

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 22, 2016

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 4B

STAFF: Rich Wilkinson, Senior Natural Resource Specialist

REQUEST: Staff update on activities, projects and grants located within the Carson River corridor.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

There has been a lot of activity occurring along the east side of Carson City. The following provides a summary on the activities throughout the last few months.

Carson City Weed Coalition

- Staff will be working with the Carson City Weed Coalition to spend the remaining fiscal year funds for noxious weed treatment along the Carson River corridor. The field inventory and mapping will start in March and continue throughout the weed treatment season. All mapping data will be submitted to the EDDMapS West database. These are remaining funds through the Nevada Department of Agriculture/United States Forest Service grant which will be closed out by June 30, 2016.

Carson River Channel and Debris Clearing

- Staff submitted and received funding to complete channel clearing, snagging and maintenance through the Carson Truckee Water Conservancy District (CTWCD). The grant helped fund and extend seasonal work for four employees in the Parks Division. The crew worked from Mexican Dam downstream to just beyond the Deer Run Road Bridge. The crew worked at 17 different locations removing approximately 25 large woody debris piles and snags. Staff presented the project results to the CTWCD board on February 9, 2016.

Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD)

- Flash flooding events have caused significant erosion and damage on the southeast side of Prison Hill, the Golden Eagle Lane area and the Carson River. In February 2016, staff submitted a grant request in the amount of \$125,000 to the Carson Water Subconservancy District. This grant is needed to provide erosion control and watershed improvement projects on the Prison Hill Recreation Area, Golden Eagle lane and the Carson River.

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)

- Staff worked with Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) to submit a grant through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for noxious weed treatment along the Carson River. This CWSD grant will double current funding from \$15,000 to \$30,000 for one year in Carson City.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This agenda item is for informational purposes only. No formal action can be taken at this time.