

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 16, 2014

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3F

STAFF: Juan F. Guzman, Open Space Manager

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

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- 1) 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. Staff from Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Carson City met with Robyn Orloff to discuss maintenance items to be replaced by BLM at Prison Hill including: fence repairs, markers replacement, and a public work day.
- 2) 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. Three pits will be installed: one on the east side of town on the Carson River Canyon Open Space and two on the west side of town – Ash Canyon and Voltaire Canyon. The pits should all be installed by the end of June.
- 3) Ducks Unlimited: Staff received a phone message from John Ranlett with Ducks Unlimited indicating that their grant report was approved and funding is available. Staff anticipates a presentation of the project in August.
- 4) Trash Removal – Deer Run Road: A clean-up activity by Katie McGibbon and her family was held on Saturday, June 14th. The McGibbon Family has organized this activity for the last three years, for which Staff appreciates their support.
- 5) River Education Day: Linda Conlin and Margie Evans organized a river education day for elementary school children on May 2, 2014. High school students, Paul Pugsley and Dan Kaffer facilitated instruction at different stations at the Ambrose Carson River Natural Area.

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