

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 15, 2013

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3J

STAFF: Juan F. Guzman, Open Space Manager



REQUEST: Discussion Only regarding river activities/updates/etc.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

In February 2013, the Open Space Advisory Committee recognized the importance and additional responsibility towards river stewardship. Committee Member Welborn volunteered to act as liaison this year with the Kiwanis Club on the annual day held in September. The Committee also requested a specific agenda item to discuss any river-related activities, updates, etc. Many projects are discussed under other agenda items such as the potential property transaction Erickson (Item 3D); Carson River Trail from Morgan Mill Road and Eagle Valley Creek Trail Segment (Item 3K); and Andersen/Lloyd's Diversion, Ducks Unlimited, and Silver Saddle Ranch (Item 3I).

Staff is proud to inform the Committee regarding school activities along the river. Carson City High School has long-adopted the Ambrose Carson River Natural Area. They have built and maintain a short interpretive trail including a kiosk, trail map, and trail markers. Each year, the high school hosts an environmental education day in which high school students teach and mentor younger students. Silver State Charter School recently adopted the cottonwood grove below the Deer Run Road bridge and has also hosted environmental education days. This site, with the assistance of Silver State, was recently added as a water quality monitoring location for Nevada Division of Environmental Protection's Snapshot Day.

Katie McGibbon, one of our youngest volunteers, organized another clean-up activity on April 13th. The activity consisted of organizing volunteers, trash clean-up from Deer Run Road to Sedge Road, and a BBQ at Carson River Park.

Wild horses continue to be a topic of concern and discussion. In February, BLM acted upon their jurisdictional authority and followed their Environmental Impact Statement for the removal of the "Deer Run Road" band. Staff is working with BLM towards educational efforts in the event that other horses wander to our area.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discussion only. No action may be taken.