

Boulder farmers criticize ‘rushed, incomplete’ plan to phase out GMO crops

[In March, Boulder County, CO Commissioners [decided to ban cultivation of GMO crops](#) on county-owned farmland. The following is an excerpt from an Opinion column by two Boulder County farmers who object to the way plans to transition away from GMO crops are being handled.]

...[W]hy are the county commissioners committed to drastically rushing the process of creating a plan to transition county agricultural land out of GMO production? Why has Rodale Institute, an organization in Pennsylvania with no experience farming in Colorado’s climate, been pre-emptively identified as a partner in the transition plan — to the tune of \$500,000 per year — in what so far looks to be a sole-source, no-bid contract?

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The [Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee \(POSAC\) met Oct. 27](#) to review the Draft Transition Plan in its current form and listen to public comment. POSAC concluded that the draft plan was woefully incomplete....

POSAC is scheduled to hold a vote on the Draft Transition Plan on Nov. 17, and the commissioners are scheduled to make their final decision on Nov. 30. ... Instead of this slap-dash approach, POSAC has asked if county staff could take a few months to work with community stakeholders....

It seems like a reasonable request, right? But the commissioners have chosen to ignore the advice of their own advisory committee, stating that the public hearing and final vote on the transition-plan-that-isn’t-really-a-plan will go forward as planned on Nov. 30.

The GLP aggregated and excerpted this blog/article to reflect the diversity of news, opinion and analysis. Read full, original post: [John Schlagel and Jason Condon: Commissioners’ rushed plan jeopardizes open space](#)