



Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting
November 19, 2025

PLANNING HIGHLIGHTS

- Dirt & Diesel Excavation LLC completed a new section of gravel path with drainage improvements at Lazy 5 Regional Park connecting from the existing multi-use path on the north end of the park to the main access road.
- The Board of County Commissioners accepted a Grant of Trail Easement from the Truckee Meadows Water Authority for public access and maintenance of the dam portage trail at Riverbend Park.
- Pre-emergent herbicide targeted at controlling invasive annual grasses was applied at Wilson Commons (1-acre) and Bartley Ranch Regional Park (2.5-acres). Pre-emergent herbicide was applied using a drone at Davis Creek Regional Park (38-acres). This is part of an ongoing partnership project with the Nevada Department of Forestry (NDF) and the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) to recover native vegetation in the park after the Davis Fire. Another partnership project with NDOW, Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA), Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest – Carson Ranger District, and the Washoe-Storey Conservation District resulted in 12 acres of pre-emergent herbicide applied by drone at Canepa Ranch Open Space.
- Staff hosted several volunteer events to remove thistles at Carcione Open Space, plant native species at Riverbend Park, and plant Jeffrey pines as part of fire recovery efforts at Davis Creek Regional Park.
- Staff hosted several volunteer events for trail improvements including brushing the Nature Loop Trail at Dorostkar Park, improving trails and installing signage at Hidden Valley Regional Park, and brushing sections of the Lower Whites Creek Trail.
- Trail improvements were completed at Ambrose Park and the staircase into the group campground at Davis Creek Regional Park was rebuilt.
- A Notice of Intent to Award was issued to Kimley Horn and negotiations are in process to award a contract for the Lazy 5 Regional Park Master Plan update.
- The Rancho San Rafael Regional Park “All-Inclusive” Playground is nearing completion. The playground was opened to the public in October 2025 and is still waiting on benches and gates to be installed to complete the project. This project is partially funded with a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant.