

Volunteer Report - Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting

2015 Oct./Nov./Dec. Highlights:

- The October Pumpkin Walk that takes place at Rancho San Rafael Park is always a big volunteer event. This year, we had a total of 82 volunteers, totaling 342 hours of volunteer time. This is 80 more volunteer hours than last year. We were fortunate to have doubled the amount of help from the RPD's Senior Auxiliary Volunteer Effort (SAVE) this year, which helped parking to run smoothly despite larger than expected crowds. Theta Chi Fraternity, Arboretum volunteers, and several other individuals helped as well doing everything from line control to passing out candy.
- The Reno Disc Golf Association (RDGA) provided almost 200 hours of volunteer time over the fall months with multiple improvements at the Lizard Peak Disc Golf Course at Sun Valley Regional Park including installing marker stones, additional signs, basket replacement, and bench installation.
- Several volunteer groups including the UNR Center for Student Engagement, Circle K Service Group, Theta Chi Fraternity, and the Amazon.com Fulfillment Center came out to help with Rancho San Rafael's "Meet the Turkeys" and "Christmas Trees for Special Families Programs".

October Hours and Dollar Value:

The 2015 October decrease was primarily due to a scaled back KTMB Make a Difference Day this year. Washoe County had one participating location this year as opposed to two with many less volunteers attending. Intern/Work Study was up due to two Children's Cabinet youth at the Arboretum and additional May Museum interns.

	October 2015	October 2014	% Increase	Fiscal YTD 2015/2016	Fiscal YTD 2014/2015	% Increase
Volunteers	2,198.5	2,555.50	-14.0%	9,361.25	14,131.00	-33.8%
Interns/Work Study	293	104.25	181.1%	1,369.25	1,053.00	30.0%
Total Dollar Value*	\$57,478.90	\$59,977.36	-4.2%	\$247,554.94	\$342,399.20	-27.7%

November Hours and Dollar Value:

November numbers were higher in 2014 due to a large Eagle Scout project at Galena Creek Regional Park and better weather for Arboretum volunteers. Intern hours were up in 2015 due to Children's Cabinet at the Arboretum.

	November 2015	November 2014	% Increase	Fiscal YTD 2015/2016	Fiscal YTD 2014/2015	% Increase
Volunteers	983	1,369.25	-28.2%	10,344.25	15,500.25	-33.3%
Interns/Work Study	149	47	217.0%	1,518.25	1,100.00	38.0%
Total Dollar Value*	\$26,115.24	\$31,396.44	-16.8%	\$273,670.18	\$374,335.63	-26.9%

December Hours and Dollar Value:

The 2015 December decrease was primarily due to more inclement weather this year. Intern hours were up in 2015 due to Children's Cabinet at the Arboretum.

	December 2015	December 2014	% Increase	Fiscal YTD 2015/2016	Fiscal YTD 2014/2015	% Increase
Volunteers	358.75	732	-51.0%	10,703	16,232.25	-34.1%
Interns/Work Study	65.75	19.75	234.1%	1,584	1,119.75	41.5%
Total Dollar Value*	\$9,793.22	\$16,951.96	-42.2%	\$283,461.09	\$391,287.60	-27.6%

*The hourly rate of \$23.07 used for calculating the dollar value is based on the estimated national value of volunteer time as reported by www.independentsector.org.