

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
STAFF REPORT**

**MEETING DATE:** August 15, 2016

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:** 3A

**STAFF:** Jennifer Budge, Director  
Steven Brunner, Deputy Director

**REQUEST:** To introduce Steven Brunner as the new Deputy Director of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department.

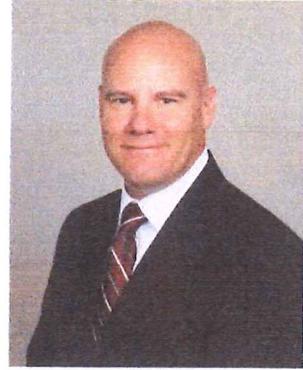
**GENERAL DISCUSSION:** As the Committee knows, Scott Fahrenbruch retired at the end of April 2016. His replacement is Mr. Steven Brunner and he will be attending his first Open Space Advisory Committee tonight. Steven comes to Carson City after an impressive 28-year career in the United States Marine Corps. His diverse background, training and leadership skills will be a complement to the amazing talent in the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department.

An introduction letter from Steven is provided for more information (Exhibit A). Staff is looking forward to working with Steven as the new Deputy Director. Steven's first day will be August 1, so please join our department in welcoming him to the team.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** This is a discussion only item and no formal action can be taken at this time.

# Exhibit A

## Steven P. Brunner



I was born and raised in St. Petersburg, Florida. After graduating from high school in 1988, I enlisted in the United States Marine Corps as a way of earning my college education and to serve my country while traveling the world.

Shortly after completing recruit training, I quickly found myself on the other side of the country stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA. This was my first tour of duty where I started my new job as an infantryman.

Although I planned to serve only 4 years, at the end of my obligation I found I was actually good at and enjoyed my job while quickly excelling through the ranks. I then made the easy decision to reenlist for another 4 years, which triggered a permanent change of station to the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center (MCMWTC). Not far from Carson City, the MCMWTC is in a remote and isolated area known as Pickel Meadows just North of Bridgeport, CA. It was here I fell in love with the mountains and although I did not know it at the time, it would eventually become home.

After another 4 years of service, I made the decision to make a career out of the Marine Corps. It has instilled in me a sense of belonging and values that have made me into the person I am today, and I really want to share those experiences and lessons with others.

Now as a Sergeant Major (E9), after completing multiple tours of duty throughout the Marine Corps, I find myself back at the MCMWTC once again doing what I enjoy most, in an area I fell in love with so long ago.

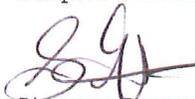
However, the time has come for me as it does for everyone who chooses to serve, to complete my temporary obligation in the uniformed service of our nation and move on to other challenges.

During my 28-year career, I have been very fortunate and blessed to have mentored, lead, taught, as well served alongside some incredible Marines and Sailors, and visited some amazing places throughout the world in the process.

Soon, I will be starting a new career in Parks and Recreation and I am humbled and honored to be given this amazing opportunity to serve as an ambassador for our community in which we live, work and play.

I am confident my experience and leadership in the Marine Corps has more than prepared me for the challenges that lie ahead. I am committed to giving my very best and leading the only way I know how, from the front. I look forward to working with and LEARNING from each and every one of you.

Semper Fidelis - "Always Faithful"

  
Steven Brunner