

**MINUTES
OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS BOARD
REGULAR SESSION
May 1, 2025
530 East Main Street
Aspen, CO 81611**

OSTB Present:

Graeme Means Dist. 1	Howie Mallory Dist. 2	Amy Barrow Dist. 3, Chair	Michael Kinsley Dist. 4	Wayne Ives Dist. 5
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Staff Present: Gary Tennenbaum, Jessie Young, Janet Urquhart, Paul Holsinger, Drew Walters, Carly O’Connell, Dale Will, Hannah Hunt, Richard Neiley

Amy Barrow called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Wayne Ives motioned for the OSTB to approve the 04/03/2025 OSTB Regular and Executive Draft Minutes. Graeme Means seconded. Motion passed (5-0).

Vision 2025 – County Comprehensive Plan Natural Environment Chapter/Policies Review

Hannah Hunt explained that the Vision 2050 Comprehensive Plan will incorporate climate action, a balanced economy, preserving rural and wild lands, while also supporting an equitable and affordable community. The comprehensive plan incorporates recommendations from the Community Growth Advisory Committee (CGAC) and other relevant community plans, aiming for a holistic approach to environmental and community health. She noted that the goal is to ensure the implementation plan serves as a functional document for future governance and legal reference.

Hunt stated that Pitkin County OST and Healthy Rivers and Streams policies, the Caucus Master Plans, the watershed biodiversity and connectivity planning effort, and the Roaring Fork Outdoor Coalition planning efforts have all been reviewed and incorporated into this plan from a policy direction standpoint.

Hunt explained that the natural environment section of the plan identifies policies supporting the following:

- Natural Resources and Biodiversity: Identifies policies supporting biodiversity, wildlife, habitat, and broad protections for our natural resources. biodiversity, wildlife, habitat, and broad protections for our natural resources.
- Water Quality & Quantity: Sets forth water policy direction regarding water conservation and efficiency, water quality, groundwater, water rights, and riparian and instream habitat.

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- Agricultural Lands: Establishes policy direction to support agricultural lands and production and identifies priorities to be implemented through programs and land use regulation.
- Air Quality: Reinforces efforts to monitor and maintain air quality in Pitkin County in alignment with the Pitkin County Environmental Health Department.
- Scenic Quality: Supports policy direction in an effort to protect the scenic quality of our landscape and views within Pitkin County.
- Public Lands and Open Space: Provides policy direction in support of public land and open space management in alignment with Pitkin County OST Department and coordination with public land managers.
- Recreation and Tourism: Identifies policies and programs to address the recreation and tourism needs of residents and visitors to the County.
- Environmental Hazards: Supports policy direction to prevent and mitigate environmental hazards with particular focus on wildfire, flood, and geologic hazards.

Gary Tennenbaum stated that one goal is to showcase the high-quality habitat in Garfield and Eagle Counties that remains unprotected, emphasizing the need for effective land use planning to preserve these areas.

Howie Mallory asked what are the metrics or indicators for measuring the protection of conserved lands. Hannah Hunt noted that the intent is that the plan is to create usable and functional document using indicators for tracking larger objectives. She provided the example of using Open Space acres of conserved land as an indicator that would be used for a broader goal. Gary Tennenbaum stated that staff can help Community Development to refine the indicators for tracking the functionality of conserved acres and the quality of restoration efforts.

BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS

Tennenbaum stated that the Climate Action Plan for Pitkin County has been adopted by the BOCC. Staff is currently working on creating an OST Climate Action Draft Policy for OSTB review, he said.

Paul Holsinger stated that the Redstone Castle and Conservation Easement and the Ice Pillar access easement, and the Tybar Conservation Easement is finalized.

ADJOURN

The OSTB meeting of May 1, 2025 adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

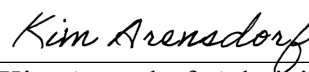
Approved:

Signed by:



Amy Barrow, Chair
Pitkin County Open Space & Trails Board

Attest:



Kim Arensdorf, Administrative
Specialist Pitkin County Open Space &
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