

Prairie Dog Working Group (PDWG)
Phase 2 Process Proposal
October 30, 2017
December 2017 through May 2018

Phase 2 Objectives

- Agree on an overall prairie dog management goal(s) for the City of Boulder based on agreed upon guiding principles
- Identify associated changes to plans and policies needed to achieve management goal
- Recommend goal(s) and associated changes to plans and policies to the City Manager

Step 1: Agree on Guiding Principles and Values (One Meeting)

- PDWG members brainstorm guiding principles for future management goals (e.g., different priorities in different areas of OSMP lands, science-based decisions, minimization of lethal control, etc.)
- The PDWG will identify values or considerations that need to be addressed as part of any goal discussion (e.g., impacts to prairie dogs, impacts to grasslands, impacts to agriculture, etc.).
- PDWG members discuss which principles they can support and which they feel would be better addressed through the goal discussion and/or the plans/policies discussion.
- PDWG members agree on a set of guiding principles to frame discussion on goals.
- PDWG member will agree on which values or considerations should be addressed in goal discussions.

Step 2: Agree on an Overall Prairie Dog Management Goal for the City (Three Meetings)

- The PDWG will review the existing goal statements that exist in current City plans and policies.
- Individually or in small teams (based on preference), PDWG members may propose a new overall prairie dog management goal for the Working Group to consider. No one is obligated to propose a goal, but any member of the Working Group may do so. All goal proposals will include how they are expected to impact the identified values or considerations from the previous discussion.
- The PDWG will discuss the various proposals and their respective benefits and challenges.
- The PDWG will agree on one or more goals to present to the City Manager.
- Schedule:
 - Meeting 1: Review of existing goals; presentations of proposals
 - Meeting 2: Discussion of proposals
 - Meeting 3: Agreement on one or more goals

Step 3: Explore Needed Changes to Plans and Policies to Reflect Agreed-upon Goal(s) (Two Meetings)

- For each agreed-upon goal, the PDWG will discuss what, if any, changes are needed to existing plans and policies to ensure consistent implement of the goal.
- For each agreed-upon goal, the PDWG will agree on a package of associated changes to plans and policies to recommend to the City Manager.
- *Note: This step may require small groups to work outside full PDWG meetings to identify changes to plans and policies to share with the Working Group.*