



Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting  
May 24, 2023

## PLANNING HIGHLIGHTS

- A contract was awarded to DOWL, LLC to conduct site design and permitting work for the Riverbend Trailhead and Access Path project. This project is partially funded by a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant.
- Herbicide treatments were conducted at Mayberry Park to control jointed goatgrass and along the new section (3.5 miles) of the Sierra Front Trail to control medusahead.
- A path repair project was completed at the Rancho San Rafael Regional Park Pollinator Garden to improve path surfacing and improve drainage for the path, garden, and pasture areas. Three new concrete benches were installed. Additional shrubs and milkweeds were planted.
- A contract was awarded to Soil-Tech to conduct spring herbicide treatments targeting noxious weeds at several Washoe County Park and Open Space sites.
- A contract was awarded to High Desert Graziers for goat grazing services to reduce perennial pepperweed (whiteweed) at the Swan Lake Nature Study Area.
- A contract was awarded to Melvyn Green & Associates to begin design work for the historic Galena Schoolhouse Restoration project. Staff also met with the NV State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to discuss the project. This project is funded by a Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation (CCCHP) Grant.
- A contract was awarded to Melvyn Green & Associates to begin design work and a mothballing plan to secure and restore the exterior of the historic Avansino House at the Carcione Open Space property. Staff also met with the NV State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to discuss the project.
- One Truckee River received grant funding from the Carson-Truckee Water Conservancy District to conduct a vegetation conditions assessment along the Truckee River. The conditions assessment will include Washoe County Park and Open Space areas located along the Truckee River.
- Sheep grazing for fuels reduction near Arrowcreek in partnership with the Forest Service is expected to begin on May 15<sup>th</sup> and will continue for approximately 2 months. This includes grazing on Forest Service managed lands around Whites Creek, Thomas Creek, the Sierra Front, and within Washoe County owned Arrowcreek Open Space parcels.