

WASHOE COUNTY Project Newsletter

Development of a Comprehensive Fire and Fire-Based Emergency Medical Services Master Plan



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<http://www.washoecounty.us/mgrsoff/fireplan.html>

Reno Fire Department
<http://www.cityofreno.com/index.aspx?page=189>

Sierra Fire Protection District
http://www.washoecounty.us/sierafire/VFD_Home.html

North Lake Tahoe Fire
Protection District
<http://www.nltfpd.net/>

Sparks Fire Department
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June Town Hall Meeting Update

Approximately 75 Washoe County residents attended a Town Hall meeting on June 17 held in the County Commission Chambers. The objectives of the meeting were to:

- ❖ **Provide information about the Fire and Fire-based EMS Master Plan Project.**
- ❖ **Solicit community input in identifying key issues/concerns relative to the project.**

Community participation and getting community input have been a top priority for this project. The meeting agenda included an overview of the project and a request to respond to a key questions comment form in providing input specific to the project. The majority of the meeting was dedicated to an open forum to allow participants opportunity to ask questions and state their opinions. Concerns around response time, service equity, financial/cost sharing equity, paramedic staffing/transport and governance were raised frequently by those present. Diamante Partners appreciates the time and engagement of the community in this process. Our thanks to all who attended the meeting.

Archived video of the meeting is available on the Washoe County website at http://washoe-nv.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=6&clip_id=247

The power point presentation from the meeting is available at <http://www.diamantepartners.com/current-projects>

County Launches Project Webpage

Washoe County has created a web page to keep you current on the Master Plan Project. Information highlights include answers to Frequently Asked Questions as well as background on current service delivery systems and the goal for the update. The webpage will be kept current to assure that you have the most up-to-date information as the project proceeds. Visit the website at <http://www.washoecounty.us/mgrsoff/fireplan.html>



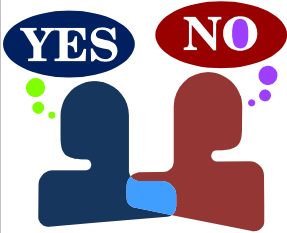
Project Status

The project scope has specific tasks and timelines. Regular updates are provided to the County Commissioners. Below is a summary of the timeline to the end of the year:

<u>Tasks</u>	<u>Month/s</u>
Project Start Up, Information Gathering, Data Collection, Interviews and Outreach	February - June
Analysis of Standards of Response Cover; Survey and Community Input/Involvement	March - July
Analysis and evaluation of all data and materials, financial cost analysis development	June - August
Develop and Finalize Master Plan and Recommendations	July - October
Delivery of Master Plan to County	November
Formal presentation of Master Plan at joint meeting of County Commissioners and Board of Fire Commissioners	December

The project is on track and on time to make the formal presentation in December.

Community Survey Update



Thanks to everyone who took the time to complete the community survey regarding the Master Plan Project. The survey was available online and in hard copy. The survey was open for over six weeks to assure maximum awareness and participation. The online survey period closed on June 20.

The survey was intended to solicit input to help in identifying key concerns and issues within the community regarding fire services, fire-based emergency medical services, service satisfaction, and personal experiences. We are pleased that over 200 residents and business owners took the time to submit their responses to the survey questions. We are in the process of tabulating and analyzing the results.

How do I stay involved in the Project?

There is a high level of interest in the Master Plan Project and we encourage you to stay informed and involved as the project moves forward. Here's some ways to connect:

Other Resources:

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- ✓ **Subscribe to Washoe County email notification at** <http://www.co.washoe.nv.us/index/cmail.html> and request updates on public safety issues. You will receive a notification when new information in that topic area, which includes this project, is posted.
- ✓ **Visit the Project Web page provided by Washoe County** which will have the latest information on the project at <http://www.washoecounty.us/mgrsoff/fireplan.html>
- ✓ **Get involved in your community through the Citizen Advisory Board (CAB).** Washoe County has 15 individual CABs to advise the Washoe County Commissioners regarding neighborhood issues. Because of the size and breadth of the county, the CABs are integral links to information and communication to the community. For more information on specific dates and times for meetings in your community, visit www.washoecounty.us/cab
- ✓ **Visit the Diamante Partners web page** at <http://www.diamantepartners.com>. There you will find background information on the project and related documents.
- ✓ Have comments or want to discuss the project? **Participate in our informal BLOG** to discuss the project and share your comments with others at <http://washoefirefire-basedemsmasterplan.blogspot.com/>

Map of Master Plan Area

Some residents have asked about what areas of Washoe County are included in the Fire Master Plan project. The Master Plan will cover the unincorporated areas of the County governed by the County Commissioners. Below is a map of the areas included in the master plan.

