**Center for Collaborative Conservation (CCC) Practice Program Advisory Team**

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**Team Purpose and Role:**

The CCC Practice Program Advisory Team (PPAT) is comprised of individuals from the conservation community who are willing to act as advisors to the CCC’s Practice Program staff. Team members are volunteers who will advise and guide the development of and assist in the implementation of the Practitioner Program. Team members may also choose to play active roles in components of the Practice Program.

Specifically, in 2019 we anticipate the PPAT will play the following roles:

1. Advise, liaise and communicate with the CCC Director, CCC Executive Committee and CBCC Network;
2. Provide guidance, critical thinking and problem solving as Practice Program activities develop,
3. Help the Practice Program adapt to the new CCC policy directions and changes following the appointment of a new CCC Director;
4. Support for the Practice Program as follows
	1. Use CRAFT and promote CRAFT to conservation practitioners across the region,
	2. Identify possible pilot project locations, partners and resources to support the development of the Western Rangelands Conservation Fund,
	3. In coordination with and invitation from the CBCC Network
		1. Use the template brochure, poster and PPT to promote the CBCC Network across the region, and
		2. Participate in activities and build partners and resources to support the CBCC Network.

**Team Membership:**

The Team will join CCC Practice Program staff and will have representation from:

1. The CCC’s Executive Committee, and
2. Leaders from key collaborative conservation initiatives in Colorado, representing groups working in the following areas; watersheds, water and riparian systems, forests, rangeland and ranching, and wildlife, and
3. Leaders from long-time established collaboratives across the American West, conservation organizations that operate at regional and large scales as bridging and umbrella organizations providing support for collaboratives initiatives, and organizations that provide policy and funding support to conservation efforts.

**Team Meetings:**

The Team will meet approximately 4 times a year. Meetings will be timed to coincide with the most critical decision times in the Practice Program work plan. Meetings will also be aligned as much as possible with other CCC activities. Meetings will be hosted mostly at CSU and maybe held at other venues from time to time close to a Team member’s location. Light refreshments will be provided by the CCC at each meeting. Remote connections will be provided for ease of member participation.

Heather Knight will provide informational updates to Team members between meetings as well as background materials for each meeting at least 1 week prior to each meeting via electronic mail. Meetings will be designed to be efficient and effective and focused on decision-making and action rather than updates. Hence it will be important for Team members to review relevant meeting materials prior to each meeting in order to be up to date and ready to interact at each meeting. For those unable to attend meetings, Heather Knight will contact Team members prior to each meeting to gather their input.

Heather Knight and or Executive Committee members will facilitate each meeting. Meeting notes will be taken and distributed electronically following each meeting.

**Team Decision Making:**

Team members will provide advice and guidance based on their collective experience and knowledge. Team members will represent the perspectives of the conservation initiative or organization they represent. All points of view will be listened to and given full, respectful, and fair consideration. The facilitator will invite all Team members to equally share their comments, ask questions and voice suggestions on agenda items.

Team members will be asked to indicate their level of support/agreement on agenda items. The goal of the Team will be to through discussion reach a level of agreement whereby all Team members are at between 1 and 3 on an agreement scale; using a scale of 1 to 5; where 5 represents disagreement, 3 is neutral, and 1 is in full agreement.

**Team Member List:**

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