

ITEM 5:

Consider project evaluation reports for the Avalon Phase II, Carter Quail Ranch, Creek Ranch, Floyd’s Mound, Quail Creek Ranch, and Williamson Cattle Company 2023 Cycle 1 Florida Forever proposals.

DSL STAFF REMARKS:

On December 9, 2022, ARC voted to move the Avalon Phase II, Carter Quail Ranch, Creek Ranch, Floyd’s Mound, Owen Creek Highlands, Quail Creek Ranch, and Williamson Cattle Company 2023 Cycle 1 Florida Forever proposals on for more detailed review. The Owen Creek Highlands landowner subsequently requested that the project be deferred. The Division of State Lands (DSL) with input from partner agencies has prepared evaluation reports. These reports are included as backup to this item.

Public notice was posted for receiving public testimony on the 2023 Cycle 1 proposals approved by ARC in December. The DSL held public hearings on March 13, March 14, and preceding this item at the April 14, 2023, ARC meeting. The public notices were posted in the Florida Administrative Register, West Volusia Beacon, The Ledger, Wauchula Herald Advocate, Lake Okeechobee News, Jefferson County Journal, Madison County Carrier and floridapublicnotices.com.

Proposal	Acres	Acquisition Type	County	Prospective Manager
Avalon Phase II	1,384	Less-Than-Fee	Jefferson	DSL
Carter Quail Ranch	1,344	Fee Simple	Volusia	Volusia County
Creek Ranch	1,295	Fee Simple	Polk	FWC
Floyd’s Mound	40	Less-Than-Fee	Madison	DSL
Quail Creek Ranch	2,698	Less-Than-Fee	Hardee	DSL
Williamson Cattle Company	7,419	Less-Than-Fee	Okeechobee	DSL

DSL STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the project evaluation reports.

ARC RECOMMENDATION:

- APPROVE**
- APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS:** _____
- DEFER**
- WITHDRAW**
- NOT APPROVE**
- OTHER:** _____