

Volunteer Report

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting
December 5, 2017

November 2017 Highlights

- Washoe County organized another perfectly timed planting and re-seeding project in an effort to restore the Little Valley Fire burn area. The volunteer day was the result of a partnership with Nevada Land Trust, Nevada Division of Forestry, Nevada Department of Wildlife, and a dozen enthusiastic volunteers from Charles River Laboratories. Over 250 Ponderosa Pines and bitterbrush seedlings were planted, and dozens of pounds of a native seed mix was spread. Our two recent planting events in Washoe Valley have fallen on sunny days sandwiched between storms. We would like to continue with these successful fall plantings, but it will depend on what weather will allow.
- Brayden Fiorillo, along with Boy Scout Troop 15, cleaned and painted the McCarran tunnel at Rancho San Rafael Park, including a “Home Means Nevada” mural at the entrance. The tunnel has been a target of very frequent graffiti lately, and the attractive mural is intended to help deter continued vandalism. The project also included weeding and minor trail work. Overall, 120 hours of hard work were spent completing the project.
- Rancho San Rafael’s 11th annual “Meet the Turkeys” took place on Saturday, November 18th. In addition to the hard work of Parks staff, member from UNR’s Theta Chi fraternity were on hand before and after the event to help clean, setup, and takedown – and additional volunteers from the May Arboretum Society, Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation, Discovery Room Volunteers, Urban Roots and more were on hand with child friendly arts and crafts for families to enjoy between taking pictures with the turkeys.

November Volunteer Hours/Value:

- Due to new earlier report deadlines and the Thanksgiving holiday, this report only reflects November 1-18, compared to the entire month of November in 2016.
- Numbers were larger in 2016 due to a very large seedling planting in the Caughlin Fire area, and two large Eagle Scout projects.
- The Arboretum now has a Job Corp intern working 32 hours per week.

	November 2017	November 2016	% Increase	Total for YTD 2017	Compared to YTD 2016	% Increase
# of Volunteer Hrs	842	1,667.75	-49.50%	16,713.25	19,413.75	-13.9%
# of Intern Hrs	146.5	30.5	380.3%	1,190.75	2,018.75	-41.0%
Total \$\$\$ Value*	\$23,862.39	\$40,010.77	-40.4%	\$432,202.56	\$504,949.70	-14.4%

*The hourly rate of \$24.14 used for calculating the dollar value is based on the estimated national value of volunteer time as reported by www.independentsector.org.