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13th Street Plaza Mitigation Project [PW]

Since 2010, the city has performed various record and site investigations to support a Voluntary Clean Up Program application to the Colorado Department of Health and Environment (CDPHE), which was approved on Oct. 22, 2013. Remediation activities were initiated on Jan. 28, 2014 and continued through the completion of backfilling efforts on April 17, 2014. The city is continuing with pilot studies to determine the effectiveness of in-situ remediation and is seeking reimbursement from other responsible parties.

Enhancements and Related Ordinance Changes Affiliated with the Voice & Sight Dog Tag Program [OSMP]

Revisions to the Voice and Sight Tag Program go into effect on Jan. 1, 2015. The primary focus of the program in Q1 of 2015 will be the education, outreach and enforcement of the new program requirements. Throughout the year, staff will present an education class for new and renewing program participants, implement additional education strategies, and collect first year compliance data.

Urban Wildlife Issues [CP&S]

The City Council accepted the Black Bear and Mountain Lion Component of the Urban Wildlife Management Plan (UWMP), which included strategies to minimize human-wildlife conflicts and increase public awareness about how to better coexist with these animals. The city has taken an adaptive management approach to address trash, the primary urban attractant for black bears. In 2014, council accepted an ordinance to secure trash and compost from bears in the western parts of the city. Implementation of the new ordinance is occurring in three phases. The phased approach identifies two sub-areas, or zones within the entire Regulation Zone west of Broadway, south of Sumac and south to the city limits. The first implementation area is the highest priority for securing waste from bears and includes properties with trash pick-up in alleys (Zone I). The second implementation area includes the remainder of the properties in the Regulation Zone (Zone II).

The phased approach includes the following locations, waste containers, and timeline:

- **Phase I-** single family residences in Zone I effective Oct. 1, 2014
- **Phase II-** commercial and multifamily units (dumpsters) in Zone I and single family residences in Zone II effective June 15, 2015
- **Phase III-** commercial and multifamily units (dumpsters) in Zone II effective date to be determined

Valmont Butte [PW]

The Valmont Butte Voluntary Clean Up Program is complete, with a No Action Determination (NAD) approval received from the CDPHE on Feb. 24, 2014. Amended environmental covenants were signed on May 12, 2014 for the residual contaminant levels on the property at the consolidated tailings pile and the historic mill buildings. The city is examining annexation of the Valmont Butte property with a redesignation of land use from “commercial/light industrial” to “public.” The intent is to continue the historical designation of the mill buildings, expand the preservation area to include the 12 acres of undisturbed historic areas, and keep the remaining 25 acres available for a future, low-impact city use such as material/equipment storage and renewable energy production, as well as the existing radio communications use. Staff will be meeting with Boulder County land use staff to discuss the proposed

annexation of the Valmont Butte property and will convene a community open house. Future uses at Valmont Butte will also inform the Municipal Service Center (Yards) Master Plan Update.

Zero Waste Strategic Plan Update [CP&S]

The Zero Waste Strategic Plan (ZWSP) will guide future decision-making on reuse, recycling and composting policies, programs and funding. The ZWSP describes the community's shared vision for zero waste; identifies goals and strategies to reach zero waste; describes the roles of the city and its community partners in achieving this vision; and includes a trash tax investment strategy with metrics to measure cost-effectiveness and progress. Council will consider a draft ZWSP during the first quarter of 2015 along with options for zero waste ordinance(s) to carry out the plan.

Color Coding:

CP&S – Community Planning and Sustainability

OSMP - Open Space and Mountain Parks

PW - Public Works