobby Massie (CD4), Ray Tschillard (CD8), Jess Beaulieu (CPW)</p>
<u>Staff Present</u>	<p>In-Person: Liz Bowen, Matt Brady, Alex Castino, Rosemary Dempsey, Tilah Larson, Payton Lockhart, Jackie Miller, Christi Reeves, Amber Shanklin, Josh Tenneson, Sammie Trotter, Mike Wight, Kylie Yang, Chris Yuan-Farrell, Dan Zimmerer</p> <p>Virtual: Chris Aaby, Leah Kahler-Read, Crystal Medrano, Diane Metzger, Dan Omasta, Katie Smith</p>
<u>Staff Absent</u>	<p>Emily Robinson</p>
<u>Public Present</u>	<p>In-person: Secretary Ken Salazar, Adrian Varney (Lottery), Dave Aldag (Colorado Lottery), Ernest House Jr. (Keystone Policy Center), Jody Kennedy (CPW), Brian Dreher (CPW), Peach Van Wick (CPW), Erik Glenn (CCALT), Robyn Paulekas (Keep It Colorado), Hannah George (Keep It Colorado), Ashley Houlihan (Family Lands Remembered), Christine Strickland (Mountain Area Land Trust), Hillary Merritt (Jefferson County Parks & Open Space), Matt Robbins (Jefferson County Parks & Open Space), Julie Liggett (Jefferson County Parks & Open Space), Tom Hoby (Jefferson County Parks & Open Space), David Whittle (CPW), Leigh Ann Bauer (Sukle Advertising), Tara Castaneda (MHYC), Fletcher Jacobs (CPW), Taylor Manogue (CPW), Hailey Tresch (CPW), Morgan Anderson (CPW), Patricia Dowd (The Nature Conservancy), Scott Segerstrom (CYCA), Cody Woods (Freestone Strategies), Tara Castaneda (MHYC Eastern Plains), Antonio Barreiro (Mile High Youth Corps), Amber Palmer (MYHC), Cynthia Neely (Town of Silver Plume)</p> <p>Virtual: Martha Beavers (CPW), Jason Swan, Katelyn Toigo (Keep It Colorado), Theresa Odello (EPC Parks), Jeff Mosher (Cripple Creek), Caleb Ortiz (MHYC), Matt Mulica (Keystone Policy Center), Karen Scopel (City of Greeley/NE CO RPI), Mick Daniel (SLVGO), JD Tanner (NoCo Places), Chris Herman (West Slope Outdoors Alliance), Cathie Pagano (Gunnison County Sustainable Tourism & Outdoor Recreation Committee), Kristen May (Northeast Colorado Regional Partnership), Amanda Gadowski (Pagosa Area Recreation Coalition), Cara Gildar (MonteLoreos Coalition Regional Partnership), Carl Woody (RMFI), Connor Borkowski (PPORA), Hilary Dees, Meghan Dutcher (West Slope Outdoors Alliance), Nick Catmur (Gunnison County Sustainable Tourism & Outdoor Recreation Committee), Sam Hinkle (Rocky Mountain Field Institute), Talia Siens (Friends of Raymer, NECO RPI, Colorado Scenic Byways), Joelle Holtman (Colorado Youth Outdoors, NECO RPI), John Hannon (NoCo Places), Justin Rutter (CPW), Town of Silver Cliff, Andy Rice (City of Alamosa), Kristen Cannon (Outdoor Pikes Peak Initiative), Mayor Buck from Silver Cliff, Becky Leinweber (Outdoor Pikes Peak Initiative), Maggie Gaddis (Colorado Native Plant Society)</p>
<u>Welcome & Introductions</u>	<p>Ms. Liebert invited board members, staff, and guests to introduce themselves to the group.</p>
<u>Special Guest</u>	<p>Secretary Ken Salazar spoke to the board about the past, present, and future of Great Outdoors Colorado’s impact across the state, country, and world.</p>



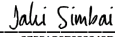
<u>Regional Update</u>	Mr. Brady presented to the board how GOCO funding has impacted Jefferson, Gilpin, and Clear Creek Counties.
<u>Executive Director Update</u>	Ms. Miller highlighted year-end financial audit activities, updates related to Lottery Commission rule changes, and organizational adjustments to align staff capacity, including the addition of a Strategic Impact Manager position beginning in January.
<u>September Minutes</u>	<p>Ms. Liebert introduced the September board meeting minutes for a vote:</p> <p>Ms. Denahy made a motion to approve the September board meeting minutes; Ms. Martinez seconded.</p> <p>Motion carries (Votes: 16-0; 3 members absent).</p>
<u>Finance Update</u>	Ms. Reeves presented the current financial dashboard for the first quarter, substantially equal metrics, and cash v. outstanding grants ratio. She noted that the annual audit went well, which was released in October.
<u>Tribal and Indigenous Partnerships</u>	Mr. Wight and Mr. House Jr., Senior Director at Keystone Policy Center, briefed the Board on Tribal and Indigenous Partnerships, including an overview of historic and current tribes in Colorado, evolving partnerships, the Guidance Framework for Tribal Collaboration, statewide themes, priorities, barriers, and future considerations.
<u>Generation Wild Campaign & 2026 Concept</u>	Ms. Dempsey introduced Sukle Advertising who presented to the board the current results to the Generation Wild Winter Campaign and introduced the summer 2026 campaign concept.
<u>Keep It Colorado</u>	Ms. Castino introduced Keep It Colorado Executive Director Robyn Paulekas, who highlighted KIC's advocacy for its partners, conservation incentives, financial and technical support, storytelling and metrics, and its long-term vision, including work on the conservation easement tax credit, land trust sustainability, and orphan easements.
<u>Conservation Service Corps</u>	<p>Ms. Trotter introduced Mr. Segerstrom, Director of Colorado Youth Corps Alliance, Ms. Castaneda with Mile High Youth Corps, and youth corps member, Caleb Ortiz, a crew lead of the Eastern Plains Fall Chainsaw Crew.</p> <p>Mr. Segerstrom presented an update for Colorado Youth Corps Association, stressing the uncertainty of AmeriCorps and federal land management agencies, but also spoke about the bright future of the state with a CYCA and DNR agreement and the partnership with COSWAP.</p> <p>Ms. Castaneda spoke to the board about the work the Eastern Plains Mile High Youth Corps did over the summer, and Mr. Ortiz spoke specifically about his time as the crew lead, what he learned, and how he'll take those lessons into his future.</p>
<u>Regional Partnership Initiative Grant Recommendations</u>	<p>Mr. Zimmerer presented the Regional Partnerships Initiative grant recommendations. He highlighted six applications: Pikes Peak Outdoor Recreation Alliance, CCALT (Nottingham Ranch), Outside 285, NOCO Places, San Luis Valley Great Outdoors, and Routt Recreation Conservation Roundtable, each receiving full or partial funding.</p> <p>He presented the Plan Development & Early Wins Requests: Eastern Colorado Grasslands, Grand Places 2050, Gunnison STOR, Metro Denver Nature Alliance, Montelores Coalition, and Northwest</p>



	<p>Colorado Outdoors, Pagosa Area Recreation Council, Roaring Fork Outdoor Coalition, Spanish Peaks Outdoor Coalition, West Slope Outdoors Alliance, and Wet Mountain Valley Outdoors He presented the Capacity Only & Special Request applications: Northeast Colorado Outdoor Partnership, and Colorado Parks & Wildlife.</p> <p>Mr. Zimmerer introduced Fletcher Jacobs with CPW, who thanked GOCO and his CPW team for the work going into this initiative.</p> <p>Mr. Otero made a motion to approve the RPI Grant Recommendations; Mr. Garcia seconded. Motion Carries (Votes: 15-0; 4 members absent)</p>
<p><u>Base and Partner Recommendations</u></p>	<p>Ms. Larson introduced the 12 Base program projects in the amount of just over \$13 million between local government and open space funding -</p> <p>Community Impact Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Park Improvements in the Town of Silver Cliff • Tour de Ute North & South Pocket Parks with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe • Guiding Star Master Plan in Pueblo County • Paths to Mesa Verde in Montezuma County • Parmer Park Recreation Complex in the City of Burlington • Cole Park in the City of Alamosa <p>Land Acquisitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La Jara Basin with the Western Rivers Conservancy • Nottingham Ranch Conservation Easement • Taylor Kennedy Acquisition in Silver Plume • Risk to Resilience with Colorado West Land Trust <p>Pathways Grants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colorado Conservation Fellowship with The Nature Conservancy • Colorado Open Space Alliance in Jefferson County <p>Ms. Castino introduced the TCAP Projects, advancing 10 projects for over \$500,000, conserving over 11 square miles, and 8 miles of waterways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anderson Farm & Ranch, Palmer Land Conservancy • Box 6 Ranch Conservation Legacy, Colorado Open Lands • Hindmarsh Winter Range, Montezuma Land Conservancy • Johnston Ranch, Colorado West Land Trust • Masden Ranch, Colorado West Land Trust • Miller Ranch, Colorado Open Lands • West Mancos Project, Montezuma Land Conservancy • Frenchman’s Creek Ranch, Central Colorado Conservancy • Randy Porco Ranch, Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust • Tracy Kester Farms, Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust <p>Ms. Trotter introduced the Conservation Service Corps, advancing 20 projects for \$1.5 million and \$115,000 for project administration, over multiple avenues of work, highlighting top ranking projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Government projects – Pool Canyon and Casa Colorado with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Park



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open Space projects – Russian Olive Removal Continuation in the City of Lakewood in Jefferson County• Additional projects – Climbing Access & Social Trail Management in the Flatirons, Riparian Restoration at the Purgatoire River, and Boulder Reservoir Eurasian Watermilfoil Management <p>CPW Centennial Program Substitution Request for its wildlife purpose funding for relocation of the Foothills Wildlife Research Facility and Wildlife Health Laboratory to a new CPW-owned site near Wellington, Colorado.</p>
<p><u>Consent Agenda</u></p>	<p>Ms. Liebert introduced the consent agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Base Programs Grant Recommendations• Transaction Cost Assistance Program• Conservation Service Corps• Grant Extensions• Spending Plan Amendment• Colorado West Land Trust Acquisition Loan• Bylaws Amendment• Colorado Parks & Wildlife Centennial Substitution <p>Ms. Denahy made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; Mr. Garcia seconded. Motion Carries (Votes: 15-0; 4 members absent)</p>
<p><i>The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund meeting adjourned at 3:38PM on Friday, December 12, 2025</i></p>	

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Jahi Simbai, GOCO Board Secretary

**State Board of the
GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND
Resolution 2025-19
December 12, 2025**

A Resolution Approving a CPW Centennial Substitution Request

This Resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. On January 22, 2024, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) requested approval for the remaining \$35,385,500 in CPW Centennial funds allocated in the fiscal year 2021-2025 spending plan to support a slate of outdoor recreation and wildlife purpose projects;
2. Resolution 2024-08, dated March 15, 2024, authorized these funds with the stipulation that land acquisition funds be immediately available, and that funds for project development, construction, improvements, operations or other aspects require CPW to report back to the board with detailed information before proceeding with expenditures;
3. On October 16, 2025, CPW submitted a letter requesting the remaining \$22,985,500 in wildlife purpose Centennial funding be repurposed from the original project, the purchase of a property and construction of a wildlife rehabilitation and education center in El Paso County, to a new project involving the relocation of the existing Foothills Wildlife Research Facility and Wildlife Health Laboratory to a new CPW-owned location in northern Colorado;
4. This need became urgent when CPW was notified that the lease for its current wildlife research facility location will not be renewed;
5. CPW must construct and fully operationalize a replacement facility and laboratory prior to the lease termination date; and
6. CPW will administer this investment in accordance with this resolution and the conditions of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).

Accordingly, the board resolves to:

1. Authorize the substitution request for the use of the remaining \$22,985,500 in wildlife purpose Centennial funds for the project described above;
2. Make these funds available through June 30, 2030; and
3. Authorize the executive director to make minor adjustments in funding levels if the project cannot proceed as anticipated. For significant changes, the Executive Director will consult with the GOCO board for additional direction.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund on December 12, 2025.

Signed by:

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Jahi Simbai, GOCO Board Secretary



**The State Board of the
GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND
Resolution 2025-20
December 12, 2025**

A Resolution Approving Awards for the CPW Regional Partnerships Initiative Grant Program

This Resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. On October 30, 2020, Governor Polis issued Executive Order B 2020 08 creating the Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnerships Initiative (RPI), which:
 - a. Ensures Colorado’s lands, waters and wildlife thrive in the face of climate change and other threats while providing equitable, safe access and quality outdoor recreation experiences;
 - b. Convenes a broad spectrum of voices from different outdoor interests, races, cultures, ages, and sectors to identify, create, and formalize local and regional collaborations as Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnerships;
 - c. Tasks these partnerships with developing Regional Conservation and Recreations Plans; and
 - d. Led to the development of Colorado’s Outdoors Strategy - a statewide vision and action plan for climate-resilient conservation, exceptional and sustainable outdoor recreation, and coordinated planning and funding.
2. The Colorado Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) are leading this effort in collaboration with the Outdoor Recreation Industry Office (OREC), the Colorado Outdoor Partnership (CO-OP) and GOCO.
3. Key outputs of this initiative include a collection of Regional Conservation and Recreation Plans and the statewide Outdoors Strategy.
4. GOCO’s participation and support are critical to the long-term success of both the RPI and the Outdoors Strategy.
5. The Outdoors Strategy informed GOCO’s FY 2026-2030 strategic plan update, within which GOCO and CPW announced a new five-year, \$50M RPI grant program, funded equally across GOCO’s four constitutional purposes.
6. Following joint review of 20 applications from the initial RPI grant round, GOCO, CPW, and the CO-OP grant review committee recommend funding 18 proposals plus one additional request from CPW.

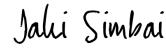
Accordingly, the Board RESOLVES to:

1. Award \$9,990,240.00 to CPW for the projects identified in the attached *RPI Grant Program Funding Summary List*;
2. Allocate this award across GOCO’s four constitutional purposes as follows:
 - a. Wildlife: \$2,517,632.25

- b. Open Space: \$2,717,344.75
 - c. Outdoor Recreation: \$2,987,643.25
 - d. Local Government: \$1,767,619.75
3. Authorize these funds to be available through December 31, 2028;
 4. Authorize the Executive Director to sign a Memorandum of Understanding for the Regional Partnership Initiative with CPW on behalf of GOCO;
 5. Exercise its discretionary authority, as provided by Article XXVII of the Colorado Constitution and articulated in GOCO Board Policy 2.11(E)(4), to award local government funds to this effort since CPW is an ineligible entity for local government funds; and
 6. Authorize the executive director to make minor adjustments in funding levels. For significant changes, the Executive Director will consult with the board for additional direction.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund on December 12, 2025.

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**State Board of the
GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND
Resolution 2025-21
December 12, 2025**

A Resolution Approving Grants for Base Programs

This Resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. GOCO’s competitive grants include three base programs: Community Impact, Land Acquisition, and Pathways;
2. As provided by Article XXVII of the Colorado Constitution and further articulated in GOCO Board Policy 2.11(E), the board may award funding to ineligible entities for expenditures that accomplish one or more eligible constitutional purposes;
3. GOCO does not currently recognize the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe as an entity eligible to receive funding as identified in Article XXVII of the Colorado Constitution;
4. In addition, the board recommended augmenting open space funding by reallocating \$1,963,901 from future spending plan years (equal to approximately \$490,975 of open space funds from each of the four subsequent fiscal years, FY27-FY30); and
5. On November 6, 2025, the Programs Committee recommended funding 11 projects in the amount of \$13,587,043, with one of the projects separately requesting a \$2,000,000 loan.

Accordingly, the board resolves:

1. Award \$13,587,043 to fund the projects identified in the attached “Base Programs Funding Summary List”;
2. Finance this award with \$4,412,043 in local government purpose funding and \$9,175,000 in open space purpose funding, as outlined in section 4 above;
3. Exercise its discretionary authority to award funding to the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe; and
4. Authorize the executive director to make minor adjustments in recommended funding levels if a project cannot proceed as anticipated. In the event significant funding changes are necessary as these projects progress, the executive director will consult with the board for additional direction.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund on December 12, 2025.

Signed by:

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Jahi Simbai, GOCO Board Secretary

FY26 Cycle 1 Applications
Applications Recommended for Funding
 Friday, December 12, 2025

Applicant	Project Title	Program	County	Request Amount	Recommended LG Amount	Recommended OS Amount	Recommended OS Loan	Total Project Cost	Congressional District
Town of Silver Cliff	Silver Cliff Community Park Improvements	CI	Custer	\$647,475.00	\$647,475.00			\$930,946.00	3
Ute Mountain Ute Tribe	Tour de Ute North and South Pocket Parks	CI	Tribal Land	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00			\$1,756,100.00	3
Pueblo County Parks and Recreation	Pueblo County Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resource Master Plan	CI	Pueblo	\$160,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00		\$178,056.00	5
Montezuma County	Paths to Mesa Verde	CI	Montezuma	\$1,541,594.00	\$750,000.00			\$14,385,999.00	3
City of Burlington	Parmer Park Recreational Complex Phase 2 Project	CI	Kit Carson	\$749,968.00	\$749,968.00			\$1,298,851.00	4
City of Alamosa	Cole Park "A Place to Play for All"	CI	Alamosa	\$659,600.00	\$659,600.00			\$852,782.00	3
Western Rivers Conservancy	La Jara Basin	LA	Conejos	\$1,070,000.00		\$1,070,000.00		\$49,714,000.00	3
Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust	Nottingham Ranch CE	LA	Eagle, Routt	\$7,500,000.00		\$7,500,000.00		\$27,456,500.00	3
Town of Silver Plume	Taylor Kennedy Land Acquisition Project	LA	Clear Creek	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00			\$1,020,200.00	7
Colorado West Land Trust	Risk to Resilience: A Community-Driven Approach to Land and Water Conservation	LA - Loan	Mesa	\$2,000,000.00			\$2,000,000.00	\$5,214,082.00	3
The Nature Conservancy	The Nature Conservancy Colorado Fellowship Program	P	Alamosa, Boulder	\$400,000.00		\$300,000.00		\$525,000.00	Statewide
Jefferson County	Colorado Open Space Alliance (COSA) Governance Plan	P	Statewide	\$450,000.00	\$225,000.00	\$225,000.00		\$585,000.00	Statewide
				\$14,478,637.00	\$4,412,043.00	\$9,175,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$98,703,434.00	

**State Board of the
GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND
Resolution 2025-22
December 12, 2025**

A Resolution Approving Grants for the Transaction Cost Assistance Program

This Resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. The Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) board approved \$1,000,000 for project funding and \$100,000 for program administration in its FY 2026 spending plan, adopted in June 2025, to support the Transaction Cost Assistance Program (TCAP) administered by Keep It Colorado;
2. TCAP supports land conservation partners in completing conservation easement transactions that protect critical natural and working lands, particularly in areas of the state with the highest climate resiliency and support landowners with more limited financial resources to close conservation easements. GOCO staff serves on the review committee and participates in making project recommendations;
3. As provided by Article XXVII of the Colorado Constitution and further articulated in GOCO Board Policy 2.11(E), the board may make award funding to ineligible entities for expenditures deemed necessary for the administration of grant programs or to achieve outcomes that advance GOCO's mission;
4. GOCO does not currently recognize Keep It Colorado as an entity eligible to receive funding as identified in Article XXVII of the Colorado Constitution.
5. Keep It Colorado has a history of partnering with GOCO as a fiscal agent for dispersing grant funds to eligible grantees to accomplish project outcomes, and GOCO has leveraged Keep It Colorado's status as the statewide coalition of nonprofit land trusts, public agencies, and conservation partners to create efficiencies and reduce the need for GOCO staff resources for grant administration;
6. In implementing the Transaction Cost Assistance Program, Keep It Colorado committed to facilitate two competitive grant cycles during the Fall of 2025 and Spring of 2026; and
7. Keep It Colorado received sixteen applications for the Fall 2025 TCAP cycle, and upon joint review, GOCO and Keep It Colorado recommend that the board fund ten proposals.

Accordingly, the board RESOLVES to:

1. Exercise its discretionary authority to award funding to Keep It Colorado;
2. Award \$509,500 to the projects and applicants identified in the attached "Transaction Cost Assistance Program Funding Summary List";

3. Finance this award out of previously authorized open space purpose funding to Keep It Colorado;
4. Authorize the executive director to make minor adjustments in program administration or funding levels as needed to ensure effective implementation, with significant changes brought back to the board for direction; and
5. Provide that in the event a project cannot proceed as anticipated, the executive director may reallocate the associated funds to a subsequent TCAP cycle to ensure the dollars continue to advance the program's intended conservation outcomes.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund on December 12, 2025.

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Jahi Simbai, GOCO Board Secretary

Transaction Cost Assistance Program Funding Summary List

Projects Recommended for Funding

October 8, 2025

Applicant	Project Title	County	Request Amount	Recommended Funding Amount	Total Project Cost	Total Project Value	Congressional District
Palmer Land Conservancy	Anderson Farm and Ranch	Pueblo	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$99,300	\$599,300	3
Colorado Open Lands	Box 6 Ranch Conservation Legacy	Park	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$104,446	\$2,104,446	7
Montezuma Land Conservancy	Hindmarsh Winter Range	Montezuma	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$101,643	\$325,224	3
Colorado West Land Trust	Johnston Ranch	Montrose	\$49,600	\$49,600	\$72,205	\$302,205	3
Colorado West Land Trust	Masden Ranch	Ouray	\$44,000	\$44,000	\$84,475	\$2,384,475	3
Colorado Open Lands	Miller Ranch	Larimer	\$47,077	\$47,000	\$82,291	\$257,291	2
Montezuma Land Conservancy	West Mancos Project	Montezuma	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$101,643	\$349,143	3
Central Colorado Conservancy	Frenchman's Creek Ranch	Chaffee	\$25,000	\$15,000	\$123,259	\$3,123,259	7
Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust	Randy Porco Ranch	Conejos	\$75,000	\$60,500	\$109,118	\$471,368	3
Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust	Tracy Kester Farms*	Costilla	\$75,000	\$13,400	\$162,129	\$2,342,258	3

TOTAL \$595,677.00 **\$509,500.00** \$1,040,508.80 \$12,258,968.60

Transaction Cost Assistance Program Funding Summary List						
Projects Not Recommended for Funding						
October 8, 2025						
Applicant	Project Title	County	Request Amount	Total Project Cost	Total Project Value	Congressional District
Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust	Doehling Ranch	Moffat	\$25,000.00	\$101,600	\$1,006,600	3
Crested Butte Land Trust	Slate River Wetland	Gunnison	\$75,000.00	\$147,235	\$6,522,235	3
Crested Butte Land Trust	Long Lake	Gunnison	\$40,000.00	\$139,735	\$3,739,735	3
Aspen Valley Land Trust	LV Bar Ranch	Garfield	\$60,000.00	\$104,400	\$854,400	3
Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust	Punkin's Place	Saguache	\$75,000.00	\$108,233	\$513,233	3
Central Colorado Conservancy	Williams Ranch	Chaffee	\$15,000.00	\$115,857	\$5,415,857	7
TOTAL FUNDING REQUESTED			\$290,000	\$717,059.82	\$18,052,059.82	

**State Board of the
GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND
Resolution 2025-23
December 12, 2025**

A Resolution Approving Grants for the Conservation Service Corps Program

This resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. The board established the Youth Corps Initiative, now branded the Conservation Service Corps grant program, in 2011 to support projects that employ youth and young adults on projects that further GOCO's constitutional mission. The partnership furthers conservation service projects and provides employment, training, and education opportunities to youth and young adults in Colorado;
2. As provided by Article XXVII of the Colorado Constitution and further articulated in GOCO Board Policy 2.11(E), the board may make award funding to ineligible entities for expenditures deemed necessary for the administration of grant programs or to achieve outcomes that advance GOCO's mission;
3. GOCO does not currently recognize Colorado Youth Corps Association (CYCA) or the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe as entities eligible to receive funding as identified in Article XXVII of the Colorado Constitution;
4. The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe is the sovereign government most appropriate to administer corps work on their land;
5. CYCA has a long history of partnering with GOCO as a fiscal agent for dispersing grant funds to eligible grantees to accomplish project outcomes, and GOCO has leveraged CYCA's association with the statewide coalition of eight youth conservation corps to create efficiencies and reduce the need for GOCO staff resources for grant administration;
6. In the FY2026 spending plan, the board allocated \$1.615 million for the Conservation Service Corps program, split equally between local government and open space funds;
7. Upon joint review of 35 applications, GOCO and CYCA recommend that the board fund 20 proposals.

Accordingly, the board resolves:

1. Exercise its discretionary authority to award funding to CYCA and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe;
2. Award \$1.5 million to the projects identified in the attached "Conservation Service Corps Funding Summary List;"

3. Allocate an additional \$115,000 as a direct expenditure to CYCA to administer the grant program;
4. Finance this award as follows:
 - a. \$1,615,000 to the Colorado Youth Corps Association, split equally between Local Government purpose funding to manage parks and open space and Open Space purpose funding to manage open space and natural areas of statewide significance.
5. Authorize the executive director to make minor adjustments to recommended funding levels if a project cannot proceed as anticipated. In the event significant funding changes are necessary as these projects progress, the executive director will consult with the board for additional direction.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund on December 12, 2025.

Signed by:

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Jahi Simbai, GOCO Board Secretary

Conservation Service Corps (CSC) Program Funding Summary List										
Projects Recommended for Funding December 12, 2025										
Applicant	Project Title	County	Youth Corps	# of Weeks Requested	Request Amount	# of Recommended Weeks	Recommended OS Funding Amount	Recommended LG Funding Amount	Total Project Cost	Congressional District
Chaffee County	Rainbow and Pot-o-Gold Restoration	Chaffee	SCC-LV	4	\$56,400.00	4		\$56,400.00	\$78,620.52	7
Town of Bayfield	Trails & Open Space Restoration	La Plata	SCC-FC	2	\$28,200.00	2		\$28,200.00	\$38,070.00	3
City of Boulder, Open Space and Mountain Parks	Climbing Access, Social Trail Management in the Flatirons	Boulder	MHYC	13	\$183,300.00	13		\$183,300.00	\$204,656.00	2
City of Durango	Forest Health & Trail Restoration	La Plata	SCC-FC	11	\$157,750.00	5.79		\$81,600.00	\$95,875.00	3
Boulder County Parks & Open Space	Ecological Restoration & Trails Phase 3	Boulder	MHYC	4	\$59,200.00	4		\$59,200.00	\$66,512.00	2
North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District	Improving Accessibility of Outdoor Learning in Delta County	Delta	WCCC	3	\$43,000.00	3		\$43,000.00	\$49,700.00	3
Town of Oak Creek	Go With The Flow Bike Trail	Routt	RMYC	4	\$55,200.00	4		\$55,200.00	\$65,720.00	2
Town of Delores	Joe Rowell Park River and ADA trails	Montezuma	SCC-FC	4	\$55,800.00	4		\$55,800.00	\$61,360.00	3
Ute Mountain Tribe/Ute Mountain Tribal Park	Ute Mountain Tribal Park - Pool Canyon + Casa Colorado	Tribal Land	SCC-FC	8	\$112,800.00	8		\$112,800.00	\$141,828.00	3
South Suburban Parks and Recreation District	Trail Improvements and Resurfacing	Arapahoe	MHYC	2	\$27,600.00	2		\$27,600.00	\$41,307.00	6
City of Trinidad	Purgatoire-Cucharas Collaborative Forest Health & Stewardship	Las Animas, Huerfano	MHYC	3	\$46,900.00	3		\$46,900.00	\$53,269.72	3
La Plata Open Space Conservancy	LPOSC Riparian Habitat Conservation	La Plata	SCC-FC	4	\$55,200.00	4	\$55,200.00		\$67,445.00	3
City of Loveland Open Lands & Trails	East Big Thompson Invasive Species Control Project	Larimer	LCCC	2	\$29,600.00	2	\$29,600.00		\$34,150.00	4
CPW	Rock Creek Wildlife & Forest Health Improvement	Rio Grande	SCC-LV	4	\$59,200.00	4	\$59,200.00		\$65,245.00	3
Southern Plains Land Trust	Riparian restoration at the Purgatoire River	Bent	MHYC	5	\$74,000.00	5	\$74,000.00		\$94,000.00	4
Larimer Conservation District	Elkhorn Creek Collaborative River Restoration Project	Larimer	LCCC	5	\$71,900.00	5	\$71,900.00		\$79,271.18	2
City of Greeley Natural Areas & Trails Division	Lower Cache la Poudre River Watershed Stewardship	Weld	WCYCC	15	\$228,000.00	7.6	\$70,700.00		\$97,790.00	8
City of Boulder Parks and Recreation	Boulder Reservoir Eurasian Watermilfoil Management	Boulder	MHYC	22	\$303,600.00	22	\$303,600.00		\$417,423.12	2
City of Lakewood	Russian Olive Removal Continuation	Jefferson	MHYC	4	\$58,200.00	4	\$58,200.00		\$69,046.00	7
City of Manitou Springs Parks & Recreation Department	Noxious and Invasive Weed Mitigation Project 2026	El Paso	MHYC	2	\$27,600.00	2	\$27,600.00		\$32,038.00	5
TOTALS					\$ 1,733,450.00		\$ 750,000.00	\$ 750,000.00	\$1,853,326.54	

Key:
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Total Cost of Awards \$ 1,500,000.00
 CYCA Administration Fee \$ 115,000.00
TOTAL FUNDING RECOMMENDATION \$ 1,615,000.00

Conservation Service Corps (CSC) Program Funding Summary List						
Projects Not Recommended for Funding						
December 12, 2024						
Applicant	Project Title	County	Youth Corps	Local Government / Open Space	Request Amount	Congressional District
Town of Palmer Lake	Palmer Lake Riparian areas, Trails, Open Space & Lake Restoration	El Paso	MHYC-SFR	LG	\$57,200.00	5
City of Alamosa	Alamosa Trail Renewal Initiative	Alamosa	SCC-LV	LG	\$27,600.00	3
City of Cripple Creek Parks and Recreation	Cripple Creek Wildlife Adventure Trail Redevelopment	Teller	MHYC	LG	\$70,500.00	7
Town of Pagosa Springs	Skyrocket Park	Archuleta	SCC-FC	LG	\$58,200.00	3
City of Wheat Ridge	Treating Noxious Weeds & Emerald Ash Borer in Wheat Ridge	Jefferson	MHYC	OS	\$44,400.00	3
Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust	Forest and Watershed Health Treatments at 4UR Ranch	Mineral	SCC-LV	OS	\$59,200.00	3
City and County of Denver	Grassland Restoration at Daniel's Park; DEN Open Space	Denver	MHYC	OS	\$118,400.00	4
Jefferson Conservation District	Restoring Native Plant Understory through Noxious Weed Treatment	Jefferson, Clear Creek	MHYC	OS	\$103,600.00	2, 7
Eagle County Open Space and Natural Resources	Colorado River Tamarisk Eradication Project	Eagle	RMYC	OS	\$59,200.00	3
City of Colorado Springs - Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services	2026 Colorado Springs Parks & Open Spaces Restoration	El Paso	MHYC	OS	\$147,000.00	5
Central Colorado Conservation District	Working Lands, Working Youth: Chico Basin Habitat Project	El Paso, Pueblo	MHYC	OS	\$44,400.00	3, 5
Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust	Steamboat Front Forest Health & Wildlife Habitat Restoration	Routt	RMYC	OS	\$59,200.00	2
Fountain Creek Watershed District	Crews for the Creek: A Watershed-Wide Youth Corps Initiative	El Paso, Pueblo	MHYC	OS	\$72,250.00	3, 5
City of Longmont	South Shore Mitigation Project Phase 1	Boulder	LCCC	OS	\$133,200.00	2
City of Salida	Methodist Front phase 2	Chaffee	SCC-LV	OS	\$118,400.00	7
TOTAL					\$1,172,750.00	

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**State Board of the
GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND
Resolution 2025-24
December 12, 2025**

A Resolution Approving a GOCO Bylaws Amendment

This Resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. The Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) board last amended and restated its bylaws on October 7, 2016; and
2. The finance committee recommends that the GOCO board amend its bylaws to remove the oath-of-office requirement from the GOCO bylaws, consistent with legal counsel's analysis.

Accordingly, the board RESOLVES to:

1. Amend the GOCO Bylaws consistent with Section XI (Amendment of Bylaws); and
2. Amend the GOCO Bylaws by removing and deleting Section II, Oath of Office, as it is not required by law.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund on December 12, 2025.

Signed by:

Jahi Simbai

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Jahi Simbai, GOCO Board Secretary



Attachment 1: Oath of Office (Section II)

A. OATH OF OFFICE Oath. Each Member of the Board (referred to hereinafter as “Member”), before assuming the responsibilities of office, shall take and subscribe an oath of office administered by a Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court or another judicial officer of the State of Colorado, in substantially the following form:

I, _____, do solemnly affirm that I will support the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Colorado, and that I will faithfully perform the duties of the office of Member of the Board of the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund to which I have been appointed.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ___ day of _____, 20 ___ .

**State Board of the
GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND
Resolution 2025-25
December 12, 2025**

A Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year 2026-2030 Spending Plan Amendment

This resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. Per Article XXVII(6)(2)(e) of the Colorado Constitution, the board shall determine what portion of moneys allocated to the trust fund shall remain in an interest-bearing account;
2. The GOCO Board has adopted policy 2.10 Multiyear and Annual Spending Plans, which details all factors that must be considered regarding board authorized spending;
3. On March 14, 2025, via Resolution 2025-03, the GOCO board approved a five-year spending plan for fiscal years 2026-2030;
4. The board now desires to align the spending plan with the actual FY 2026 GOCO proceeds cap, actual FY 2026 operating expenses, actual FY 2025 deauthorizations, and concurrent grant recommendations; and
5. On November 6, 2025, the Finance Committee recommended that a five-year spending plan amendment be forwarded to the full board for approval.

Accordingly, the board RESOLVES to:

1. Amend the five-year spending plan as follows and as attached:
 - a. Incorporate actual GOCO proceeds cap for FY 2026 (and modify future year estimates);
 - b. Incorporate board-approved FY 2026 operating expenses (and modify future year estimates);
 - c. Incorporate actual FY 2025 Local Government deauthorizations;
 - d. Make strategic adjustments to allocations within the Open Space Base Programs by reallocating \$1,963,901 from future spending plan years (equal to approximately \$490,975 of open space funds from each of the four subsequent fiscal years, FY 2027-FY 2030) to FY 2026 to support concurrent grant recommendations; and
 - e. Make strategic adjustments to Regional Partnership Initiative allocations for FY 2026 and FY 2027 to support concurrent grant recommendations.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund on December 12, 2025.

Signed by:

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ATTACHMENT 2

2026 - 2030 Spending Plan (Draft October 30, 2025)

	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	TOTAL
GOCO Constitutional Cap	87,705,653	90,409,118	92,895,369	95,449,992	98,115,606	464,575,738
Add: LG Deauthorizations from Prior Year	439,045	373,518	291,364	287,804	295,408	1,687,139
Add: Reserve from Prior Year	3,520,238	-	-	-	-	3,520,238
Less: Net amount to Reserve Fund (See Details Below)	5,545,306	3,181,700	3,149,271	3,196,804	3,257,720	18,330,801
Less: Operating Expenses	4,540,037	4,721,638	4,910,504	5,106,924	5,311,201	24,590,304
Less: Generation Wild Communications Program	2,316,244	2,350,000	2,400,000	2,450,000	2,500,000	12,016,244
Total Available for Awards	79,263,349	80,529,298	82,726,958	84,984,068	87,342,093	414,845,766
Local Government Purpose						
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	TOTAL
Base Programs (Including Centennial Projects)	9,826,099	15,259,415	15,629,424	16,136,392	16,655,589	73,506,919
Partner Programs (CSC)	807,500	932,500	1,057,500	1,057,500	1,057,500	4,912,500
Generation Wild	12,500,000	-	-	-	-	12,500,000
Regional Partnerships Initiative (RPI)	1,767,620	3,232,380	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	12,500,000
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Local Government	24,901,219	19,424,295	19,186,924	19,693,892	20,213,089	103,419,419
Open Space Purpose						
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	TOTAL
Base Programs (Including Centennial Projects)	9,175,000	11,553,440	11,923,449	11,430,417	11,949,614	56,031,919
Partner Programs (CSC, RESTORE, TCAP)	3,422,500	4,147,500	4,272,500	5,272,500	5,272,500	22,387,500
Generation Wild	12,500,000	-	-	-	-	12,500,000
Regional Partnerships Initiative (RPI)	2,717,345	2,282,655	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	12,500,000
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Open Space	27,814,845	17,983,595	18,695,949	19,202,917	19,722,114	103,419,419
Outdoor Recreation Purpose						
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	TOTAL
Outdoor Recreation Annual Investment	17,133,599	17,691,915	18,186,924	18,693,892	19,213,089	90,919,419
Regional Partnerships Initiative (RPI)	2,987,643	2,012,357	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	12,500,000
Outdoor Equity Grant Program (from Reserve)	1,000,000	-	-	-	-	1,000,000
CPW Capacity FTE for RPI (from Reserve)	84,045	-	-	-	-	84,045
Total Outdoor Rec	21,205,287	19,704,272	20,686,924	21,193,892	21,713,089	104,503,464
Wildlife Purpose						
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	TOTAL
Wildlife Annual Investment	17,133,599	17,691,915	18,186,924	18,693,892	19,213,089	90,919,419
Regional Partnerships Initiative (RPI)	2,517,632	2,482,368	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	12,500,000
CPW Capacity FTE for RPI (from Reserve)	84,045	-	-	-	-	84,045
Total Wildlife	19,735,276	20,174,283	20,686,924	21,193,892	21,713,089	103,503,464
Total Awards All Four Purposes	93,656,627	77,286,445	79,256,721	81,284,593	83,361,381	414,845,766
Reserve Calculation:						
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	TOTAL
Reserve Carryforward from FY 25 Spending Plan	3,520,238	-	-	-	-	3,520,238
Cap Contingency (% of GOCO Cap)	1,754,113	1,808,182	1,857,907	1,909,000	1,962,312	9,291,514
Estimated Local Government Deauthorizations	439,045	373,518	291,364	287,804	295,408	1,687,139
Reserve Flat Amount	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	5,000,000
Reserve Used	(1,168,090)	-	-	-	-	(1,168,090)
Less: Net Change to Total Reserve	5,545,306	3,181,700	3,149,271	3,196,804	3,257,720	18,330,801
Annual reserve balance:	5,545,306	8,727,006	11,876,277	15,073,081	18,330,801	18,330,801

**State Board of the
GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND
Resolution 2025-26
December 12, 2025**

A Resolution to Provide a Loan to Colorado West Land Trust

This Resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. Colorado West Land Trust seeks to acquire 450 acres of prime irrigated farmland, including three farms featuring senior water rights;
2. Colorado West Land Trust intends to lease the land to agricultural producers, ensuring continued production before ultimately being sold at a conserved value to committed producers, including young, beginning, and historically underrepresented farmers, while also undertaking restoration efforts on the property; and
3. The project ranked highly in the FY 2026 Cycle 1 Land Acquisition cycle by both staff and peer reviewers given its opportunity to catalyze additional conservation, protecting senior water rights at a regional scale with innovative and replicable approaches, and strong restoration and wildlife benefits.

Accordingly, the board resolves to:

1. Approve an interest-free loan for up to \$2,000,000 to Colorado West Land Trust for a term of three years, subject to the following conditions:
 - The loan will be issued via a promissory note executed by Colorado West Land Trust including a possible staggered “call” provision for the loan, allowing GOCO to recover principal in the event of a shortfall in lottery proceeds.
 - The loan will be an unsecured, general obligation of Colorado West Land Trust.
 - The loan shall be guaranteed by a guarantor with sufficient financial capacity to repay the loan in the event the borrower defaults.
 - The loan will come from existing cash GOCO has available at Treasury, without any effect on outstanding or future grants.
2. Authorize the executive director to make minor adjustments to the terms of the loan. If the transaction cannot be completed under the prescribed terms, the executive director will consult with the board.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund on December 12, 2025.

Signed by:

Jahi Simbai

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Jahi Simbai, GOCO Board Secretary



THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND
BOARD MEETING
September 18, 2025

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*A meeting of The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund convened at **10:35 AM on Thursday, September 18, 2025***

<u>Board Present</u>	<p>In-person: Jess Beaulieu, Tim Brass, Pam Denahy, Charley Garcia, Craig Hughes, Tom Lee, Mina Liebert, Leticia Martinez, Brenda May, Gabriel Otero, Turk Montepare, Krithika Prashant, Jahi Simbai, Ray Tschillard</p> <p>Virtual: Patty Imhoff, Bobby Massie, Mo Siegel</p>
<u>Board Absent</u>	Mara Brosy-Wiwchar
<u>Staff Present</u>	<p>In-Person: Chris Aaby, Liz Bowen, Leah Kahler-Read, Tilah Larson, Diane Metzger, Jackie Miller, Christi Reeves, Josh Tenneson, Sammie Trotter, Kylie Yang, Chris Yuan-Farrell, Dan Zimmerer</p> <p>Virtual: Sofia Blanco, Matt Brady, Alex Castino, Rosemary Dempsey, Payton Lockhart, Dan Omasta, Emily Robinson, Amber Shanklin, Katie Smith, Mike Wight</p>
<u>Staff Absent</u>	
<u>Public Present</u>	<p>In-person: Adrian Varney (Lottery), Tom Seaver (Lottery), Martha Beavers (CPW), Amy Brandenburg (CPW)</p> <p>Virtual: Matt Samelson (Western Environmental Law Partners), Emily Ritchey (Boys & Girls Clubs of Pueblo County), Mike Suple (Suple Advertising), Leigh Ann Bauer (Suple Advertising), Justin Rutter (CPW), Fletcher Jacobs (CPW), Tarn Udall (Western Resource Advocates), Sam Hinkle (Rocky Mountain Field Institute), Jena Sanchez (Boys & Girls Clubs of Pueblo County), Gabi Morey (Montezuma Inspire Coalition), Mary Wilson (Outreach Coordinator for Fountain Creek Watershed District – Gen Wild of PPR), Jennifer Pierceall Herman (City of the Colorado Springs, Generation Wild of the Pikes Peak Region), Brian Dauenhauer (UNC Active Schools Institute), Joyce Salazar (RISE Southeast, Colorado Springs), Alli Schuch (Fountain Creek Watershed District, Gen Wild of PPR), Phillip “PJ” Ponce (MHYC, Southern Front Range, Colorado Springs), Daniela Young (Civic Canopy, Gen Wild Greeley), Anita Evans (Friends of Youth and Nature, Gen Wild Uncompahgre Community), Corinne Koehler (Pueblo Conservancy District & Pueblo Friends of the Arkansas River), Rosa Esparza (Community Health Worker, Health Department at Weld County), Jessie Finau (Generation Wild Pikes Peak Region), Greeley Coalition: Kristen, Russ, Kelly, Arafa, Gloria, Fardowsa, Susan, and Khadija; Robyn Paulekas and Hannah George (Keep It Colorado), Emily Holmes (MHYC), Scott Partan (Garfield County Outdoors), Brayhan Reveles (Get Outdoors Leadville!), Courtney Strouse (Colorado Youth Outdoors), Ruby Martinez, Seth Barber, Taylor Driver (Nature Discovery & Wildlife Center of Pueblo County), Abby Crouse (Pueblo Zoo), Ruby Martinez (D. Vince Connections Pueblo County), Angela Giron (Executive Director of Boys & Girls Clubs of Pueblo County), Jolene Collins (Community Engagement Manager Palmer Land Conservancy), Astro (Montrose Recreation District, Gen Wild Uncompahgre)</p>
<u>Welcome & Introductions</u>	Ms. Liebert invited board members, staff, and guests to introduce themselves to the group.
<u>Regional Update</u>	Ms. Trotter welcomed the board, staff, and guests with a land acknowledgement recognizing the ancestral lands of the Ute, Jicarilla Apache, and Comanche, Cheyenne, Arapaho, and other Indigenous peoples of the Great Plains. Ms. Trotter presented the seventeen counties and the



	<p>key challenges and opportunities of the southeast region. She highlighted land acquisitions, community impact, and stewardship grants, totally over \$185 million, and the work Generation Wild is doing within four groups in the town of Pueblo. She talked about the expansion of 5 Outdoor Regional Partnerships – Southeast Colorado Recreation Outdoor Alliance Movement, Spanish Peaks Outdoor Coalition, Wet Mountain Valley Coalition, Eastern Grassland Coalition, and Pikes Peak Outdoor Recreation Alliance.</p>
<p><u>Executive Director Update</u></p>	<p>Jackie Miller welcomed our new board members from Colorado Parks and Wildlife and thanked Carrie Curtis, from District 7, for her time on the GOCO board. She reflected on the summer staff retreat in the Southwest and at the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Park, with Ernest House Jr. and Travis Custer from Montezuma Land Trust. The Regional Officers are conducting 24 statewide Road Show events with our partners and stakeholders. Ms. Miller, with Mr. Tenneson and Mr. Yuan-Farrell are also doing a statewide tour to meet with stakeholders, across 14 locations, to share the Strategic Plan and Colorado’s Outdoor Strategy. Colorado’s Outdoors Strategy meetings continue with OREC, DNR, CPW and GOCO meeting frequently to create workplans for the 33 agency actions that have been identified in the strategy.</p> <p>Generation Wild’s second Wilderflowers™ campaign gained 41.7 million impressions, distributed over 125,000 seed packets with the help of 650 partners representing public libraries, schools, and recreation districts.</p> <p>We were 1.1 million dollars shy of the cap in FY25, and our cap for FY26 is \$88 million, an increase of \$3 million dollars.</p>
<p><u>Finance Update</u></p>	<p>Ms. Reeves presented the current financial dashboard, substantially equal metrics, and cash v. outstanding grants ratio. She noted that the annual audit went well, which will be released in October.</p>
<p><u>Colorado Lottery</u></p>	<p>Mr. Seaver, Director of Colorado Lottery, presented an update on what is going on at the Lottery –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sales Forecast – FY25 down year on jackpot sales, but FY26 already looks better. • He discussed Lottery’s optimization effort and spending authority approval by the legislature. • He reflected on Colorado’s lead on responsible gaming, one of nine US lotteries with this success; responsibility is considered before introducing anything new and they were able to hire a full-time player health manager position
<p><u>June Minutes</u></p>	<p>Ms. Liebert introduced the June board meeting minutes for a vote:</p> <p>Mr. Lee made a motion to approve the June board meeting minutes; Ms. Martinez seconded.</p> <p>Motion Carried (Votes: 17-0; 1 member absent).</p>
<p><u>2026 Meeting Locations and Dates</u></p>	<p>Ms. Bowen presented the 2026 dates and locations for committee and board meetings.</p> <p>Board agreed on the 2026 dates and locations.</p>



<p><u>Impact Reporting</u></p>	<p>Mr. Yuan-Farrell presented a five-year review of measuring GOCO’s impact reporting through the strategic plan and Colorado’s Outdoors Strategy (COS).</p>
<p><u>CPW Funding Request</u></p>	<p>Mr. Zimmerer presented two requests from Colorado Parks and Wildlife – Outdoor Equity Grant Program and Full-time Staff Position - to pull from GOCO’s reserve fund.</p> <p>Ms. Denahy made a motion to approve the CPW funding request to move funds from the GOCO reserve to support the Outdoor Equity Program; Mr. Lee seconded. Motion Carried (Votes: 17-0; 1 member absent)</p> <p>Ms. May made a motion to approve the CPW request to move funds from the GOCO reserve to support a full-time employee to further Colorado’s Outdoors Strategy; Mr. Montepare seconded. Motion Carried (Votes: 17-0; 1 member absent).</p>
<p><u>Generation Wild Grant Recommendations Presentation</u></p>	<p>Ms. Dempsey introduce the Generation Wild Wilderflowers™ advertising team, Sukle Advertising – Mike Sukle and Leigh Ann Bauer. Ms. Bauer presented the results of the spring campaign of Wilderflowers™. Mr. Sukle presented the winter campaign strategy, encouraging parents to give the gift of outdoors.</p>
<p><u>Generation Wild Campaign Update</u></p>	<p>Mr. Aaby introduced the recommended current and new Generation Wild coalitions for \$24.4 million dollars. The current communities include Garfield County Outdoors; My Outdoor Colorado in the City of Denver; Nature Kids Boulder County (prev. known as Nature Kids Lafayette); Exploremos in Eagle County; Generation Wild of the Pikes Peak Region in Colorado Springs; Get Outdoors Leadville! in Lake County; Generation Wild Northeast Metro Coalition in the City of Commerce City; Sheriden Inspire in the City of Sheriden; The Nature Connection in Delta County, San Luis Valley Generation Wild in the City of Alamosa and with SLVGO; Montezuma Inspire Coalition with Montezuma Land Conservancy; and four new Generation Wild communities: Generation Wild of Greeley; Generation Wild of the Uncompahgre Valley in Montrose Parks and Recreation; Generation Wild of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe with Montezuma Inspire Coalition; Generation Wild of Pueblo with Palmer Land Conservancy.</p>
<p><u>Consent Agenda</u></p>	<p>Ms. Liebert introduced the consent agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generation Wild Grants • Transaction Cost Assistance Program Annual Allocation • Finance Policy Amendments • Grant Extensions <p>Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; Mr. Siegel seconded. Motion Carried (Votes: 17-0; 1 member absent).</p>

The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund meeting adjourned at **2:58 PM on Thursday, September 18, 2025**

Signed by:

Jahi Simbai

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Jahi Simbai, GOCO Board Secretary