



# Agenda Item 8.c.

## 2016 Washoe County Annual Report on the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan



**Washoe County Planning Commission – April 4, 2017**



# Background

- **NRS 278.0286 requires each local planning commission to submit an annual report by April 1 of each year**
- **The “report” is submitted to both the regional planning commission and the governing board**
- **The report identifies jurisdictional progress on implementing the Regional Plan by reporting:**
  - **Any actions taken within the previous calendar year which furthers implementation of the RP**
  - **Any work proposed for the next fiscal year**



# Background

- The format of the report is based on a standardized template provided by TMRPA
- A new “template” that provided more flexibility to local entities in how they completed the report was used in the 2015 reporting cycle
- The 2016 annual report uses this same template
- Only those items which are directly related to Washoe County implementation actions or responsibilities are included in this report



# Background

- **The report template tracks and addresses the major topic areas of the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan and consists of 5 components:**
  - 1. Regional Form and Pattern**
  - 2. Natural Resource Management**
  - 3. Public Services and Facilities**
  - 4. General review of the 2012 Regional Plan**
  - 5. Planned actions for the next FY that will further implementation goals**

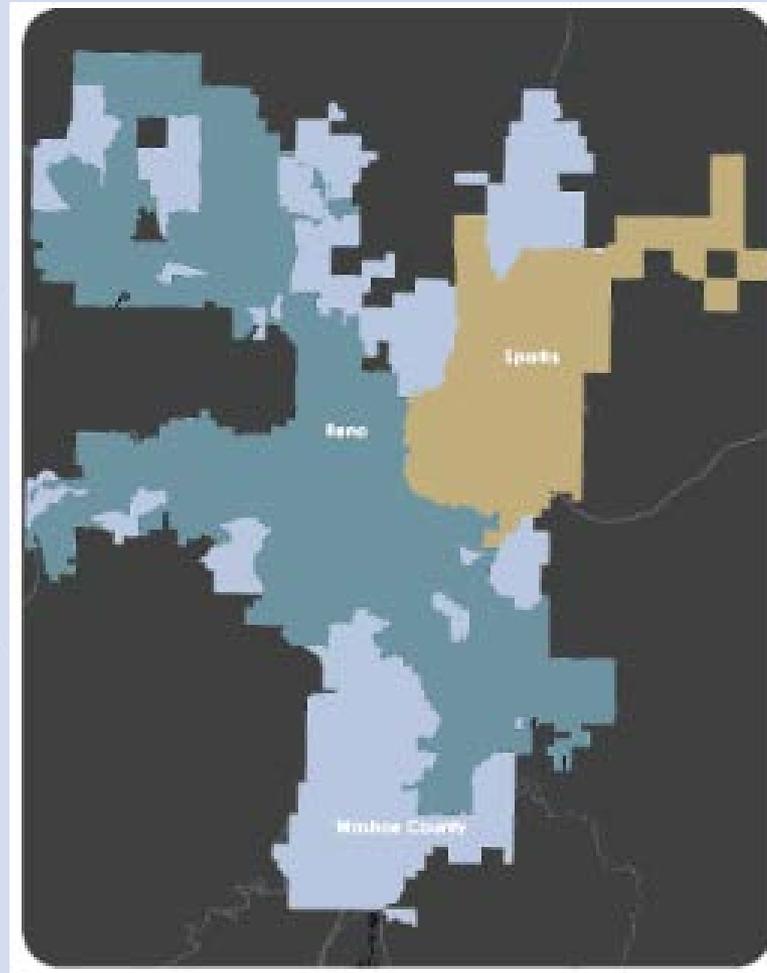


# Report Contents / Overview

- **Regional Form and Pattern (Module 1 of RP):**
  - **Policies and actions that manage growth:**
    - **Location of urban, suburban, and rural growth**
    - **Future service areas (TMSA and FSA)**
    - **Rural Development Area (RDA vs. TMSA)**
    - **Cooperative Planning**
    - **Affordable Housing**



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- **Regional Form and Pattern (Continued):**
  - **All Master Plan amendments processed in the last year received successful conformance reviews**
  - **Resolved the limitation on density in the Gerlach Suburban Character Management Area**
    - **Amended Regional Plan policy 1.1.5**
    - **Allowed conformance of amendments already approved by Washoe County (in support of economic development and housing diversity)**



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- **Regional Form and Pattern (Continued):**
  - **Cooperative Plans and Cooperative Planning**
    - The county continued to review and comment on city projects within Cooperative Planning Areas
  - **Affordable Housing**
    - Continued participation in the HOME consortium
    - Distribution of HOME funds
    - Coordination with Reno and Sparks Directors / Managers (partners)



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- **Natural Resource Management (Module 2 of RP):**
  - **Policies and actions that manage the Regions natural resources:**
    - **Development Constraints Area – prohibits development on certain areas (e.g. slopes)**
    - **Water management**
    - **Air Quality**
    - **Open Space and Greenways**
    - **Sustainable development practices**



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- **Natural Resource Management (cont.):**
  - **Development Constraints Area**
    - The county continued to implement Development Code standards addressing constrained areas
    - Article 418 and 438
  - **Water Management**
    - Regional Water Management Plan (NNWPC)
    - Continued assistance to the Flood Management Authority / Truckee River Flood Project



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- **Natural Resource Management (cont.):**
  - **Open Space / Greenways Plans**
    - Completed work on the Ballardini trailhead – working on connection to Thomas Creek (and add. purchases)
    - Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plans for Mt. Rose Hwy. and Washoe Valley
    - Hunter Creek Canyon trailhead easement expansion and construction improvements (bridge, restoration)
    - Ecosystem restoration and noxious weed treatments
    - Little Valley fire restoration / stabilization
    - Formation of the Eastern Sierra Trails Coalition



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- **Public Services and Facilities (Module 3 of RP):**
  - Policies and actions that coordinate and ensure the adequate provision of public services and facilities concurrent with new development:
    - Regional Transportation Planning
    - Wastewater Services and Facilities
    - Public Services and Facilities element of the Washoe County Master Plan



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## ■ Public Services and Facilities (cont.):

### ➤ Regional Transportation Planning

- The county continued to coordinate with RTC on development of short and long range plans (TAC)
- Sun Valley Blvd. bike and pedestrian improvements
- Maintenance of 1,090 miles of roadway; storm drain and ditch clean out; preventative maint.

### ➤ PSF Element

- Required concurrency mgt. policies still need to be addressed – 2017 Update
- Amend to conform with outcome of 2017 update



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## ■ Public Services and Facilities (cont.):

### ➤ Wastewater Services and Facilities

- County owns and operates 3 wastewater treatment facilities and sewer collection in 4 different areas
- Continued work on conversion of subdivisions using septic systems to community wastewater systems
- Regional coordination on extending systems to new development where appropriate
- Updated facility plans to accommodate planned growth
- NNWPC plans to expand uses of highly treated effluent as authorized by recent NRS changes



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- **General Review of the 2012 Regional Plan:**
  - **Local government proposed changes to the Regional Plan:**
    - **2017 Regional Plan update**
    - **Potentially incorporate previously identified needed changes**
    - **Identify additional changes to make the plan work better for all entities**
    - **Staff dedicated to participating in update**



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- **Planned actions for the next FY – 2017 Preview**
  - **Continuation of many of the ongoing efforts previously discussed**
  - **2017 Regional Plan update – staff participation**
  - **After adoption of the 2017 update:**
    - **Begin working on any changes necessary to conform to the updated plan**
    - **Potential amendments to Master Plan and Area Plans**



# Staff Recommendation

**Staff is recommending that the Planning Commission review the draft report and provide any comments, modifications, revisions, and suggested additions or deletions deemed necessary, direct staff to incorporate any changes; and authorize staff to submit the report to the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Commission and the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Governing Board on behalf of the Washoe County Planning Commission**



# Possible Motion

**I move that based on testimony and comments received during the meeting, discussion and review of this matter by the Planning Commission, and consistency with the adopted annual reporting procedures and state law, the Washoe County Planning Commission directs staff to submit the Washoe County 2016 Regional Plan Annual Report, included as Attachment A to the staff report accompanying this item, with the following changes (*insert directed changes*), to the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Commission and the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Governing Board on behalf of the Washoe County Planning Commission.**



# Conclusion

## QUESTIONS?

