



Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting
January 28, 2026

PLANNING HIGHLIGHTS

- A contract was awarded to Kimley-Horn to assist the County with updating the Lazy 5 Regional Park Master Plan.
- A Water Facilities Easement between Washoe County (grantor) and Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA, grantee) was approved at the January 13, 2026, Board of County Commissioners Meeting. This agreement provides TMWA with an easement totaling ± 1,933 square feet at Lazy 5 Regional Park (APN 083-024-06) to create a looped water system for redundancy during maintenance or emergency work.
- On January 13, 2026, the Board of County Commissioners accepted a Grant of Trail Easement from the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) and approved a Consent to Use agreement between TMWA, NV Energy, and the County to allow public access on the existing TMWA road adjacent to Canepa Ranch. The access road will become part of the River Access Path for the Canepa Ranch Trailhead project.
- Staff completed a Trail Construction Plan for Phase 1 of the Sierra Front Trail which includes 7.7-miles of new multi-use singletrack trail from the Michael D. Thompson Trailhead to Hunter Lake Road. This project is partially funded through a Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant. The project is expected to go out to bid in February 2026.
- Staff submitted Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant applications for Sierra Front Trail Bridge Design (Phase 2) and Nature Loop Trail Improvements at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park.
- Drainage improvements at the “Biggest Little Bike Park” located in Sun Valley Regional Park were completed by Parks staff.
- Staff completed wayfinding sign installation and ½-mile of trail improvements at Mogul Park.
- Staff completed wayfinding sign installation (20 signs) at North Valleys Regional Park, and improved trail bridge approaches through rock placement and stabilization.
- Staff hosted several volunteer days at Huffaker Hills in partnership with Gear Hut, Sierra Club, and Friends of Nevada Wilderness to complete post-fire restoration work. Approximately 45 acres were seeded with a native/adapted seed blend and over 200 native plants were planted in the burned area.
- Staff removed annual weeds and seeded native species into a ½-acre disturbed area along the Hidden Valley Regional Park boundary.
- Truckee Meadows Fire was contracted to reduce fuels and chip existing brush piles that were blocking public access on a Lower Whites Creek Open Space parcel near the Lower Whites Creek Trail.