

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 15, 2016

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3B

STAFF: Ann Bollinger, Open Space Administrator

REQUEST: **For Possible Action:** Recognize Tricia Lincoln for her service to the Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee and the Carson City Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department from 2005 to 2015.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Tricia served on the Committee from 2005 to 2015 and acted as Vice-Chair in 2012. She started her tenure when the Open Space Program owned/managed just 419 acres and had one full-time employee.

The one agenda item at her first meeting was actually the sale of an open space property to the U.S. Forest Service. In 2003, the Open Space Division acquired 40 acres owned by Mr. Mike Gilbert and located just east of Borda Meadow. The property was acquired based on the open space values and the potential threat of development. It was also hoped the U.S. Forest Service, who was the adjacent property owner, would acquire the property from Carson City. In 2006, this hope came to fruition. While it was stated that the Open Space Program was not in the broker business, this transaction was just one example of the shared goals and future projects with our federal agency partners. The first acquisition after Tricia's appointment was the fee title purchase of 40 acres owned by the Hutchinson Family and located in upper Kings Canyon.

As a result of Tricia's participation and leadership, the Open Space Program now owns/manages more than 6,800 acres. She participated in some very significant achievements including two conservation easements; The Charrette: Creating a Community Vision - Silver Saddle Ranch and the Carson River, the acquisition of federal lands through the Lands Bill; the Management Plan for Carson City Open Space and Parks in the Carson River Area; and the growth of trails and pathways in Carson City such as the Mexican Ditch Trail Bridges.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: I move to recognize Tricia Lincoln for her service to the Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee and the Carson City Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department from 2005 to 2015.