

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 16, 2013

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3H

STAFF: Juan F. Guzman, Open Space Manager



REQUEST: Discussion only regarding activities, projects, and grants of interest to the Open Space Program.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Lompa Wetlands: Staff, Margie Evans and Linda Conlin facilitated a clean-up activity by the Harley Davison financial employees on November 13, 2013.

Ash Canyon to Kings Canyon Trail: On November 8, 2013 staff met with members of Muscle-Powered and Great Basin Institute as well our contractor Brian Smith with Horizon Construction in order to discuss the manner by which to facilitate the construction of a bridge on Carson City land and one bridge on Forest Service property on the Ash Canyon to Kings Canyon Trail. Carson City Open Space will be responsible for the financial costs of the Ash Canyon bridge and Muscle-Powered in connection with the Forest Service and Great Basin will collaborate in the construction of the Kings Canyon bridge on Forest Service Property.

Trail Summit: On November 1, 2013 staff and members of Muscle-Powered joined others at the Trails Summit organized by the Genny Wilson, Forest Service District Ranger, and Mark Kimbrough that took place in Reno, Nevada. The local governments as well as non-profit organizations participated in the exchange of ideas and updating each other as to our prospective priority for trail projects of regional significance. The Sierra Front Recreation Coalition may serve as an umbrella organization to collect and provide information about trails for the entire area.

Clear Creek Trailhead: On November 22, 2013 staff from Douglas County and Carson City met to discuss the proposed Clear Creek Trailhead in relation to the preferred location within lands under the jurisdiction of Nevada State Lands. State Lands requested a review that will be used in order to advance a potential master plan amendment and change of land use that will secure the value of the lands that they manage within Carson City as part of their consideration for a lease to permit the trailhead.

Sierra Nevada College Environment Ethics Student Presentations: On December 5, 2013 the staff and other guests were able to attend a presentation by the Wilderness Ethics class at the Sierra Nevada College on three projects in relation to Carson City Open Space. The students discussed potential improvements to signage and trailhead infrastructure for Ash Canyon Road, Kings Canyon Road, and the Ambrose Carson River Natural Area.

Bureau of Land Management Resource Management Plan: Staff continues to review five alternatives for the Environmental Impact Statement. Five alternatives have been identified ranging from no action to economic, environmental, interface, and mixed use preference alternatives.

MayWeed Chamomile Hearings: On December 11, 2013 Ann will testify against an exception in the regulation that will allow materials to be introduced as part of the seed mixes.

Waterfall Trail: Staff installed some fencing and other treatments designed to close of the social trail adjacent to the creek. These measures were removed and damaged by visitors. The damaged fence will be removed and the trail will have a sign saying “not maintained, use at your own risk.”

RECOMMENDED ACTION: No action may be taken. This item is for discussion only.

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