

**CLEAR CREEK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM**

FOR MARCH 1, 2022 @ 9:30am

Title: Consideration to allow staff to move forward with the draft MOU for the Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health Partnership

Executive Summary:

The Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health Partnership draft MOU is a non-binding agreement that lays out a framework for how the entities will collaboratively work to address wildfire risk and mitigation efforts in the Clear Creek watershed. The group has been meeting together for over a year and have started 2 forest mitigation projects with the Clear Creek Fire Authority and a stream restoration project in Gilpin County. The group has also been awarded funding from the Colorado Water Conservation Board that will further help in the planning/implementation of mitigation projects identified in the Upper Clear Creek Pre-Wildfire Planning Study completed by Matrix in December 2020.

Finalizing this MOU is a step in participating in this process and will show Clear Creek County's commitment. By collaboratively working together, the goal is to create the most effective and impactful way to address the complex and landscape scale issues of wildfire mitigation in the Clear Creek watershed. The Partnership is planning to be an affiliate organization of Coalitions and Collaboratives (COCO).

CCC is currently listed as a signing party in this MOU. Per section 7.3 of the MOU, it will not go into effect until the last original member has signed.

→ Staff is requesting approval from the Board to include CCC as a signature on the draft MOU.

Length of time expected for presentation & discussion: 10 - 15 minutes

Presenter(s) name(s) and title: Suzanne Boccia, Director of Emergency Management (representing CCC in the CC Watershed & and Forest Health Partnership) and Lisa Leben, Special Projects Manager

Financial considerations: None – the contract is a non-binding agreement