



STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 8

Report To: Open Space Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: April 19, 2021

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

Agenda Title: For Discussion Only: Presentation and program overview of Carson Water Subconservancy District's 'Watershed Wednesdays' forum. (*Lyndsey Boyer*)

Staff Summary: The Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) worked to present the 2021 Spring Watershed Forum in a virtual format this year, due to COVID-19. The resulting program 'Watershed Wednesdays' was a five-week event featuring a variety of speakers throughout the Carson River Watershed, discussing topics ranging from recreation, to education and outreach, and floodplain management. The Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department gave a presentation for the recreation forum highlighting our Department's challenges and successes in the last year.

Agenda Action: Other/Presentation

Time Requested: 30 minutes

Proposed Motion

N/A

Board's Strategic Goal

N/A

Previous Action

N/A

Background/Issues & Analysis

In lieu of the typical two-day Spring Carson River Watershed Forum, the Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) hosted the Carson River Coalition's "Watershed Wednesdays," a free virtual forum series throughout March with presentations and a speaker panel each Wednesday. These events were open to anyone passionate about the Carson River Watershed and interested in learning more about the multi-faceted effort to protect it. Each Watershed Wednesday had a unique theme where speakers from non-profit organizations, government agencies, private citizens, and landowners shared their knowledge, programs, and projects focused on the Carson River Watershed. Weekly themes included Education and Outreach, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Climate Resilience, and Floodplain Management. Watershed Wednesdays showcased the immense variety of work being planned and accomplished throughout the Carson River Watershed. All virtual sessions can be found on the Carson River Watershed YouTube Channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7gdKmh76lPiV_sgf1G-0nQ/playlists

The Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department staff worked together to put together a presentation highlighting our recreation efforts and programming during COVID-19.

- Recreation in the Time of COVID-19: A local municipalities challenges and triumphs during a pandemic:
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HQEPBgsLcdM>

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

N/A

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

N/A

Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____

1) _____

2) _____

Aye/Nay

 (Vote Recorded By)