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STAFF REPORT

TO: Bentley Henderson
FROM: Christine Zenel, Resource Specialist & Danelle Cook, Planner II, Town of Silverthorne
DATE: October 13, 2021
FOR: October 26, 2021 Consent Agenda
REQUEST: Approval exercise Option Agreement to acquire the London Placer (Lower Blue Basin)

The OSAC made a unanimous recommendation at their September 2021 meeting that the County pursue joint acquisition with the Town of Silverthorne of a parcel offered by Summit Habitat for Humanity. (Lower Blue Basin, see attached map.)

Schedule No. 3900038: Willow Creek Placer MS# 1259

Total Acres: 1.09 acres

Owner: Summit Habitat for Humanity

Cost: \$10,000

April-Dawn Knudsen, Executive Director at Summit Habitat for Humanity, proposed to sell this property for open space acquisition to the Town of Silverthorne (the Town). The property is located in Unincorporated Summit County, just west of Villa Sierra Madre II, adjacent to the Town's boundary. The OSAC unanimously recommended jointly purchasing this property with the Town.

Open Space Selection Criteria

- Access: The property will enable neighborhood-to-neighborhood connectivity and multi-modal transportation options for residents.
- Recreational: The property will provide the unique opportunity of expanding the Silverthorne Loop Trail, a recreational experience that will encompass all of the Town of Silverthorne.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION/REQUEST: Staff concurs with the OSAC's recommendation to pursue joint acquisition of the Habitat for Humanity parcel at a cost of \$10,000 to the Open Space Fund, with the Town of Silverthorne covering 50% of that cost. Staff requests BOCC approval to exercise the Option Agreement and move forward with closing in December 2021.

Cc: Scott Vargo, Jeff Huntley, Jim Curnutte