



STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 6

Report To: Open Space Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: April 19, 2021

Staff Contact: Lyndsey Boyer, Open Space Manager, lboyer@carson.org

Agenda Title: For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for an official property name for six Open Space properties located throughout Carson City. (Lyndsey Boyer)

Staff Summary: Several properties acquired by the Open Space Division do not yet have official names. Working with the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, nominations were provided for six properties throughout Carson City that hold cultural significance to the Washoe Tribe. An online survey outlining the background, location and proposed nominations was available on the Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department website for two weeks to receive input and votes from the public. The results of that survey are outlined below.

Agenda Action: Formal Action/Motion

Time Requested: 30 minutes

Proposed Motion

I move to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the name for the six Open Space properties should be called:

- Property #1: _____
- Property #2: _____
- Property #3: _____
- Property #4: _____
- Property #5: _____
- Property #6: _____

Board's Strategic Goal

N/A

Previous Action

February 25, 2019 – the Open Space Advisory Committee (“Committee”) heard a presentation from the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California regarding proposed nominations for the naming of six Open Space properties throughout Carson City.

February 26, 2018 - the Committee considered two agenda items for the naming of open space acquisitions located in the Kings Canyon area. The Committee moved 7-0 to table this discussion until further input was received from the Washoe Tribe.

Background/Issues & Analysis

In February 2018, two properties in Kings Canyon went before the Open Space Advisory Committee to review naming nominations from the public. At that time, one nominating party suggested names to

recognize and honor the Native American culture in our area. Policy #2 in the “Resolution Establishing Policies and Procedures for the Naming of Open Space Properties Within Carson City” suggests, “if possible, names should be related to the unique natural landscape, geographic or topographic features, indigenous plants or wildlife, cultural or historical heritage.” As a result, Mr. Darrel Cruz, Director of the Tribal Historic Preservation Office with the Washoe Tribe was contacted to provide nominations for several properties throughout Carson City. Mr. Cruz was provided a map and generally asked to suggest names on properties that may have been important or significant to the Tribe. Mr. Cruz responded with proposed names for six properties. See attachments for more details and locations.

The list of proposed names, in order of property, include:

1. Tusha Aushgu Open Space - 64%
2. Washo Deteyah Open Space - 62%
3. Gumalonga Trail Open Space - 66%
4. Mutzook Leweh Open Space - 58%
5. Tahnu Leweh Open Space - 64%
6. Dasolung Ridge Open Space - 68%
- Other – (see attached comments and recommendations)
- No comment – 3%

The public was notified via a press release, the Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department website and Facebook page, and other local media outlets of the opportunity to vote. There was a total of 50 people who responded to the survey. Several participants added comments and provided alternative names for consideration. Some suggestions, if not selected at this time, may be added to the next survey for the naming of other properties within the vicinity. After the Committee takes action to name the property, staff will forward that recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration.

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

Resolution No. 2013-R-19: A Resolution Establishing Policies and Procedures for the Naming of Open Space Properties within Carson City.

Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? Yes No

If yes, account name/number:

Is it currently budgeted? Yes No

Explanation of Fiscal Impact:

Alternatives

Propose an alternative name or direct staff to identify additional nominations.

Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____

- 1) _____
- 2) _____

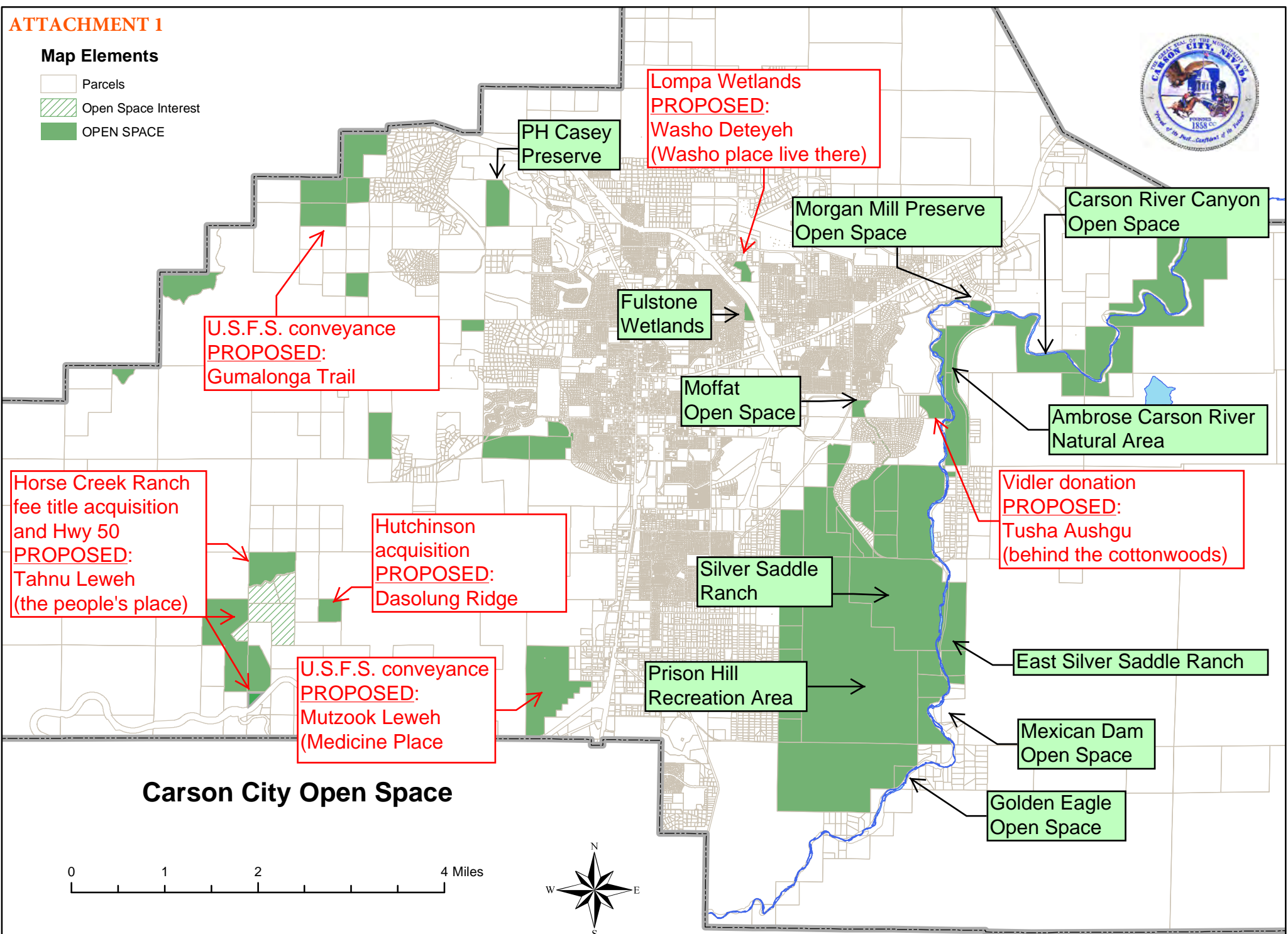
Aye/Nay

(Vote Recorded By)

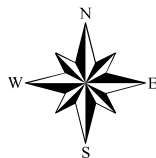
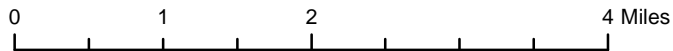
ATTACHMENT 1

Map Elements

- Parcels
- Open Space Interest
- OPEN SPACE

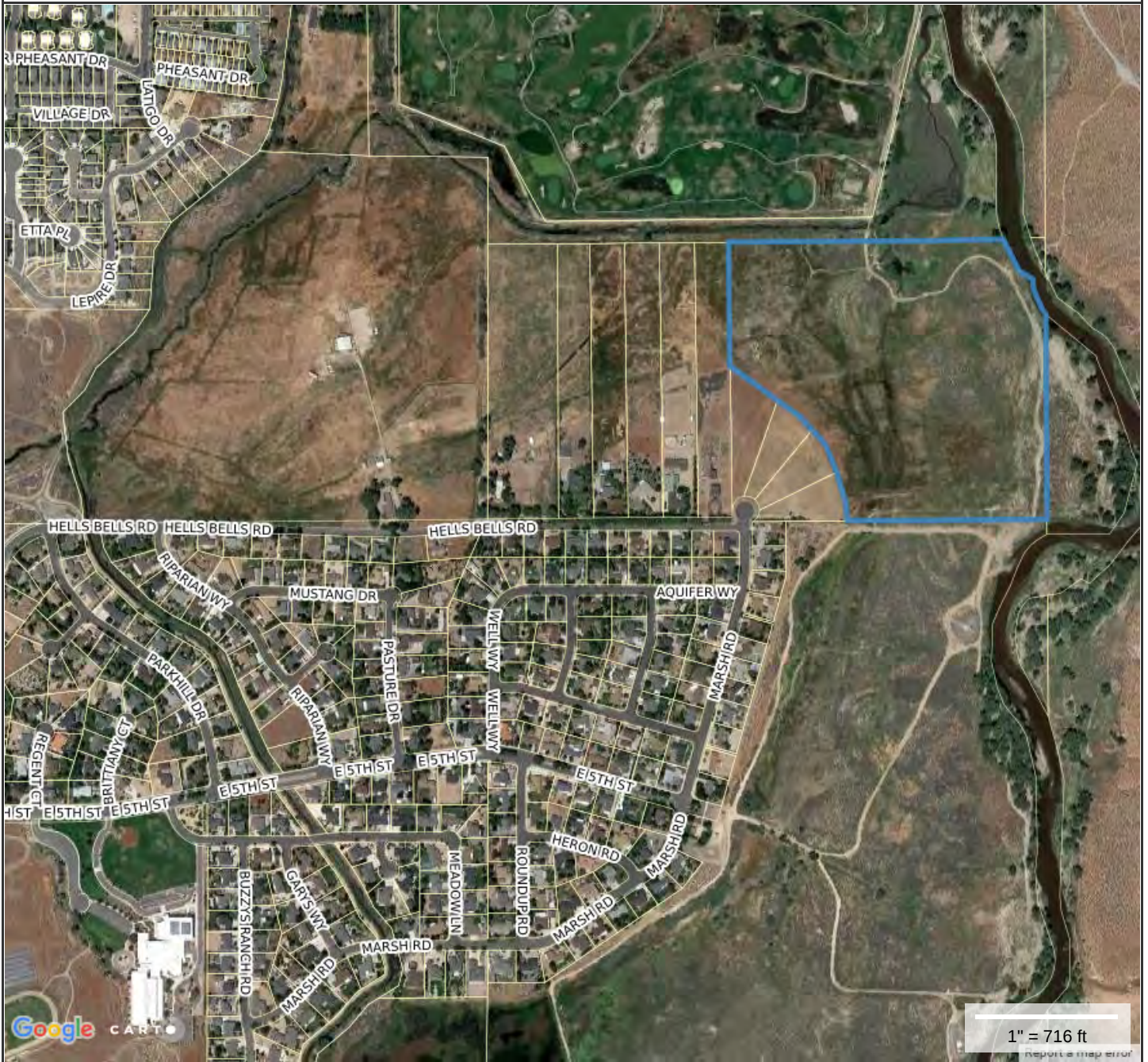


Carson City Open Space



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Map #1: Vidler Donation Map



Property Information

Property ID 01068102
 Location HELLS BELLS RD
 Owner CARSON CITY



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Map #2: Lompa Wetlands Map



Property Information

Property ID 00892211
 Location 3251 GONI RD
 Owner CARSON CITY



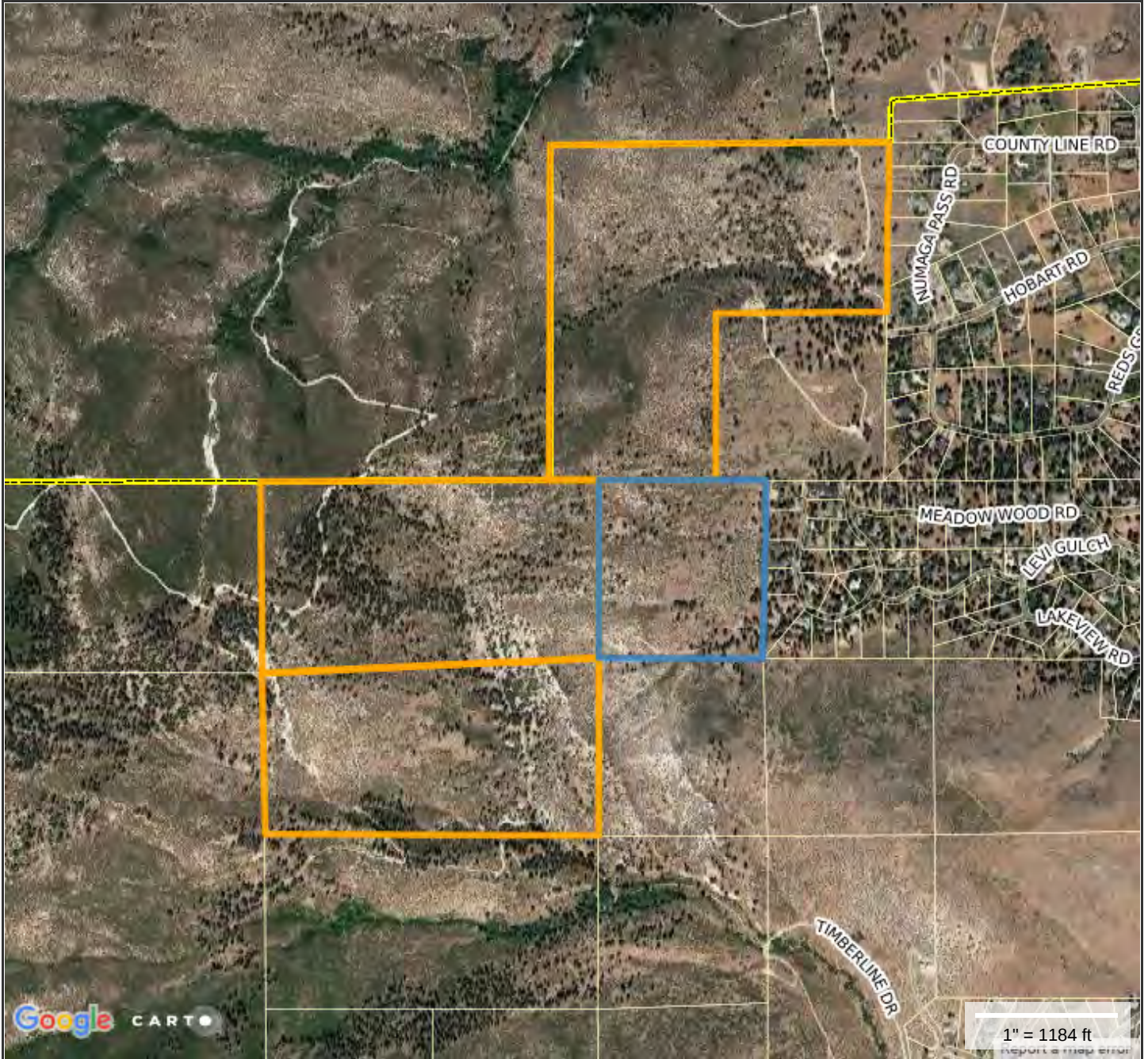
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Map #3: U.S. Forest Service Conveyance Map



Property Information

Property ID 00709111
Location SEC 02 15/19 NW4 NW4
Owner CARSON CITY



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Map #4: U.S. Forest Service Conveyance



Property Information

Property ID 00929102
Location SEC 31 15/20 NW4
Owner CARSON CITY



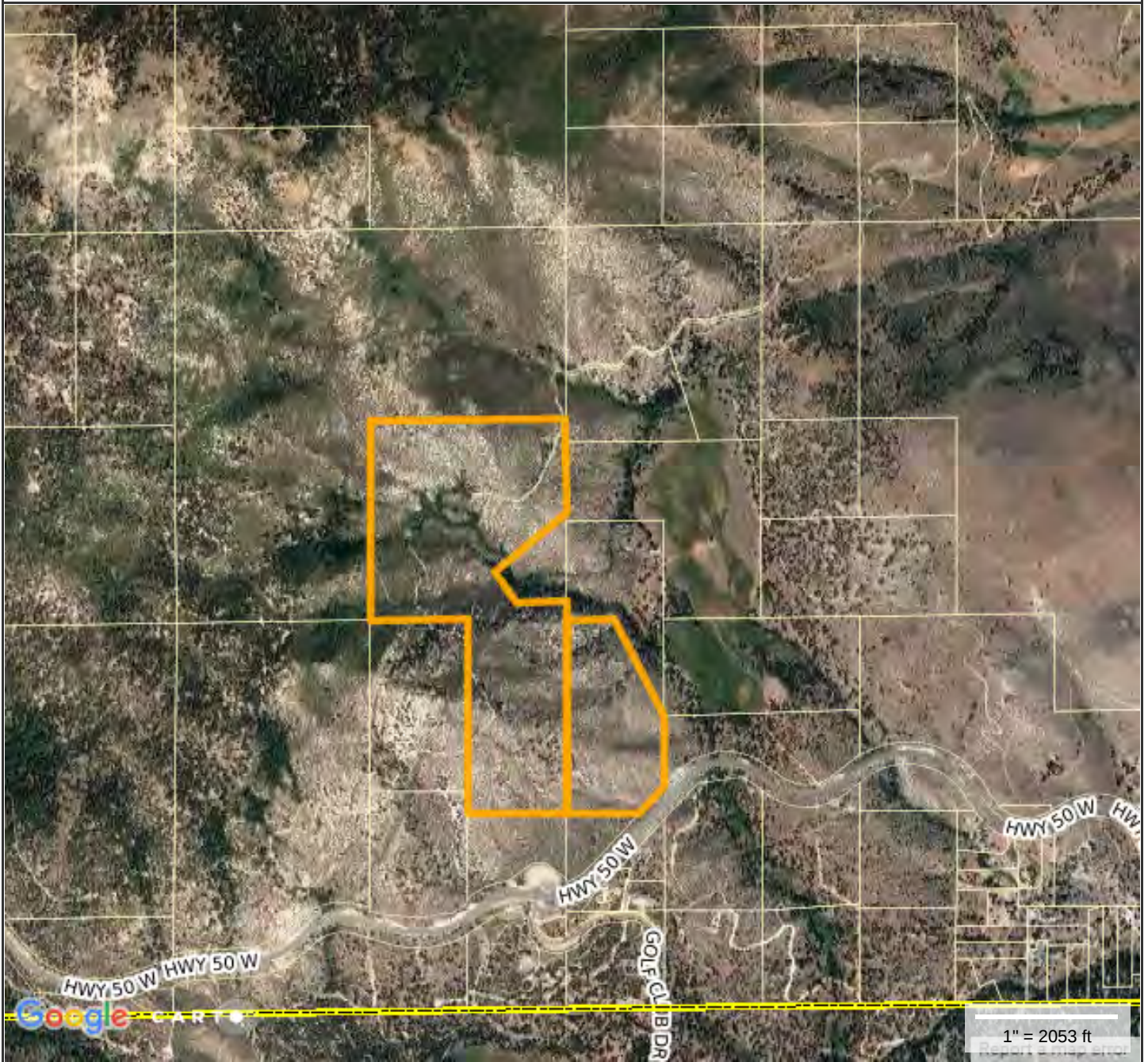
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Map #5: Horse Creek Ranch Fee Title Acquisition Map



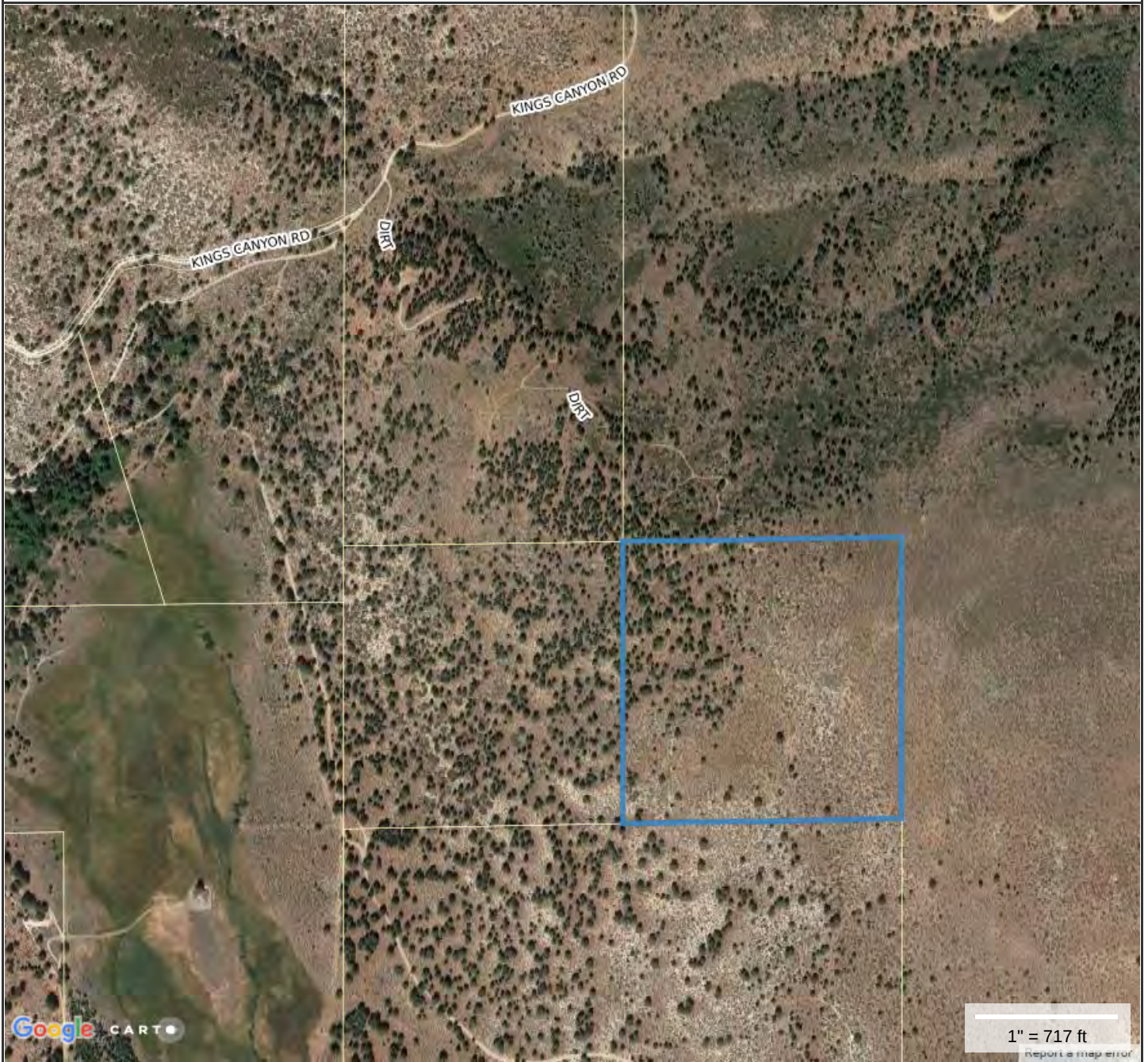
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Map #6: Hutchinson Acquisition Map



Property Information

Property ID 00705107
Location SEC 27 15/19 NE4 SE4
Owner CARSON CITY



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OFFICIAL NAMING OF PROPERTIES ACQUIRED BY THE CARSON CITY OPEN SPACE PROGRAM

March 31, 2021

Residents are invited to participate in a survey for the official naming of six properties acquired by the Carson City Open Space Program. The subject properties are located throughout Carson City. Please refer to the map for each property location.

The policies for the naming of properties acquired by the Open Space Program were adopted by the Carson City Board of Supervisors as Resolution No. 2013-R-19. Notable policies include:

1. Official names should provide some form of individual identity to the property or specific part of any owned property.
2. If possible, names should be related to the unique natural landscape, geographic or topographic features, indigenous plants, or wildlife, cultural or historical heritage.
3. The naming for individuals and/or families should be reserved as an incentive towards significant donations of land and/or endowments. It is encouraged that any recommended name be designated posthumously.

The Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California was invited to review a map of existing properties and provide naming suggestions for properties and places in Carson City that are important to their culture and history. With their participation and the potential adoption of official names, we will be able to better recognize and celebrate the history of the Washoe Tribe throughout our region.

The deadline for participation is **April 12, 2021**. The survey results and recommendations will be discussed with the Open Space Advisory Committee meeting on **April 19, 2021**.

Your participation is very much appreciated. Thank you.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact Lyndsey Boyer, Open Space Manager at lboyer@carson.org or (775) 283-7341.

Map Reference #: 1

- General Location: Located to the north of Riverview Park and south of the Empire Ranch Golf Course.
- History: These 38.96 acres were donated to Carson City from Vidler Water Company in 2010 to protect Carson River floodplain and riparian habitat, as well as to allow for passive recreation.
- Existing access and uses: The property can be accessed by a trail that connects Riverview Park through the referenced property as you travel north to connect to the Empire Ranch Trail. The property and associated trail can be enjoyed by hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians.
- Recommendation:
 - Tusha Aushgu Open Space (Washoe Tribe nomination meaning “Behind the Cottonwoods”)
 - Other. Please type recommendation and justification below:

 - No comment

Map Reference #: 2

- General Location: Located to the west of Lompa Lane, behind St. Teresa Of Avila Catholic Community.
- History: These 17.62 acres were donated to Carson City in 2001 to protect important wetland habitat in Eagle Valley.
- Existing access and uses: The property can be accessed to the east off Goni Road. It serves as one of the last remaining pockets of wetlands in Carson City and provides important wildlife habitat. There are no trails present on the property at this time.
- Recommendation:
 - Washo Deteyeh Open Space (Washoe Tribe nomination meaning “Washo Place Live There”)
 - Other. Please type recommendation and justification below:

 - No comment

Map Reference #: 3

- General Location: Located around the west side of Lakeview Park and the Lakeview Subdivision.
- History: These 320 acres were conveyed from the U.S. Forest Service to Carson City per the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to protect and manage as a natural area.
- Existing access and uses: There is limited parking available on the east end of Hobart Road. The double-track road/trail to Hobart Reservoir and Secret Trail travel through this property.
- Recommendation:
 - Gumalonga Trail Open Space (Washoe Tribe nomination meaning “A Leader of the Washoe Tribe”). The Gumalonga Trail was a route used by the Washoe people to travel between what are now known as Eagle Valley and Washoe Valley.
 - Other. Please type recommendation and justification below:

 - No comment

Map Reference #: 4

- General Location: Located south of Voltaire Canyon Road and north of Highway-50.
- History: These 258.59 acres were conveyed from the U.S. Forest Service to Carson City per the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to protect and manage as a natural area.
- Existing access and uses: The property can be accessed from Voltaire Canyon Road which provides access to U.S. Forest Service lands and can be used for passive and motorized recreation.
- Recommendation:
 - Mutzook Leweh Open Space (Washoe Tribe nomination meaning “Medicine Place”)
 - Other. Please type recommendation and justification below:

 - No comment

Map Reference #: 5

- General Location: Located approximately 3 miles along Kings Canyon Road, north of Highway-50 and west of the Horsecreek Ranch Conservation Easement held by Carson City.
- History: These 374.91 acres were purchased in 2005 using Quality of Life Sales and Use Tax Funds and Nevada Division of State Lands, Conservation and Resource Protection Grant Program (Question 1) funds.
- Existing access and uses: Access is via Kings Canyon Road, approximately 3 miles from the Waterfall Trailhead.
- Recommendation:
 - Tahnu Leweh Open Space (Washoe Tribe nomination meaning “The People’s Place”)
 - Other. Please type recommendation and justification below:
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 - No comment

Map Reference #: 6

- General Location: Located 2.8 miles due west of Carson City. The property is bordered to the north, east, and west by U.S. Forest Service land and to the south by private property.
- History: These 40 acres were purchased in 2006 using Quality of Life Sales and Use Tax Funds and Nevada Division of State Lands, Conservation and Resource Protection Grant Program (Question 1) funds.
- Existing access and uses: Access is via Kings Canyon Road, approximately 2.2 miles from the Waterfall Trailhead. At this point the road splits with a dirt road leading to the left (or southwest) and the Old Lincoln Highway leading to the right (or west). Turn to the left onto a rough 4-wheel drive road that leads to the south. Take this road for approximately 0.6 miles to the top of the hill which is the northern portion of the property. The smaller dirt road rises 200 feet to the top of the hill and is loose with large rocks and tight turns. Parking and hiking access can be accommodated on the property in a small unvegetated flat area at the end of the road on the top of the hill.
- Recommendation:
 - Dasolung Ridge Open Space (Washoe Tribe nomination)
 - Other. Please type recommendation and justification below:
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 - No comment

ATTACHMENT 3

Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department
 Open Space Property Naming

Nomination	Justification
Property #1	
Tusha Aushgu Open Space	Washoe Tribe nomination meaning "Behind the Cottonwoods"
Riverview Park	Pronounceable
Behind the Cottonwoods Open Space	
River Plains Recreation Area	
Vidler Trails	Recognizes donor and main use
Carson River Vista	
Riverview Park	Because that is what it is and what it will be known as. Why confuse the everyone?
Donald Trump Recreation Area	
Hells Bells Wetlands	The Washoe Tribal names are difficult to pronounce and not descriptive of a location.
Hells Bells Park	
Vidler Open Space	A very large land donation should be recognized - it is a business name.
Populus Park	
Vidler View Trail	
North Riverview Open Space	
Open Spacey McOpen Space Face	
Property #2	
Washoe Deteyeh Open Space	Washoe Tribe nomination meaning "Washo Place Live There"
Lompa Wetlands	
Warm Springs Marsh	The steam rising from this warm water flow can oftentimes be seen in the winter.
The Wetlands	Exactly what it is.
Coleman Bottoms	
We Come In Peace	
Lompa Wetlands	That is what it is known as by most of Carson City and that is what it will be called. Lompa is the street that it is located near. Lompa is a historic Carson City name.
President Trump Recreation Area	
Deteyeh Open Space	
Egret Wetlands	Egret can often be found here - I've observed them on many occasions.
Lompa Wetlands	That is what it has been called and family name part of history of Carson City.
Lompa Wetlands	Seems to be already known as that and as a tribute to the Lompa family.
Birdwatcher Flats	

ATTACHMENT 3

Wandering Skipper Open Space	The butterfly that called this habitat home until the freeway extirpated it.
Hidden Meadow	
Open Spacey McOpen Space Face	
Property #3	
Gumalonga Trail Open Space	Washoe Tribe nomination meaning "A Leader of the Washoe Tribe"
Lakeview Trails Park	
Eagle Valley Open Space	
Lakeview Recreation Area	
Bob Crowell Trail	
	I suggest that you use some other name - including TRAIL in the name where there is no trail or as a name for a square plot of land is misleading.
Trump Recreation Area	
Secret Trail Open Space	
Mounds of Sage	
Washoe Yewes	Which means road or path - makes more sense than a leader of the Washoe tribe.
West Lakeview Open Space	
Open Spacey McOpen Space Face	
Property #4	
Mutzook Leweh Open Space	Washoe Tribe nomination meaning "Medicine Place"
Voltaire Canyon Open Space	
Voltaire Open Space	
Voltaire Canyon Offroad Park	
Voltaire Acres Recreation	Adjoining the canyon used for recreation.
Carson Gulch	
Voltaire Hill	
Trump is Awesome	
Voltaire Open Space	
Clear Creek Overlook	Hiking to the ridge above Voltaire Canyon allows a great view of Clear Creek to the south and east.
Voltaire Park	
Voltaire Canyon	Historically named after Voltaire Silver Mining Co.
Sandy Slope	
Junction Peak	
Medicine Place Open Space	
Open Spacey McOpen Space Face	
Property #5	
Tahnu Leweh Open Space	Washoe Tribe nomination meaning "The People's Place"
Horsecreek Ranch Open Space	
Washoe People's Place Open Space	

ATTACHMENT 3

Horse Creek Ranch Preserve	
Vista Ridge	
Horse Creek Ranch	Because that is how it is known and has a historic name that has nothing to do with politics.
Ivanka Trump Open Space	
Horse Creek Ranch Open Space	Let's leave the current name in place.
Horse Creek Ranch	
Horse Creek Ranch	That is what it is called for years - history and location.
Horse Creek Ranch	In keeping with the other Ranch names.
Ungulate Recharge Spot	
E.M. Scrivner Open Space (Scrivner Family)	Mayor of Carson City from 1969 to 1977, Chiropractic Physician serving residents of Carson City for 35 years. Carson City resident for 61 years. Loved and served Carson City and his family. Raising 4 daughters whom still reside in Carson.
Wild Horse Canyon	
Open Spacey McOpen Space Face	
Property #6	
Dasolung Ridge Open Space	Washoe Tribe Nomination
Lincoln Highway Park	
The Kings Terrace	It overlooks the kings canyon area.
Settler Ridge	
King Ash	
Dasolung Ridge	Dasolung Ridge is fine leave out the Open Space.
Borda Ranch Overlook	This spot allows views to the old Borda ranch.
Bobcat Ridge Open Space	
Lost Hills Point	
Open Spacey McOpen Space Face	

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-R-19

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
FOR THE NAMING OF OPEN SPACE PROPERTIES
WITHIN CARSON CITY**

WHEREAS, the Open Space Program was created through a voter-approved ballot initiative in 1996, often referred to as Question 18; and

WHEREAS, Carson City Charter Provision 2.230 empowers the Board of Supervisors to regulate public parks, buildings, grounds and rights-of-way within the City; and

WHEREAS, Carson City Charter Provision 8A.030 defines open space as real property that is undeveloped or partially developed natural landscape, including, but not limited to, ridges, stream corridors, natural shorelines, scenic areas, watershed areas, viewsheds, agricultural or other land devoted exclusively to open-space use, conservation easements and easements devoted or connecting to open-space use; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to establish policies and procedures for the naming of the open space properties within Carson City;

NOW, THEREFORE, this Board hereby resolves to adopt the following:

POLICIES

1. Names should provide some form of individual identity to the property or specific part of any owned property.
2. If possible, names should be related to the unique natural landscape, geographic or topographic features, indigenous plants or wildlife, cultural or historical heritage.
3. The naming for individuals and/or families should be reserved as an incentive towards significant donations of land and/or endowments. It is encouraged that any recommended name be designated posthumously.
4. Individuals and organizations should be encouraged to submit nominations to the Parks and Recreation Department.
5. Due to their familiarity with the individual properties, committee members and staff may submit nominations.

PROCEDURES

1. After the City has acquired title to the property, the Parks and Recreation Department is responsible to solicit nominations.
2. The Parks and Recreation Department will publicize the open period including the deadline for nominations.
3. A formal nomination and justification must be submitted, in writing, to the Parks and Recreation Department.
4. The Parks and Recreation Department staff will review and research the nomination(s). Staff will prepare a written summary for the Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC).
5. The Open Space Advisory Committee will review the nomination(s) for consideration at a regularly scheduled meeting. Upon OSAC recommendation, Parks and Recreation Department staff will forward to the Board of Supervisors for approval.
6. Upon Board of Supervisors' approval, the name shall be identified on open space signage and materials.

Upon motion by Supervisor John McKenna, seconded by Supervisor Brad Bonkowski, the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted this 2nd day of May, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisor John McKenna
 Supervisor Brad Bonkowski
 Supervisor Karen Abowd
 Supervisor Jim Shirk
 Mayor Robert Crowell

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.



ROBERT L. CROWELL, Mayor

ATTEST:



ALAN GLOVER, Clerk - Recorder