



Park Planning and Development

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2020



PLANNING HIGHLIGHTS

- Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant pre-applications were submitted for two projects: 1.) Sierra Front Trail Planning: Funding would help cover the costs of route planning, required natural resource surveys, and preparation of an environmental assessment for up to 13.5 miles of new proposed trail that would connect the Ballardini Ranch Trailhead to the Michael D. Thompson (Hunter Creek) Trailhead. This is a partnership project with the Forest Service. 2.) Washoe County Trail Maintenance and Restoration: Funding would help cover the costs of trail maintenance and restoration of previous year's flood damage on several Washoe County managed trails in south Reno. Trails include Galena Creek, Lower Whites Creek, Brown's Creek, and Huffaker Hills.
- The first "Portland Loo" style restroom installation was completed at Brodhead Park with a grand opening ceremony on August 17th. Washoe County Parks contributed \$286,000 in State Question 1 bond funds to the One Truckee River Restroom project which aims to increase the number of public restrooms from 9 to 18 along the Truckee River's 114-mile stretch to protect the region's water quality and well-being. Additional project partners included: Truckee Meadows Water Authority, Truckee River Fund, Washoe County Health District, City of Reno, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Renown Health, Nevada Land Trust, Karma Box Project, Reno Initiative for Shelter and Equality, and Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful.
- Washoe County Parks in partnership with the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and the Nevada Division of Forestry has begun planning for post-fire revegetation of the Rock Farm Fire which burned approximately 62 acres of Arrowcreek Open Space. Work is anticipated to start in November/December of 2020.
- Construction was completed on the Lower Thomas Creek Trail Reroute and Bridge project in mid-August. County staff will be working on installing new wayfinding signs on the Lower Thomas Creek Trail in September.
- The request for proposal for the Regional Archery Facility Master Plan was sent out on August 13th. Consultants will have three weeks to prepare their proposals.
- Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space is granting several rights of entry to the Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF). NDF will be working on fuels hazards reduction at multiple parks and open space areas.

- River Bend Mobile Home Park and Storage, LLC is in the process of filing the quiet title action, which is the second to last step for the River Bend boundary line adjustment project. Staff anticipates that the boundary line adjustment will be finalized around November.
- Mayberry Gardens, LLC is currently installing the waterline for park use at Betsy Caughlin Donnelly Park (this was agreed upon in order to mitigate impacts associated with the approved easements). Waterline installation should be complete within the next couple of months.