

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Honorable Chair and Members of the Board of County Commissioners  
**FROM:** Joe Kerby, County Manager  
**RE:** Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Jefferson Conservation District (JCD) for operational support - Parks & Conservation  
**Date:** 5/13/2025

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**Staff Recommendation:**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has received the recommendation made by staff for Jefferson County Parks & Conservation to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Jefferson Conservation District (JCD) for operational support for the Jefferson County Sustainable Lands and Safer Homes (SLASH) Biomass Recycling Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board 1) authorizes the Chair of the Board to execute an IGA with JCD; 2) authorizes other terms and conditions for this obligation as deemed necessary by the Jefferson County Parks & Conservation Department and the County Attorney's Office.

**Resolution No: CC25-127**

**Background:**

In 2022, the SLASH Program partnered with JCD, a Title 32 special district, to support residential slash drop-off days. At that time, all proceeds from the drop-off days were retained by JCD, and no financial exchange was required between the parties. The establishment of the Tincup Slash Yard in 2024 combined with a significant increase in biomass volume, from 6.9 million pounds in 2021 to 9.5 million pounds in 2024, exceeded the SLASH Program's processing and removal capacity. Additionally, in the last three years, the program has experienced an increase in drop-off days, from 44 to 122, an increase of 177%.

As wildfire events continue to escalate nationwide, the demand for residential fire mitigation grows here in Jefferson County. To remain responsive to this critical need, the SLASH Program needs to scale its efforts to meet the community's needs, provide uninterrupted services, and ensure public safety.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$76,600 from Parks & Conservation's allocation of the Rescue Plan Project Fund that was approved in the 2025 budget.

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