

**ITEM 6:**

Vote on whether to add six 2023 Cycle 1 Florida Forever proposals to the 2024 Florida Forever Priority List.

**DSL STAFF REMARKS:**

In October 2022, the Division of State Lands (DSL) received Florida Forever project proposals for Avalon Phase II, Carter Quail Ranch, Creek Ranch, Floyd's Mound, Owen Creek Highlands, Quail Creek Ranch, and Williamson Cattle Company. Council members and staff reviewed the applications and the Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI) preliminary resource evaluation and heard public testimony at the December 8, 2022, public hearing. ARC voted to move all seven proposals to full review on December 9, 2022. The Owen Creek Highlands landowner subsequently requested that the project be deferred.

The Florida Forever assessment team visited each of the proposals in January and February of 2023. The DSL staff then prepared project evaluation reports based on the information provided by the ARC member agencies, FNAI and other agency contributors. Regional public hearings on the proposals were held on March 13, March 14, and April 14, 2023. The meeting summaries for the March regional hearings are provided in Item 2.

<b>PROPOSAL</b>	<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>ACRES</b>
Avalon Phase II	Jefferson	Critical Natural Lands	1,384
Carter Quail Ranch	Volusia	Partnerships and Regional Incentives	1,344
Creek Ranch	Polk	Critical Natural Lands	1,295
Floyd's Mound	Madison	Critical Historical Resources	40
Quail Creek Ranch	Hardee	Less-Than-Fee	2,698
Williamson Cattle Company	Okeechobee	Less-Than-Fee	7,419

**DSL STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Vote on the proposals to be added as projects to the 2024 Florida Forever priority list.

Consider, if approved by a roll call vote as a Florida Forever project, adding the Avalon Phase II less-than-fee project to the Avalon Florida Forever project boundary by a second roll call vote of ARC.

Consider, if approved by a roll call vote as a Florida Forever project, adding the Carter Quail Ranch fee project to the Volusia Conservation Corridor Florida Forever project boundary by a second roll call vote of ARC.

Consider, if approved by a roll call vote as a Florida Forever project, adding the Creek Ranch fee project to Lake Hatchineha Watershed Florida Forever project boundary by a second roll call vote of ARC.

Consider, if approved by a roll call vote as a Florida Forever project adding the Quail Creek Ranch less-than-fee project to the Myakka Ranchlands Florida Forever Project by a second roll call vote of ARC.

**ARC RECOMMENDATION:**

Vote to approve the Florida Forever project proposals.

<b>Project</b>	<b>DHR</b>	<b>FFS</b>	<b>Lynetta Griner</b>	<b>DEP</b>	<b>FWC</b>	<b>Bill Palmer</b>	<b>Elva Peppers</b>	<b>Selected</b>
Avalon Phase II								
Carter Quail Ranch								
Creek Ranch								
Floyd's Mound								
Quail Creek Ranch								
Williamson Cattle Company								

Vote to amend existing Florida Forever Project boundaries to include new project lands.

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Avalon: Avalon Phase II								
Volusia Conservation Corridor: Carter Quail Ranch								
Lake Hatchineha Watershed: Creek Ranch								
Myakka Ranchlands: Quail Creek Ranch								