



Park Planning and Development

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting

FEBRUARY 2020

PLANNING HIGHLIGHTS

- Under the One Truckee River Partnership, Washoe County Parks worked with the Nevada Land Trust to get the bid package advertised for the Truckee River Wayfinding Signage Fabrication and Installation project. The contract is expected to be awarded on March 11, 2020 with construction beginning on March 18, 2020. The contract includes fabrication and installation of approximately 250 signs and information kiosks along the Truckee River and Tahoe Pyramid Trail corridor. Signs will be installed across all local jurisdictions including Washoe County, City of Reno, City of Sparks, and Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA).
- Lumos, Inc. completed the preliminary site plans and reports for the Riverbend Parking Lot and River Access Trail project. The Special Use Permit package was submitted to the City of Reno on February 24, 2020.
- Directional signs and rules/regulations signs were fabricated and posted at the Biggest Little Bike Park located at Sun Valley Regional Park.
- Initiating a Peavine trails key stakeholder group this spring to identify existing and desired trails in the northern portion of Rancho San Rafael Regional Park.

ONGOING PROJECTS

Arrowcreek Fuels Grant: Conducting fuel reduction work on Arrowcreek Open Space through a Nevada Division of Forestry Grant in the amount of \$39,000.

Ballardini Ranch Trail (South) connection to Thomas Creek: Planning and construction of a connector trail from Ballardini Ranch Trailhead to the Thomas Creek Trailhead in partnership with the Forest Service. Includes additional trail connections within Arrowcreek Open Space parcels.

Ballardini Ranch Trail (North) connection to Hunter Creek: Planning and construction of connector trails from Ballardini Ranch Trailhead to the Michael D. Thompson (Hunter Creek) Trailhead in partnership with the Forest Service.

Blackstone Estates Park Agreement: Working with the developer to draft the maintenance agreement for the Blackstone Estates Park (to be located just north of Calle de la Plata in Spanish Springs).

Bowers Mansion Restoration: Restoration work on Bowers Mansion following the Maintenance and Rehabilitation Plan completed by Melvyn Green & Associates in 2018.

Easements: Ongoing monitoring of revegetation efforts after construction concludes on Arrowcreek and Sugarloaf Peak Open Space areas.

Lazy 5 Entrance Drainage: Working on a plan to address a drainage issue that is severely impacting a parking lot at Lazy 5 Regional Park.

Lower Thomas Creek Trail Reroute: Planning and construction of a bridge and trail reroute on a portion of the Lower Thomas Creek Trail.

One Truckee River Partnership: An ongoing collaboration among stakeholders to manage, protect, and provide stewardship for the Truckee River across all jurisdictional boundaries under the leadership of Nevada Land Trust (NLT). Projects include the following:

- The One Truckee River Management Plan (Phase 1) was completed in 2016. Additional work on Phase 2 and Phase 3 management plans is ongoing. Washoe County is providing SQ-1 funding for the project through an existing agreement with NLT.
- Development of a wayfinding signage plan in the Phase 1 area was completed by Alta Planning + Design in 2019. Implementation of the signage plan including fabrication and installation of signs is planned for 2020. Washoe County is providing SQ-1 funding for the project through an existing agreement with NLT.
- The River Restroom project aims to improve water quality by installing “Portland Loo” style restrooms at high priority locations along the Truckee River. Washoe County is providing SQ-1 funding for the project through an existing agreement with TMWA.

Parks and Open Space Integrated Vegetation Management Plan: Resource Concepts Inc. was hired to develop an Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) Plan to assist park staff with managing noxious weeds and other undesirable vegetation types.

Rancho San Rafael Upper Playground: Planning and construction of a new all-inclusive playground to replace an existing playground at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park. Park staff is currently seeking grant funding.

Rancho San Rafael Wetland Flood Damage Restoration Plan: Nevada Environmental Consulting developed a Flood Damage Restoration Plan for the wetland cells in Rancho San Rafael Park that were damaged during the last major flood event. The plan includes berm repairs, weir construction and upgrades, new trail and trail reroutes, sediment

removal, irrigation ditch repair, and revegetation. Implementation of the plan is ongoing.

Riverbend Boundary Line Adjustment: Working with the River Bend Mobile Home Park and Storage, LLC (River Bend LLC) on a potential boundary line adjustment that would allow for better recreation access to the Truckee River from Washoe County Open Space.

Riverbend Parking Lot and River Access Trail: Planning and construction of a parking lot and access trail on the Riverbend Open Space area to tie into the planned TMWA dam portage and provide better river access.

Tahoe Area Plan Update: To be reviewed by the Planning Commission this spring.

Tahoe East Shore Trail (Sand Harbor to Spooner Jct.): The draft decision and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) have been released. To review the documents, visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52969>

Truckee River Fund Grant #220: Truckee River Fund grant money in the amount of \$45,000 is being used to conduct inventories, weed treatments, and revegetation projects in Truckee River Parks from spring 2019 – summer 2020.