

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: October 15, 2012

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3D

STAFF: Juan F. Guzman, Open Space Manager



REQUEST: For discussion only regarding status of the following projects regarding the Federal Lands Bill:

- Management Plan
- Payment of stewardship fund
- BLM transfer - surveying of land
- Conservation Easement baseline
- Programmatic Agreement

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Management Plan

Staff continues to work on a draft of the management plan and refining issues and concepts based on the input received so far. Staff anticipates that there will be an internal draft review version available by mid-November.

Payment of Stewardship Fund

The Carson City Lands Bill provides for conveyances of federal land and city land, and conditions for the trade of lands. One of those conditions specifically provides that before the conveyance of the 62-acre Bernhard parcel to the City, the City shall deposit in a special account an amount equal to 25 percent of the difference between the amount for which the Bernhard parcel was purchased by the City in July 18, 2001, and the amount for the which the Bernhard parcel was purchased by the Secretary of the Interior on March, 24, 2006. Those monies are due to BLM. Staff has discussed with the BLM that we have set aside the funding necessary to cover those expenses and will do so at the most opportune time as close as possible to the effective date of the transfer of the land. Those expenses are estimated to be under \$400,000.

BLM Transfer - Surveying of Land

The BLM, prior to transferring lands, must specifically identify the land to be transferred. We initiated discussions as to the need to survey the Carson River as well as the county line between Lyon County and Carson City. It was decided that the county line must be surveyed but not the river. BLM has proceeded to engage the services of the internal office to accomplish this task. Recently the City transferred \$40,000 into an account to be able to pay those crews. It is estimated that the job will be completed near December of 2012.

Conservation Easement Baseline

The conservation easement baseline has been drafted; however, it has not been reviewed by BLM. Staff has made the BLM leaders aware of the situation and asked that a person be assigned to work on the acceptance and final drafting of the conservation easement baseline.

Programmatic Agreement

The programmatic agreement has been executed. It provides for the process to be followed prior to disturbance of lands in order to ensure the care and appropriate stewardship of cultural resources in general.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: No action may be taken. This item has been placed on the agenda for discussion only.