

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: December 2, 2014

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 4B

APPLICANT: Roger Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Director
Ann Bollinger, Open Space Administrator

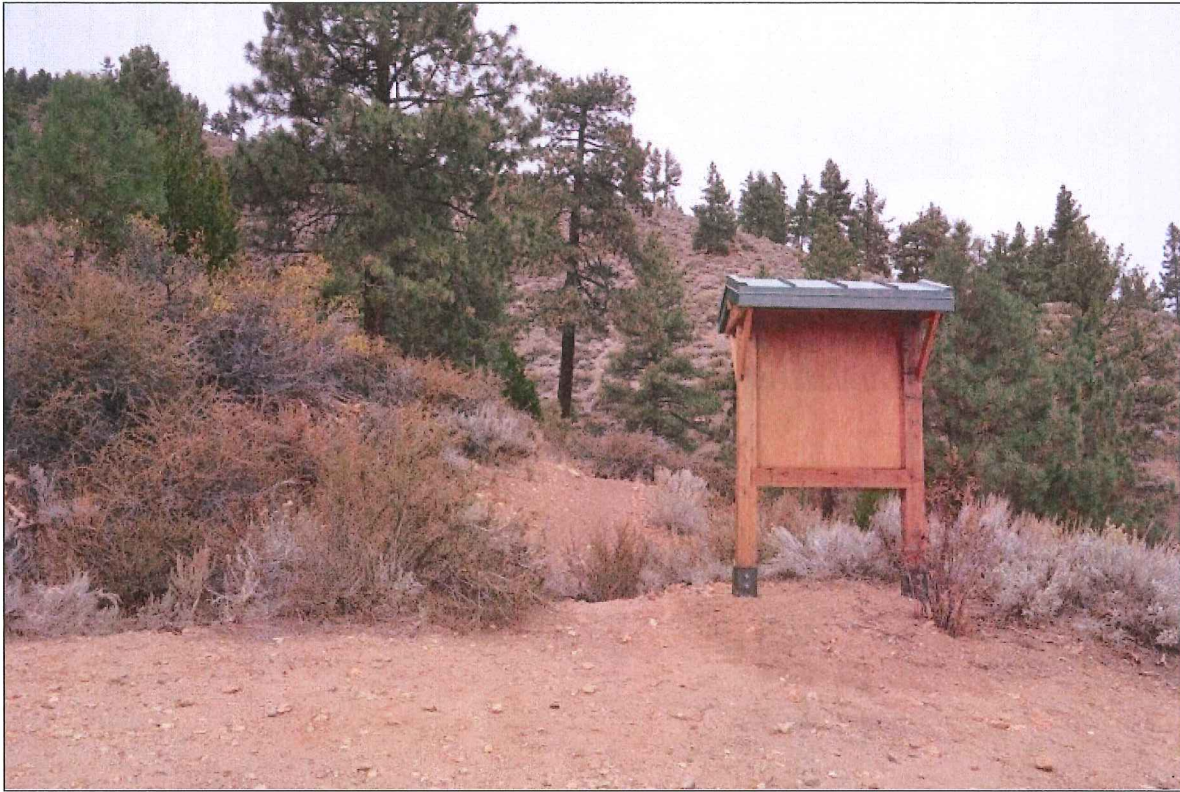
REQUEST: Discussion only – Update regarding the Ash to Kings Trail project.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: After three years of construction, the 7+ mile Ash to Kings Trail is almost complete. The recent progress includes the installation of two kiosks, two pairs of hand-built rocks gabions to serve as the bridge abutments, and the North Kings Canyon Bridge located on U.S. Forest Service lands (see attached photos). The bridge was built on-site and was just completed on November 21st. The remaining trail component is the Ash Creek Bridge, which staff hopes to complete by the end of the year. The official opening will occur in the spring of 2015.

The Ash to Kings Trail was made possible through the amazing efforts of Jeff Potter. Representing Muscle Powered, Jeff dedicated many hours of his time recruiting family, friends, volunteers, and businesses to help with trail construction. Trail maintenance will also be coordinated and conducted by Muscle Powered.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This is a discussion only item. No formal action can be taken by the Commission at this time.

Kings Canyon Road Trailhead, located 1.4 miles west of the Waterfall Trailhead.



North Kings Canyon waterfall



North Kings Canyon Bridge installation







