



Park Planning and Development

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2020

PLANNING HIGHLIGHTS

- The One Truckee River Wayfinding Signage Project is continuing to move forward. All signs have been fabricated by YesCo and installation is around 25% complete. Sign installation is happening across multiple jurisdictions along the Truckee River and includes Crystal Peak Park, Mayberry Park, and Dorostkar Park. Installation of signs at Washoe County Park locations is expected to be complete by the end of December 2020.
- A Truckee River Fund Grant (#240) in the amount of \$45,000 was accepted by the BCC on October 27, 2020. Grant funds will be used to continue noxious weed treatments, inventory, and revegetation in Truckee River Park and Open Space areas in 2021 – 2022.
- Great Basin Institute (GBI) crews completed planting of 2,000+ native seedlings and installation of temporary irrigation in Bartley Ranch Regional Park in an area previously disturbed by fire. They also completed planting of 400 native seedlings at Lockwood Trailhead and installed an enclosure fence to protect the planting from wild horses in the park. Project work was funded through Truckee River Fund Grant #220.
- Several volunteer events were conducted in late September, October, and November to continue fall revegetation work including seeding and planting of native seedlings. Work occurred at Lockwood Trailhead, near the multi-use pasture parking lot in Rancho San Rafael Regional Park, and next to Evans Creek in the Arboretum. These projects are all part of Truckee River Fund Grant #220.
- Park planning staff completed maintenance of the art installation planting at Crystal Peak Park. Work included weeding and replacement of plants that did not survive from last year's planting.
- The Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) issued a subgrant award to Washoe County Parks in the amount of \$100,000 from an existing Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR) federal grant. The award will be going to the BCC for acceptance on January 12, 2021. Funds will be used for weed treatment and revegetation work in Washoe County Park and Open Space areas in 2021 – 2023.
- A Recreational Trails Program grant in the amount of \$40,000 was awarded to Washoe County Parks for construction of the Ballardini Ranch to Thomas Creek Connector Trail. The award will be going to the BCC for acceptance on December 8, 2020. The project is expected to go out for bid in spring 2021.

- Final applications for 2021 Recreational Trails Program grant funding were submitted to NV State Parks for two projects. The Sierra Front Trail Planning Project would connect the Ballardini Ranch Trailhead to the Michael D. Thompson Trailhead, effectively linking existing trail systems in north and south Reno. The project planning work includes field verification of the proposed trail corridor and natural resource surveys and reports as required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The second project submitted was for trail repair and maintenance work on existing Washoe County trails including: Galena Creek Trail, Browns Creek Trail, Huffaker Hills Trails, Ballardini Ranch Loop Trails, and the Lower Whites Creek Trail.
- Washoe County Parks has hired TSK Architects to develop the Regional Archery Facility Master Plan. Staff are working with them to finalize the plan timeline now and will be moving forward with a site visit and stakeholder meetings next month.
- The Village Center Park Survey was sent out last month to members of the Cold Springs community. They were overwhelmingly supportive of planting additional trees and creating more shaded spaces at the park. We are moving forward on hiring a landscape architect to design plans for this project.
- A Rancho/Peavine Trails Master Plan survey and mapping tool was sent to key stakeholders to get input about the development of additional trails on the Rancho portion of Peavine Mountain. We are also collecting feedback about other desired trail amenities and any current trail issues/challenges.