

RECREATION AND CONSERVATION FUNDING BOARD SUMMARIZED MEETING AGENDA AND ACTIONS, JUNE 22- 23, 2011

Agenda Items without Formal Action

Item	Board Request for Follow-up
Item 2: Management Report	Notify the board when the project snapshot tool is available online.
Item 3: Legislative and Budget Update	No follow-up actions requested.
Item 13: Americans with Disabilities Act	No follow-up actions requested.
Item 14: Sustainability Policy	Staff will prepare the proposal for public comment over the summer, and request a board decision in the fall. Policy to be in place for the 2012 grant round.
Item 15: Fiscal Year 2012 Work Plan for Board	Board approved the work plan as amended. Between July and November, staff will support board's work in evaluating the director's performance.
Item 18: Preview of Conversion related to SR-520 Construction	Staff to continue work related to the conversion.

Agenda Items with Formal Action

Item	Formal Action	Board Request for Follow-up
Item 1: Consent Calendar	Resolution 2011-06 APPROVED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – March 31, 2011 • Time Extension Requests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Birch Bay Boat Launch Development, State Parks, Project #06-1642D ○ Deception Pass Hoypus Day Use, State Parks, Project #06-2073D ○ Qwuloolt Estuary Restoration and Interpretive Trail Project, Tulalip Tribe, Project #06-1604D ○ Klickitat Canyon NRCA 2006, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Project #06-1841 ○ Washougal Oaks NAP/NRCA 2006, DNR, Project #06-1812 ○ Elk River NRCA 2006, DNR, Project #06-1824 • Clarification of Grant Maximum for Recreational Trails Program in Resolution 2011-04, Adopted March 31, 2011 • Recognition of Volunteers • Cost Increase Request: BISC Pistol Range Upgrade, Bainbridge Island Shooting Club, RCO #07-1236 • Successor Organization for Cascade Rifle and Pistol Club • Extension of Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Program Plan 	No follow-up actions requested.
Item 4: WWRP, Approval of Grants for Fiscal Year 2012	APPROVED Resolution 2011-07 Approved funding and ranked list of projects for 2011-13 biennium.	Staff to issue agreements as appropriate.
Item 5: ALEA, Approval of Grants for Fiscal Year 2012	APPROVED Resolution 2011-08 Approved funding and ranked list of projects for 2011-13 biennium.	Staff to issue agreements as appropriate.
Item 6: Boating Facilities Program, Review and Approval of Grants for Fiscal Year 2012	APPROVED Resolution 2011-09 Approved funding and ranked list of state category projects for 2011-13 biennium. APPROVED Resolution 2011-10 Approved funding and ranked list of local agency category projects for 2011-13 biennium.	Staff to issue agreements as appropriate.

Item 7: Submitting BIG projects to USFWS – Delegating submittal decision to the Director	APPROVED Revised Resolution 2011-11 Delegated authority to the director to submit projects to the NPS, following public presentation of applications and review by the Boating Programs Advisory Committee.	Present the applications to the board in a public meeting in 2012 before submission to the National Park Service.
Item 8: Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program: Review and Approval of Grants for Fiscal Year 2012	APPROVED Resolution 2011-12 Approved funding and ranked list of projects for 2011-13 biennium.	Staff to issue agreements as appropriate.
Item 9: NOVA Program: Review and Approval of Grants for Fiscal Year 2012	APPROVED Resolution 2011-13 Approved funding and ranked list of Education & Enforcement category projects for 2011-13 biennium. APPROVED Resolution 2011-14 Approved funding and ranked list of Nonhighway Road projects for 2011-13 biennium. APPROVED Resolution 2011-15 Approved funding and ranked list of Nonmotorized projects for 2011-13 biennium. APPROVED Resolution 2011-16 Approved funding and ranked list of Off-road Vehicle projects for 2011-13 biennium.	Staff to issue agreements as appropriate.
Item 10: Policy Regarding Eligibility of Recreational Cabins	APPROVED Revised Resolution 2011-17 Clarified policy, making cabins with “simple basic design” eligible in certain grant programs	Staff to incorporate the policy into the next revision of the policy manuals.
Item 11: Policy Regarding Allowable Project Uses	TABLED Resolution 2011-18	Staff to provide matrix of examples to help the board set boundaries of allowable uses versus conversions.
Item 12: Staff Recognition: Greg Lovelady	APPROVED Resolution 2011-19 Approved resolution recognizing the service of Greg Lovelady.	No follow-up actions requested.
Item 16: Conversion Request: Sullivan Park, City of Everett, Project #79-011	APPROVED Resolution 2011-20 Approved the conversion at Sullivan Park and the replacement property.	Staff to proceed with recommendation to the National Park Service.
Item 17: Sponsor Request to Reconsider Agency Termination of Languishing Project, City of Spokane, Project #06-1967 Spokane Whitewater Park	APPROVED Motion Denying the Appeal The board rejected Spokane’s request for the board to overturn the staff decision and issue a time extension.	No follow-up actions requested.

RECREATION AND CONSERVATION FUNDING BOARD SUMMARY MINUTES

Date: June 22, 2011

Place: Room 172, Natural Resources Building, Olympia, WA

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Members Present:

Bill Chapman, Chair	Mercer Island	Stephen Saunders	Designee, Department of Natural Resources
Betsy Bloomfield	Yakima	Don Hoch	Director, State Parks
Harriet Spanel	Bellingham	Dave Brittell	Designee, Department of Fish and Wildlife
Pete Mayer	Vancouver		

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Opening and Management Reports

Chair Bill Chapman called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Staff called roll, and a quorum was determined. Chair Chapman welcomed the newest member of the board –State Parks Director Don Hoch. Member Steven Drew was absent due to a professional commitment in Spokane.

Member Mayer moved to approve the agenda. Member Brittell seconded. The agenda was approved as presented.

Consent Calendar

Director Cottingham noted that State Parks requested an additional three months for the extension for project #06-2073. The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) reviewed Resolution #2011-06, Consent Calendar. The consent calendar included the following:

- a. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – March 31, 2011
- b. Time Extension Requests:
 - Birch Bay Boat Launch Development, State Parks, Project #06-1642D
 - Deception Pass Hoypus Day Use, State Parks, Project #06-2073D (amended to an extension until 3/31/2012)
 - Qwuloolt Estuary Restoration and Interpretive Trail Project, Tulalip Tribe, Project #06-1604D
 - Klickitat Canyon NRCA 2006, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Project #06-1841
 - Washougal Oaks NAP/NRCA 2006, DNR, Project #06-1812
 - Elk River NRCA 2006, DNR, Project #06-1824
- c. Clarification of Grant Maximum for Recreational Trails Program in Resolution 2011-04, Adopted March 31, 2011
- d. Recognition of Volunteers
- e. Cost Increase Request: BISC Pistol Range Upgrade, Bainbridge Island Shooting Club, RCO #07-1236
- f. Successor Organization for Cascade Rifle and Pistol Club
- g. Extension of Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Program Plan

Resolution 2011-06 moved by: Mayer and seconded by: Saunders
Resolution APPROVED

Item 2: Management Report

Director Cottingham noted that Leslie Ryan-Connelly would be completing the operations manual over the next six months. In the fall, staff will provide an update on streamlining the grant application process to eliminate redundancies. She also noted the National Park audit, which the governor recently received. Cottingham explained the agency's approach to reviewing, scoping, and/or implementing the audit's eight recommendations.

Director Cottingham then introduced Scott Chapman, PRISM database manager. Chapman demonstrated a web gateway that will allow better public access to project information. Board member comments focused on preparing the system for use on smart phones, and gathering information from users to improve the system in the future.

Policy Report: Policy Director Steve McLellan noted that staff will be working on the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) and the final report of the Lands Group. Member Mayer encouraged staff to involve stakeholders in the SCORP. He also noted that locals should be involved in the Lands Group process, especially to note the value of the acquisitions and the current inventory. Several board members noted that it is common sense for the state agencies to coordinate in this way, and that the cost and time are worthwhile.

Grant Management Report: Conservation Section Manager Scott Robinson presented information on behalf of both grant sections, as described in the memo. He also provided the following update on the Kah Tai Nature Park:

In March, the board directed staff to recommend a 6(f) boundary to the National Park Service (NPS). Staff members have continued to review the files, and hold meetings internally, with the Attorney General, with the sponsors, and with interested members of the public. Staff will meet with the NPS shortly, and the issue should be resolved by the September meeting.

In response to a question from the chair, Marguerite Austin reported that the Recreational Trails Program received \$2.1 million for federal fiscal year 2011. She also noted state projects that were included in the program's annual report.

Kim Sellers presented an overview West Bay Park, the site of the afternoon tour.

Item 3: Legislative and Budget Update

Policy Director Steve McLellan addressed the legislative session, describing areas of key legislation, as noted in the staff memo. He also noted that a bill to relax deadlines for local entities passed; staff is working to clarify how the adjustments to comprehensive planning and growth management affect grant requirements. McLellan then presented a comparison of the 09-11 and 11-13 operating and capital budgets. There are two more revenue forecasts between now and January 2011; there are likely to be changes in the supplemental budget. He also noted interim work such as reductions to the statutory debt limit, a blue ribbon committee on options to control state debt, lifting the lid on the

fuel tax refund, a transportation funding package, and the initiative addressing toll restrictions, which could restrict the use of NOVA funds.

Deputy Director Rachael Langen addressed the operational impacts of the budget reductions. She noted that a significant portion of operational expenses are paid for from a portion of capital funds. Staff cuts equaled 9.5 FTEs; this is being managed primarily through attrition and reorganization, however, some positions are eliminated. Langen noted that the consortium with PSP will be expanded. Expenditures on equipment also will be reduced. This is a good approach, but leaves little flexibility for the future.

State Agency Partner Reports

Don Hoch, State Parks, noted that their capital budget has gone from \$57.6 in 07-09 to about \$13 million in new funds. They called a meeting with all staff last week, and reorganized the capital program team according to the three regions. This will mean a 21 FTE cut. On the operations side, 18 staff members are affected. The Discover Pass will help, but there will still be a gap. They will survive, and are planning for the future. The license tab contributions are expected to decline.

Stephen Saunders, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), took budget reductions as well, but also will benefit from the Discover Pass and the return of NOVA funds. He noted some significant cuts, including those to the Forest Practices Program and the Natural Heritage Program. The department may not be able to support RCO efforts (e.g., evaluation committees) in the way they have previously. They had some success legislatively, as three bills passed: one related to water transfer, one establishing a community forest trust program; and one authorizing the use of biomass for creating aviation-grade biofuel.

Dave Brittell, Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), noted that they also had major budget cuts. Their biggest initiative was their hunting/fishing fee package. The current 10 percent surcharge had a two-year sunset; it was made permanent, which will help their budget. He noted the good coordination between his agency, DNR, and State Parks on the Discover Pass and distributed a copy of a press release. The hydraulic permit application bill did not pass, but it was a good discussion about policy, practices, and budget. On the federal side, the amount available to WDFW is reduced.

General Public Comment

There was no general public comment.

Board Decisions

Item 4: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Approval of Grants for Fiscal Year 2012

Marguerite Austin, Recreation Section Manager, presented the list of projects to be approved by the board, noted program funding, and explained allocation methodology. The board gave preliminary approval to the projects in October 2010, pending budget. The Legislature provided \$42 million in funding for the program in the 2011-13 biennium. She noted that projects that were not on the LEAP

list approved by the Legislature are not eligible as alternates. She also noted that some projects were not being proposed for funding because they had secured other funds, could not secure match, or had other circumstances that caused the sponsor or staff to remove them from the list.

Public Comment:

Tom Bugert, Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition, thanked the board and staff for their work to preserve funding for the WWRP program, as well as the project evaluation approach. He noted that RCO staff did a great job in providing information to the legislature.

Resolution 2011-07 moved by: Mayer and seconded by: Hoch
Resolution APPROVED

Item 5: Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, Approval of Grants for Fiscal Year 2012

Scott Robinson, Conservation Section Manager, presented the list of projects to be approved by the board. The board gave preliminary approval to the projects in October 2010. The Legislature provided \$6.6 million in funding for the program in the 2011-13 biennium. Five projects were not included in the legislative LEAP list.

Robinson also noted that that one project – Elk River Primitive Boat Launch – was added by the Legislature. RCO and DNR will meet to determine how to manage this project and the match issues related to it. He noted that the draft list had the same line for alternates. Member Saunders noted that DNR is trying to determine how and when they will build the launch, and whether they have funds that could be used as match.

Resolution 2011-08 moved by: Spanel and seconded by: Brittell
Resolution APPROVED

Item 6: Boating Facilities Program, Review and Approval of Grants for Fiscal Year 2012

Myra Barker, Grant Manager, provided an overview of the program, including its goals, funding, eligible project types, and categories. By statute, half of the funding goes to state agencies, and half to local agencies. Myra then provided an overview of the state agency category and two top-ranked projects in the category: Mooring Buoys South Puget Sound Parks (11-1117D) and Lake Sammamish Boat Launch Improvements (11-1112D).

Karl Jacobs, Grant Manager, provided an overview of the local category and two top-ranked projects in the category: Entiat Moorage (11-1064P) and Crow Butte Marina Planning (11-1104P).

Public Comment:

David Vorse, City of Castle Rock, thanked the evaluation committee, acknowledging their time and commitment. He also thanked staff for their contributions and support. He noted that he has been involved in many grant programs, and appreciates the format of having project review and evaluation.

The feedback from evaluators is useful, especially for smaller communities. He also likes the in-person option for those presentations. The city is thankful for the funding and opportunity to provide this asset to the community and state.

**Resolution 2011-09 moved by: Mayer and seconded by: Spanel
Resolution APPROVED**

**Resolution 2011-10 moved by: Saunders and seconded by: Mayer
Resolution APPROVED**

Item 7: Submitting BIG projects to USFWS – Delegating submittal decision to the Director

Marguerite Austin presented information about the program, as noted in the staff memo, and asked the board to delegate authority to the director to submit the lists to the National Park Service.

Director Cottingham noted that there were no applications in the Tier 1 category this year, so the RCO will submit a grant request to update the GIS data for the boating maps. Austin noted that the lack of applications reflects the amount of money available versus the paperwork and restrictions that go with federal grants.

Board members expressed concern about opportunities for public comment under the staff proposal. The resolution was revised to clarify that the projects would be reviewed by the boating programs advisory committee and provided for the board to review the list in a public meeting prior to submission to the USFWS. This board review is likely to occur before the evaluation by the advisory committee, given the USFWS schedule.

**REVISED Resolution 2011-11 moved by: Bloomfield and seconded by: Mayer
Resolution APPROVED 6-0 (Member Saunders was absent for the vote)**

Item 8: Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program: Review and Approval of Grants for Fiscal Year 2012

Sarah Thirtyacre, Grant Manager, provided an overview of the program, including its goals, funding, eligible project types, and categories as described in the memo. She noted the funding available and the total amount requested; the funding included unused funds from previous cycles. She then presented two top-ranked projects in the category: Tri-Cities Shooting Association Shotgun Range Facility (11-1053D) and Renton Fish and Game Club Clubhouse Renovation (11-1174D).

Public Comment

Don LaPlante, Lynden Shotgun Club, thanked the RCO for considering the applications. This funding helps them keep the sport going, including education for youth. Their facility is in poor condition, but their main need was for reliable equipment. As a first-time sponsor, they found the application process to be daunting, but it's a great program overall.

**Resolution 2011-12 moved by: Mayer and seconded by: Saunders
Resolution APPROVED**

Item 9: Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Program: Review and Approval of Grants for Fiscal Year 2012

Greg Lovelady, Grant Services Program Manager, provided an overview of the program, including its goals, funding, eligible project types, and categories as described in memos 9A through 9E. He noted the funding available and the allocation methodology. He also provided information about the purpose and types of projects in each of the four categories: Education & Enforcement, Nonhighway Road, Nonmotorized, and Off-road Vehicle. He also noted the amounts available and requested in each category.

Dan Haws, Grant Manager, presented top-ranked project in each category as follows:

- 11-1007E Capitol Forest Education / Enforcement (Education and Enforcement)
- 11-1109M Cle Elum Frontcountry Maintenance and Operation (Nonhighway road)
- 11-1031M Snoqualmie Unit Trail Maintenance (Nonmotorized)
- 11-1005M Capitol Forest ORV Maintenance and Operation (Off-road vehicle)

Resolution 2011-13 moved by: Brittell and seconded by: Mayer
Resolution APPROVED

Resolution 2011-14 moved by: Spanel and seconded by: Mayer
Resolution APPROVED

Resolution 2011-15 moved by: Bloomfield and seconded by: Hoch
Resolution APPROVED

Resolution 2011-16 moved by: Hoch and seconded by: Mayer
Resolution APPROVED

Item 10: Policy Regarding Eligibility of Recreational Cabins

Dominga Soliz, Policy Specialist, explained that, staff was proposing a policy regarding the types of overnight outdoor recreation facility structures (e.g., cabins) that would be eligible for grant funding. She reviewed the policy, public comments, and staff recommendation, as described in the staff memo. The approved language would be placed in Manual 4 and would be effective upon publication.

The board acknowledged that providing outdoor recreation facility structures with the features noted in the broader proposal could expand the user base for parks and recreation areas. However, they also expressed significant concerns that the broader proposal may not fit with the board's mission related to outdoor recreation and could have unintended consequences.

In particular, the board debated the merits of technology (e.g., the proposal to allow communication utilities such as "wi-fi" as an eligible cost) in outdoor settings, noting that it is difficult to balance outreach to different user groups with the outdoor values of the board. Soliz noted that it also is difficult to distinguish the infrastructure for "wi-fi" from other underground utilities, and presented

the current policy definition of "general utilities." Board members asked staff to consider adding solar panels to this definition.

The board also debated whether the policy should apply to any categories except State Parks, which is the only sponsor that typically asks to build overnight facilities. Members noted that that DNR, WDFW, and local sponsors may have limited use for overnight facilities. Some members noted that some local parks are in very rural areas, while others expressed concern about local parks lacking the capacity to manage overnight structures.

The board also discussed whether kitchenettes should be allowed. Member Hoch noted that having plumbing amenities, especially restrooms, are key to the ability to expand the user base for State Parks. A key consideration was whether certain items were "allowed" versus "eligible for funding;" that is, whether a sponsor could add elements such as furnishings or appliances after construction at their own cost. Soliz noted that under the proposal, non-fixtures such as furnishings or appliances could be added at the sponsor's cost.

The board concluded that a "simple, basic design" could include a toilet, sinks, and general utilities described in Section 2, Eligible Support Elements." The resolution and policy language were amended accordingly in Revised Resolution 2011-17.

Revised Resolution 2011-17 moved by: Brittell and seconded by: Mayer

Chair Chapman moved to strike the Local Parks from the resolution. Brittell seconded. Motion Failed, 1-6, with Brittell, Bloomfield, Spanel, Mayer, Hoch, and Saunders opposing.

Revised Resolution APPROVED

Item 11: Policy Regarding Allowable Project Uses

This discussion was started on June 22 and tabled until June 23. For ease of reading, the full discussion is shown in the minutes of June 23.

Item 12: Staff Recognition: Greg Lovelady

Chair Chapman read the resolution recognizing Greg Lovelady's 37 years of service to the state and RCO. Scott Robinson, Section Manager, spoke about Greg, highlighting his personal and professional contributions to the RCO, board, and state.

Resolution 2011-19 read by Chair Bill Chapman, and approved by signature of all board members.

Project Tour

All of the board members in attendance participated in a tour at West Bay Park, beginning at 4:15 p.m. The meeting recessed for the day at 5 p.m.

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Call to Order

Chair Bill Chapman called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Board Decisions

Item 11: Policy Regarding Allowable Project Uses

Policy Specialist Dominga Soliz reminded the board that they had discussed this proposed policy in March. She stated that clarifying allowable uses will help staff and the funding boards make clear, consistent, and more streamlined decisions. She then explained the policy proposal submitted for public comment, changes made based on public comment, and the staff recommendation as described in the memo. Soliz noted that the intent of the policy was to provide a framework for determining when a use would be allowable versus being considered an impairment that constitutes a conversion. The policy should help define when a use rises to the level of a conversion; there is a continuum of allowable uses to impairments.

The board members discussed the concept of "impairment" at length, in particular whether some impairments should be allowed as long as there is no overall impairment to the project, or whether any impairment should be considered to be a conversion. Members also discussed how the scale, aesthetics, and duration of a use would affect the determination. Member Brittell noted that the process needs to protect the long-term integrity of the projects, but also let the land managers do their jobs. He also suggested that decisions could be made programmatically. Member Mayer suggested that one question would be whether the proposed use is additive to an existing structure or amenity. Member Saunders suggested a distinction between public necessity and public convenience.

Board members also noted that having greater transparency about future project uses at the application phase – which is encouraged by the policy – could affect how projects would score during evaluation.

Board members concluded that they needed more concrete information and examples for their decision making; they wanted to understand what recommendations staff would make about particular uses if the process were used. Chair Chapman suggested that staff develop a matrix of examples of what would or would not be a conversion so that they could define the boundaries. Director Cottingham concurred, suggesting that staff should bring a list of examples of the types of sponsor requests that they grapple with, noting that staff needs the type of process that was proposed. Director Cottingham noted that the matrix would explain existing policies regarding interim uses etc.

Motion to table resolution 2011-18 until the next meeting

moved by: Brittell

and seconded by:

Spanel

Motion APPROVED

Item 16: Conversion Request: Sullivan Park, City of Everett, Project #79-011

Jim Anest, compliance specialist, provided an overview of the conversion policy and the conversion at this park, as described in the staff memo.

Paul Kaftanski, Parks Director, and Paul McKee, Real Property Manager, represented the city of Everett. Kaftanski apologized for the conversion, and presented information about the city's efforts to resolve it. He also presented information about the city's efforts to expand the park and a potential trail around Silver Lake. He noted that although the city did not use the land to remedy the conversion, it demonstrates their commitment to water access in the city.

Member Saunders asked how much of the replacement is wetland and buffers that would be protected; Kaftanski responded that it was about half. The city wants to enhance it by replacing the trees, installing an interpretive boardwalk, and improving the water quality. The work would need to be staged, however, due to cost. Saunders asked what guarantee the city could give that area will be developed into a recreational amenity. Kaftanski said he could not commit to a timeline, but noted that the city has a history of demonstrating commitment to park development.

Member Mayer asked if there was a policy expectation regarding location; Anest noted that it was subjective, but that the National Park Service (NPS) did not require it to be adjacent. Since the park users are regional, the location was deemed reasonable. Mayer asked what the master plan was for the portion of the park where the fire station was place. The city responded that it was envisioned as housing a major aquatics facility in the draft master plan, but the plan was not adopted and the facility will not be in the revised master plan. Anest noted that the converted property was wooded and near a busy road, so the staff conclusion was that it was "reasonably similar in utility" to the use of the converted property at the time of conversion.

Chair Chapman noted that the NPS requires an alternatives analysis, and asked what had been done. Anest noted that they had not explored moving the fire station or road. The city noted that the other available parcels were further away, smaller in size, and being used for other purposes.

Chair Chapman asked if there was any evidence in city records of how staff did not recognize the use of the site of the park. Kaftanski noted that they had asked RCO staff in 2005 if the better parcels around the lake could be used as replacement, but since they already had been purchased, they were ineligible. Everett Fire Chief Everett Gordon noted that he was not part of the administration that built the station, and apologized that he could not answer questions about what the thought process was. He noted that the fire department provided programs and water rescues in the park.

Chair Chapman asked why the city did not change the footprint of the converted property, as suggested by the board in March. Anest noted that, following standard practice, they had included buffers to mitigate the impact of the road (e.g., lights and noise) on the remaining park property, thus providing better protection of the remaining recreational resources.

Member Mayer asked if there was any policy on when the utility being evaluated would be available. Anest responded that it needs to be useful in a reasonable timeframe. Although the site can be improved, it is currently useable with trails, trees, and birdwatching. Leslie Ryan-Connelly provided clarification that the property was not subject to the board policy requiring that acquisitions be developed within five years because the grant funds were not used for acquisition. The property may be subject to NPS rules requiring development within three years.

Member Hoch asked about the safety and security plan for the replacement property. The city responded that as use increases, safety will as well. He acknowledged that there had been problems in the past. He noted it's an evolving issue, and that he can't provide a defined answer because the neighbors and users do not yet have consensus on the right approach. They have cleaned the property since taking possession, instituted random patrols, limbed trees for better vision, and done work to address inappropriate use (e.g., a bike trail).

Chair Chapman asked if a better mitigation would be improvement of an existing parcel, as suggested by citizens. Anest responded that those would not be eligible because they had already been purchased. He noted that the city could have used those properties if they had notified the board in the past before purchasing those properties.

The board noted that it was a true, classic case of a conversion but that the new city administration appears to have been working to remedy it. It acknowledged that the city has done significant work to address the board's questions.

Resolution 2011-20 moved by: Saunders and seconded by: Hoch
Resolution APPROVED

Item 17: Sponsor Request to Reconsider Agency Termination of Languishing Project, City of Spokane, Project #06-1967 Spokane Whitewater Park

Marguerite Austin noted that the background was in the staff memo, and focused her comments on the background of the policy regarding policy implementation. She noted that generally, when staff asks the board to extend a project past four years, they have sufficient information about how soon the project can be completed. In this case, they do not have that comfort level. She then explained that the funds would roll forward to the 2008 list. Member Brittell asked if the projects that would receive funds are ready to proceed. Austin explained that the alternates needed control and tenure, match, and ability to proceed; if not, they are passed over for funding.

Leroy Eadie, City of Spokane Parks and Recreation Director, provided an overview of the project location, benefits, and features. He noted that they redesigned the project to stay out of the fish spawning beds on the north side of the river. He described the users, project impact, and the city's progress to date. A major cause of delay was determining which permits would be needed. He concluded with a proposed timeframe for completing the project by fall of 2012. The city believes that the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will address many of the community concerns.

Member Brittell noted that an EIS takes time, and asked what the timeframe is for the contractor's contract. Eadie replied that the contract is for one year, but that they hope to complete it in 6 months. Member Saunders noted that the timeline presented by the city was off by about 6 months because the city had not yet started the EIS. He did not think that the lease or permits would be approved until after the EIS, so it would be more likely to happen in spring 2012, rather than fall of 2011 as anticipated. He suggested that construction would probably be in summer of 2013 because of in-water work windows. Eadie concurred that unless they make the timelines presented, 2013 would be possible.

Member Spanel asked what work requires a hydraulics permit. Eadie explained that they would be creating an instream structure to create a wave, which changes the hydrology. They have redesigned it to reduce scour behind the wave. In response to a follow-up question, Eadie noted that the project was presented with much enthusiasm and political support, but that the people who proposed it did not recognize the work and time involved in permitting. Member Spanel noted that she expects that the cost will likely be much higher, and she has serious concerns about it going forward. Based on the timeline, it looks like it could be another two to 3 years, and she would prefer to see it proposed when there's good information to help it move forward.

Member Bloomfield asked if the existing fund sources would support the processes until the city could compete in the board's next grant round. Eadie responded that the budget includes funds from RCO, Commerce, and local/private funding, noting that it was possible for these funds to carry them forward, but they would lose momentum.

Member Mayer asked what the demand is for funding in this category (WWRP Water Access). MA responded that it has low funding, and there are few projects. In 2008, they funded about half of the

projects. In 2010, there are only 3 alternates. One challenge is that 75% of the funds have to be for acquisition, so it's challenging to find appropriate pieces of property.

Saunders noted that he likes the vision, the concept, and the enthusiasm, but has to echo Spanel's concerns. The permitting hurdles and aquatic work are too great for the timeline presented; the project would need at least another three years. Hoch agreed, and noted that he does not think they will lose the momentum. Bloomfield agreed; she suggested that the sponsor use the momentum to rally around the EIS and permits, and provide a solid design in a new application process.

Members also noted the need for projects to be ready to go.

Public Comment

Tim Sanger, President of Friends of the Falls, thanked the board and noted that there was broad public support and a lot of momentum. He also noted that part of the project would be to remove the old bridge abutments that are hazards in the river.

Tom Pratt, Friends of the Falls, noted that Washington is concerned with how to proceed with providing recreational value. They think that they have determined the process at this time. They did not think they would need an EIS early on, but now they know that it is important. They are concerned about the environmental issues. They want to increase access to the river and opportunity for these activities. He noted that they are dropping the water only two feet, so the overall appearance will not change.

Motion to deny appeal made by: Spanel and seconded by: Bloomsfield
Motion Approved, 6-1, with Chapman opposing

Board Briefings

Item 13: Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Rory Calhoun, ADA specialist, presented information about the new ADA requirements for projects. His presentation focused on projects such as boat ramps, pools, and playgrounds. He also described the new rules related to power-driven mobility devices, such as Segways and electric scooters. Anyone with a mobility disability can ask to use one where they are allowed. Use can only be denied based on legitimate safety reasons, damage to the environment, damage to historical or cultural resources; regardless, a denial must be defensible. Director Cottingham noted that none of the board's current policies need to be changed to comply with the new rules because they do not specifically prohibit vehicles.

A panel of state agency representatives – Brenda Kane (WDFW), Robert Dengel (DNR), and Al Wolslegel (State Parks) – discussed their agencies' approaches to the new rules.

1. Kane explained that WDFW had set up a process and staff training to ensure that people can request the use. They do not yet have a WAC in place, so it is difficult to enforce a limitation for only those with bona fide mobility disabilities.

2. Wolslegal noted that State Parks has a draft policy, and continues to work with regional staff to finalize it.
3. Dengel stated that they are focusing on non-motorized trails. They are looking at assessment factors regarding the environment, and may not allowing motorcycles, ATVs, and Segways on non-motorized trails. They may have special use permits for other mobility devices.

Cahoun noted that presumptions of speed, noise, and smell likely will not be considered legitimate concerns for denial. However, the rules also do not require agencies to modify projects (e.g., trail width) to accommodate the devices. "Quads" seem to be the area of greatest concern. Mayer asked if there was any guidance for developing an appropriate speed, and if that speed would be carried over to other devices, such as bicycles. Calhoun responded that if you are trying to provide the same access as a pedestrian, then the speed should be similar; however, the rules are too new and have not been tested. Wolslegal said the advice they had been given was that the limit should be no faster than an able-bodied person could walk (i.e., 3-4 miles per hour). Dengel noted that they try for a "reasonable speed" rule to protect the environment, so the "able bodied person" limit could be a challenge for them. Saunders asked what the liability would be to the agencies if there were an injury related to the use of these devices. Rory suggested it would covered by the recreational immunity act.

John Hansen from WDFW presented board-funded projects that his agency has recently completed, emphasizing the ADA features and enhancements. Member Hoch noted that accessible accommodations, such as cabins, could increase the likelihood that people would stay in parks.

Item 14: Sustainability Policy

Steve McLellan, Policy Director, presented the staff recommendation for a sustainability policy and ways to implement the board's request for web and outreach activities, as presented in the staff memo. He asked the board for feedback, noting that staff would take the proposal out for stakeholder comment over the summer. Based on public comment, staff would bring it to the board for a vote in September.

Members offered general comments supporting the proposal, and Director Cottingham noted that in the future, the board may want to recognize the projects with the best sustainable elements in a grant round. Chair Chapman asked that it be added to the plan, and that the agency coordinate with WRPA to implement it. Director Cottingham noted that it could be a feature on the web site. Member Bloomfield asked that the evaluation questions not penalize small projects that can include only one or two sustainability elements (i.e., preclude them from receiving all available points).

Item 15: Fiscal Year 2012 Work Plan for Board

Rebecca Connolly, Performance Manager, presented information about the performance measures presented in the staff memo. She noted that for many of the measures, targets may have been missed but that the work was still being actively managed and completed. Many of the causes for delays or missed targets are outside staff control, and often outside the control of project sponsors. Staff is continuing to improve data systems to get more a more accurate picture of performance and data

that can inform future actions. Chair Chapman noted that he was pleased with the measures and agency performance.

Connolly then provided a short review of the board's work plan in 2011, and introduced a draft work plan for the board in 2012. She asked the board to review the draft, offer comments, and approve the plan so that staff could begin work for the upcoming fiscal year. The board asked for the following changes:

- Add "Finalize allowable uses policy" to the actions under Strategy 1.a.1.
- Add "Communicate and educate the general public and elected officials about what the board does and its programs and accomplishments" to the actions under Strategy 3.a.2

**Motion to approve work plan as amended made by: Saunders and seconded by: Mayer
Motion APPROVED**

Item 18: Preview of Conversion related to SR-520 Construction

Leslie Ryan-Connelly presented a background of the project and an overview of the four proposed conversion areas, as described in the staff memo. She noted that the arboretum mitigation comments included comments about the proposed conversion, and that they show a mix of support and rejection of the proposal. Next steps rest with the Department of Transportation, as it finalizes designs and funding for the project. RCO will continue working on any board concerns and cultural resources. Once it is all completed, staff will bring it back to the board for a vote and recommendation to the National Park Service in the future.

Member Mayer asked what the status is of the FEIS; Leslie responded that it was under review at the federal level. He also asked where the access point would be to the trail. Leslie referred to the map showing trails and streets.

Director Cottingham asked the board to raise any red flags about the replacement property now. In response to a question from Spanel, Leslie noted that the trails still will exist. Mayer suggested that staff be mindful of the various water access points in the area.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Approved by:

Bill Chapman, Chair

Date

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2011-07
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
Final Funding Approval for Fiscal Year 2012 Projects

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) recommended a ranked list of eligible Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) projects to the Governor for inclusion in the 2011-13 State Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS, the 2011-13 Capital Budget includes \$42 million for WWRP; and

WHEREAS, the 2011 Legislature approved projects contained in LEAP Capital Document No. 2011-3A; and

WHEREAS, RCW 79A.15.030 (7) authorizes RCO to use up to three percent (3%) of the WWRP appropriation for administration of the program; and

WHEREAS, the projects in the Riparian category provide habitat benefits for a variety of species, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to for projects that help sustain Washington's biodiversity; protect "listed" species, and maintain fully functioning ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the projects in the Farmland Preservation category meet criteria that demonstrate preference for perpetual easements, thus supporting the board's strategic goal to maximize the useful life of Board-funded projects; and

WHEREAS, the projects in the Habitat Conservation Account (a) address a variety of critical habitat needs, (b) restore existing lands to self-sustaining functionality, (c) protect areas that have retained their natural character and are important in preserving species or features of value, and (d) have been evaluated based on long-term viability, thereby supporting the board's goals to help agencies maximize the useful life of board-funded projects and to fund projects that maintain fully functioning ecosystems, sustain Washington's biodiversity, or protect "listed" species and natural settings; and

WHEREAS, the Outdoor Recreation Account projects involve acquisition, development, and/or renovation of properties for recreation, public access on state lands, trails, and access to water, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide, including bicycling and walking facilities and facilities most conducive to improved health; and

WHEREAS, the evaluation and approval of these projects occurred in open public meetings, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner, and the board's principles to make strategic investments that are guided by community support and established priorities; and

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2011-08
Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account
Final Funding Approval for Fiscal Year 2012 Projects

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) recommended a ranked list of eligible Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) projects to the Governor for inclusion in the 2011-13 State Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS, the 2011 Legislature appropriated \$6.608 million for ALEA and approved projects contained in LEAP Capital Document No. 2011-3B incorporating the board's ranked list of projects and an additional project added by the legislature; and

WHEREAS, approval of these projects supports the board's strategic objective to provide funding to help partners protect, restore; and develop habitat facilities and lands; and

WHEREAS, the projects enhance, improve, or protect aquatic lands and provide public access to such lands and associated waters, thereby supporting the board's strategies to provide partners with funding for both conservation and recreation opportunities statewide,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board hereby approves the ranked list of ALEA projects contained in *LEAP Capital Document No. 2011-3B* and reflected in *Table 1 – ALEA Ranked List of Projects, Fiscal Year 2012*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board hereby approves the funding amounts shown in *Table 1 – ALEA Ranked List of Projects, Fiscal Year 2012*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that beginning immediately the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board authorizes RCO's Director to execute agreements and implement fiscal year 2012 funding.

Resolution moved by: Spanel

Resolution seconded by: Brittell

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: June 22, 2011

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2011-10
Approving Funding for State Fiscal Year 2012
Local Agency Projects in the Boating Facilities Program

WHEREAS, for state fiscal year 2012, nineteen local agency Boating Facilities Program (BFP) projects are eligible for funding; and

WHEREAS, these BFP projects were evaluated using the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (Board) approved and adopted evaluation criteria; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in open public meetings, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, all nineteen BFP program projects meet program requirements as stipulated in *Manual 9: Boating Facilities Program: Policies and Project Selection*, thus supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, there is currently \$4 million available for local category projects in state fiscal year 2012 and \$41,653 in unused funds from previous grant rounds; and

WHEREAS, the projects provide for planning, acquisition, development, and renovation of motorized boating access areas and facilities, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list and funding of projects depicted in *Table 1 – Boating Facilities Program – Local Agency Category, State Fiscal Year 2012*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director be authorized to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation for the funded projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the alternate projects remain eligible for funding until completion of the next grant cycle in this program category.

Resolution moved by: Saunders

Resolution seconded by: Mayer

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: June 22, 2011

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Revised Resolution 2011-11
Boating Infrastructure Grant Program
Delegation of Authority to the Director

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) submits grant applications to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for the Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (BIG); and

WHEREAS, the Boating Programs Advisory Committee reviews these projects to help ensure consistency with the objectives of the Boating Infrastructure Grant Program managed by the USFWS; and

WHEREAS, this assessment by the committee promotes the board's objectives to conduct its work with integrity and in an open manner; and

WHEREAS, the projects must meet the program requirements stipulated in Manual #12, *Boating Infrastructure Grant Program: Policies* and rules established in the *Code of Federal Regulations*, thus supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the review and evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, the board's meeting schedule to consider the committee's results typically conflicts with the deadline for submitting application to the USFWS; and

WHEREAS, the board has previously delegated authority to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) director to submit BIG projects to the USFWS for funding consideration; and

WHEREAS, delegation of authority supports the board's goal to operate efficiently; and

WHEREAS, consideration of these grant awards supports the board's strategy to provide funding to protect, preserve, restore, and enhance recreation opportunities statewide; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the director is authorized to submit Tier 2 applications to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for evaluation and funding consideration after review by the Boating Programs Advisory Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that before submitting the applications for Tier 2 to the USFWS, the director shall present the applications to the board at a regular or special meeting to allow opportunity for public comment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board authorizes the director to submit and execute any and all project agreements and amendments necessary to facilitate implementation of the approved projects.

Resolution moved by: Bloomfield

Resolution seconded by: Mayer

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: June 22, 2011

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2011-13
Approving Funding for State Fiscal Year 2012
Nonhighway and Education and Enforcement Activities Program
Education and Enforcement Category Funding

WHEREAS, the 2011-13 state budget provides funding for the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program (NOVA) program, including \$1,721,921 for the Education and Enforcement category; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Conservation Office's (RCO) staff provided publications, website updates, public workshops, and other outreach opportunities to notify interested parties about the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program (NOVA); and

WHEREAS, twenty-one Education and Enforcement (E&E) projects were submitted for funding consideration; and

WHEREAS, these E&E project applications were evaluated by a committee selected for this purpose, using the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board's (board) adopted criteria; and

WHEREAS, the evaluations occurred in a public meeting, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, all 21 projects meet program criteria, thus supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, the projects support the provision of quality opportunities for NOVA recreationists – opportunities that protect user needs, are environmentally responsible, and minimize conflict between user groups;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board approves the ranked list and funding as shown in *Table 1, Evaluation Ranked List and Funding Recommendations, NOVA Program Education and Enforcement Category, State Fiscal Year 2012*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that RCO's director is authorized to execute project agreements to facilitate prompt project implementation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that that the ranked list of alternate projects will remain eligible for funding until the next NOVA grants cycle.

Resolution moved by: Brittell

Resolution seconded by: Mayer

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: June 22, 2011

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2011-14
Approving Funding for State Fiscal Year 2012
Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program
Nonhighway Road Category Funding

WHEREAS, the 2011-13 state budget provides funding for the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program (NOVA) program, including \$1,205,345 for the Nonhighway Road category; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff provided publications, website updates, public workshops, and other outreach opportunities to notify interested parties about the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program (NOVA); and

WHEREAS, nine Nonhighway Road (NHR) projects were submitted for funding consideration; and

WHEREAS, these NHR project applications were evaluated by a committee selected for this purpose, using the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) adopted criteria; and

WHEREAS, the evaluations occurred in a public meeting, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, all nine projects meet program criteria, thus supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, the projects provide opportunities for recreationists that enjoy such back road oriented activities as nonmotorized boating, camping, driving for pleasure, sightseeing, taking short walks, fishing, gathering, hunting, and picnicking, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board approves the ranked list and funding as shown in *Table 1, Evaluation Ranked List and Funding Recommendations, NOVA Program Nonhighway Road Category, State Fiscal Year 2012*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that RCO's director is authorized to execute project agreements to facilitate prompt project implementation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that that the ranked list of alternate projects will remain eligible for funding until the next NOVA grants cycle.

Resolution moved by: Spanel

Resolution seconded by: Mayer

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: June 22, 2011

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2011-15
Approving Funding for State Fiscal Year 2012
Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program
Nonmotorized Category Funding

WHEREAS, the 2011-13 state budget provides funding for the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program (NOVA) program, including \$1,205,345 for the Nonmotorized category; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff provided publications, website updates, public workshops, and other outreach opportunities to notify interested parties about the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program (NOVA); and

WHEREAS, 28 Nonmotorized (NM) projects were submitted for funding consideration; and

WHEREAS, these NM project applications were evaluated by a committee selected for this purpose, using the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) adopted criteria; and

WHEREAS, the evaluations occurred in a public meeting, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, all 28 projects meet program criteria, thus supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, the projects provide opportunities for recreationists who enjoy nonmotorized trail activities such as horseback riding, hiking, mountain biking, and cross-country skiing.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board approves the ranked list and funding as shown in *Table 1, Evaluation Ranked List and Funding Recommendations, NOVA Program Nonmotorized Category, State Fiscal Year 2012*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that RCO's director is authorized to execute project agreements to facilitate prompt project implementation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that that the ranked list of alternate projects will remain eligible for funding until the next NOVA grants cycle.

Resolution moved by: Bloomfield

Resolution seconded by: Hoch

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: June 22, 2011

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2011-16
Approving Funding for State Fiscal Year 2012
Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program
Off-Road Vehicle Category Funding

WHEREAS, the 2011-13 state budget provides funding for the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program (NOVA) program, including \$1,205,345 for the Off-Road Vehicle category; and

WHEREAS, the 2011-13 state budget provides funding for the NOVA program Off-Road Vehicle through permit fees, totaling \$2,721,200; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff provided publications, website updates, public workshops, and other outreach opportunities to notify interested parties about the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program (NOVA); and

WHEREAS, 30 Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) projects were submitted for funding consideration; and

WHEREAS, these ORV project applications were evaluated by a committee selected for this purpose, using the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) adopted criteria; and

WHEREAS, the evaluations occurred in a public meeting, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, all 30 projects meet program criteria, thus supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, the projects provide opportunities for recreationists who enjoy motorized off-road activities, including motorcycling and riding all-terrain and four-wheel drive vehicles on trails and in competition sport parks;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board approves the ranked list and funding as shown in *Table 1, Evaluation Ranked List and Funding Recommendations, NOVA Program Off-Road Vehicle Category, State Fiscal Year 2012*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that RCO's director is authorized to execute project agreements to facilitate prompt project implementation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that that the ranked list of alternate projects will remain eligible for funding until the 2012 NOVA grants cycle.

Resolution moved by: Hoch

Resolution seconded by: Mayer

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: June 22, 2011

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Revised Resolution #2011-17

Approving Policy Regarding Eligibility of Overnight Recreational Facility Structures

WHEREAS, recipients of grant funds have asked Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) to make determinations regarding whether certain uses are reimbursable program costs; and

WHEREAS, RCO staff have responded to these inquiries by clarifying policy regarding eligibility of overnight recreational facility structures; and

WHEREAS, the policy will make overnight recreational facility structures of simple, basic design eligible for reimbursement in the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and in the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) Local Parks, State Parks and State Lands Development and Renovation categories; and

WHEREAS, the policy was published for 30-day public review, thereby supporting the board's goal to perform its work to assist grant recipients in providing outdoor recreation opportunities;

WHEREAS, clarifying these policies supports the board's strategy to develop strategic investment policies and plans so that projects selected for funding meet the state's recreation and conservation needs; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board adopts the policy intent as follows *"Stand-alone overnight recreational facility structures (such as cabins, yurts and bunkhouses) of simple, basic design are eligible for reimbursement in some grant programs and categories if they are used for the purpose of supporting outdoor recreation and are available to the general public in an equitable manner. A simple, basic design can include a toilet, sinks, and general utilities described in Section 2, Eligible Support Elements. Overnight recreational facility structures exceeding 500 square feet or intended for uses other than recreational rental unit uses (for example, leasing, housing, office/meeting room uses) are not eligible for reimbursement. Overnight recreational facility structures that exceed a simple, basic design (for example, more than 500 square feet) will not be reimbursed. Appliances, furniture, furnishings and other non-fixtures are not eligible for reimbursement."*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that structures are eligible only in Land and Water Conservation Fund, Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program State, Local Parks, and State Lands Development and Renovation categories; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board directs RCO staff to incorporate these policy statements into the applicable manuals for the with language that reflects the policy intent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these policies shall be effective upon adoption by the board.

Resolution moved by: Brittell

Resolution seconded by: Mayer

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: June 22, 2011

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2011-18
Approving New Policy Regarding Allowable Project Uses

WHEREAS, recipients of grant funds frequently ask Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) to make determinations regarding whether certain uses are permitted on grant-funded land and facilities; and

WHEREAS, RCO staff currently has no policy or standard practice for determining whether certain uses are permitted on grant-funded land and facilities; and

WHEREAS, governing statutes and rules state that grant-funded land and facilities may not, without prior approval of the board, be converted to a use other than that for which funds were originally approved; and

WHEREAS, allowable uses grant-funded land and facilities are distinguished from those eligible for reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, RCO staff have responded to these inquiries by developing a proposed new policy regarding allowable uses of grant-funded land and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the policy will help staff make clear, consistent, and more streamlined decisions about how to determine whether certain uses are consistent with the grant funding; and

WHEREAS, this policy is critical to ensuring that the board investments are maintained, and that the statutory intent of the programs is upheld; and

WHEREAS, this policy will clarify, rather than expand, already-existing policy; and

WHEREAS, evaluating allowable uses is an integral part of the RCO's compliance policy, which the board has established as a priority in its annual work plan; and

WHEREAS, the policy was published for 30-day public review, thereby supporting the board's goal to perform its work in an open manner;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board adopts the policy intent as presented June 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board directs RCO staff to incorporate these policy statements into the applicable manuals with language that reflects the policy intent.

Resolution moved by: _____

Resolution seconded by: _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: June 22, 2011

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2011-19

A Resolution to Recognize the Service of Greg Lovelady To the Residents of
Washington State and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

WHEREAS, Greg W. Lovelady has worked for the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) and its predecessor Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) since November 1974 and had announced that he will retire on July 31, 2011, after nearly 37 years of service; and

WHEREAS, during his career with RCO, Mr. Lovelady has capably performed such varied work as managing all terrain vehicle projects (which included riding the agency's motorcycle in the backcountry), directing recreational planning efforts for the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, supporting local agency planning, and developing the agency capital budget; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lovelady served as the Off-road Vehicle (later Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities) Coordinator for many years, overseeing program planning, policy development, grant manual and evaluation question development, and project management; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lovelady has provided significant and expert advice to applicants and sponsors alike, and has witnessed the approval of over 500 projects for trail users in the Recreational Trails Program totaling more than \$46 million and more than 1,100 projects in the Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities program totaling more than \$101 million; and

WHEREAS, since 1998, he has skillfully represented the RCO in the Washington State Trails Coalition and the Washington State Trails Conference, supporting the effort to further a statewide system of trails through voluntary and public involvement and in cooperation with landowners and land managers; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board and its predecessor held 138 meetings during his tenure, and his participation greatly enhanced the board's ability to make informed decisions through his knowledge, attention to detail, and talent for sharing necessary information; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lovelady is known for his professionalism, unflappable demeanor, commitment to service, diplomacy, and communication among citizen groups, nonprofit organizations, Native American tribes, local and state agencies, and his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Greg W. Lovelady represents the best in state service and demonstrates a peerless commitment to dependable, thoughtful and thorough analysis, delivered with a pencil in hand, as well as good humor and grace; and

WHEREAS, Greg W. Lovelady -- a supervisor, a mentor, and a friend -- will be deeply missed;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the residents of Washington State and in recognition of Mr. Lovelady's dedication and excellence in performing his responsibilities, the board and its staff extend their sincere appreciation and compliments for a job well done.

Approved by Signature of the Members of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
in Olympia, Washington on June 22, 2011

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution 2011-20
Approving Conversion for Sullivan Park in Everett (RCO #79-011D)

WHEREAS, the city of Everett (city) used a grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) to enhance water-oriented recreation activities at Sullivan Park; and

WHEREAS, the city permitted conversion of a portion of the property to a fire station and access road; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this conversion, a portion of the property no longer satisfies the conditions of the RCO grant; and

WHEREAS, the city is asking for Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) approval to replace the converted property with property purchased under a waiver of retroactivity in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the proposed replacement property is in close proximity to the conversion site, is linked to the conversion site by a region-wide pedestrian/bicycle trail, has an appraised value that is greater than the conversion site, and is approximately twice the size of the conversion site; and

WHEREAS, the site will provide opportunities that closely match those displaced by the conversion and will expand the city's park system in an area that had been identified in its comprehensive plan as needing additional recreation opportunities, thereby supporting the board's goals to provide funding for projects that result in public outdoor recreation purposes and the expansion of trails; and

WHEREAS, the sponsor sought public comment on the conversion thereby supporting the board's strategy to regularly seek public feedback in policy and funding decisions;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Recreation and Conservation Funding Board approves the conversion request and the proposed replacement site for RCO Project #79-011 Sullivan Park as presented to the board on June 24, 2011 and set forth in the board memo prepared for that meeting; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board hereby authorizes the RCO director to give interim approval for the properties acquired with LWCF funds and forward the conversion to the National Park Service (NPS) for final approval.

Resolution moved by: Saunders

Resolution seconded by: Hoch

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: June 22, 2011