



MONTANA STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date:

Agenda Item: Approval of Parks Budget and Legislative Proposals

Division: Director's Office

Action Needed: Information

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 15 minutes

Background (Brief description of the issue, decision to be made, history, etc.):

Montana statutes delegate authority to the Parks Board to review and approve the Park Division's budget prior to submission to the Governor. Statutes also give the Board authority to establish policy direction for the agency, which includes direction regarding legislative proposals. FWP addresses these obligations by reviewing broad fiscal and legislative priorities with the Board early in the executive planning process and presenting requests for new work and for legislative proposals in July for final approval.

Public Involvement Process & Results (Brief description of the type of public involvement and summary of what we heard from the public):

No formal public process is undertaken directly related to the budget detail or the legislative proposals. However, the broad priorities that give direction to the budget detail and the proposed legislation are based on our ongoing dialogue with constituents. The public is also afforded the opportunity to comment on budget and legislative proposals through the Board meeting process.

Alternatives and Analysis (Brief description of alternative solutions with analysis of the pros and cons of each):

The Board can approve or suggest modifications to Park's budget and legislative proposals. The budget proposals reflect a careful balancing of revenue projections with the need to address the agency's priorities and the Governor's Office direction. This budget reflects FWP's plan to balance expenditures with revenues while sustaining positive fund balances through FY19. Adding proposals to the budget request could reduce the fund balances faster than planned; eliminating any of the proposals could extend the current fund balances further into the future.

Agency Recommendation and Rationale (Brief description of our recommendation to the Board and the reasons for it):

This is an informational presentation. We will provide the Board with the final submission following the September 1 deadline.

Proposed Motion (Draft language the Board could use to adopt the agency recommendation):

N/A.