

# OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** April 21, 2014

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:** 3C

**STAFF:** Ann Bollinger, Natural Resource Specialist  
Juan F. Guzman, Open Space Manager

**REQUEST:** Discussion only regarding activities, projects, and grants located within the Carson River corridor.

### GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- 1) Management Plan for the Carson River Area: Staff anticipates being able to meet in June with the Open Space Advisory Committee in order to discuss the sections of the plan pertaining to property locations, characteristics, and facilities for open space properties and parks.
- 2) Federal Lands Bill: The Bureau of Land Management State Office has requested additional work to be completed by the Sierra Front Field Office prior to the transfer of lands. The Sierra Front Manager is considering the use of contract staff to complete the work. The first priority is transfer of the conservation easement areas consisting of Prison Hill, Silver Saddle Ranch, and the Ambrose Carson River Natural Area.
- 3) Carson Water Subconservancy District: The Carson Water Subconservancy District and Margie Evans were successful in obtaining a grant that will allow for the dissemination of information through signs and “rumble pits” designed to reduce the spread of noxious weeds in the Carson River environment.

Carson River Subconservancy District: The Carson River Watershed Forum was held on March 3, 2014. Of particular interest is that the long term forecast is for the dry weather to continue, making our drought situation worse. A declaration of emergency was requested by the Governor and granted by the Federal Government.

- 4) Ducks Unlimited: Staff received a phone message from John Ranlett with Ducks Unlimited indicating that their grant report was approved and funding is available.
- 5) Trail Signs for Prison Hill: Staff is pleased to announce that six new trail signs for Prison Hill and Silver Saddle Ranch have been installed. The signs were paid through a grant obtained by Beneficial Designs from the Nevada State Parks, Recreational Trails Program.
- 6) Scout Troop 065 and the Carson River Ward of the LDS Church: A clean-up activity took place at the north end of Prison Hill sponsored by the two organizations mention above. There were approximately 35 people in attendance and one 30-yard trash container was filled.

- 7) Trash Removal – Carson River Canyon: Some large old furniture, television cabinets, and assorted household trash were removed from the Carson River Canyon Open Space by staff and the Parks crews on April 9, 2014. The bed of a one ton vehicle was filled. Additional efforts are needed to remove trash from the area.
- 8) Eagle Valley Creek Trail Segment: Staff continues the planning efforts towards the bridge installation and trail connection.
- 9) V&T Preliminary Study for the Extension of Railway Track to Minden: Staff met with Ken Dorr of Manhard Consulting in order to assess the opportunities and limitations of extending the V&T railway track to Minden, Nevada.

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