



Park Planning and Development

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting MAY 2019



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Arrowcreek Fuels Grant

- On October 10, 2017, BCC approved a grant for \$39,000 to do additional fuel reduction work on Arrowcreek Open Space.
- Collaborative partnership with Arrowcreek Homeowners Association and Friends of Arrowcreek, which owns the two golf courses.
- A grant extension was approved by Nevada Division of Forestry through October 1, 2019.
- High Sierra Forestry was contracted to oversee the project. RFPs went out in May and Paul Roen was the only bidder. Work includes fuels reduction through mastication and is expected to start in July 2019.

Ballardini Ranch Trail connection to Thomas Creek

- Funding provided by WC-1.
- Construction of a connector trail between Ballardini Ranch Trailhead and Old FS Road has been completed.
- Working with USFS on environmental compliance requirements for portion of trail from Old FS Road to Thomas Creek trailhead. Botany surveys were completed by the USFS in May. Redhorse Corporation was contracted to do the cultural survey work. The proposed trail alignment was flagged on the ground by Sierra Trail Works.
- The Arrowcreek HOA is also working on designing a new trail system that would connect from Arrowcreek to various points on the existing and future portions of the Ballardini Ranch Trail system. Arrowcreek contractor began work on trails plan on May 15th. An agreement will be put in place for any trails constructed on Washoe County Open Space areas.

Bowers Mansion Rehabilitation

- Funding provided by WC-1 and endowment
- Melvyn Green & Associates, Inc. hired to prepare Maintenance and Rehabilitation Recommendations.
- Plan completed October 2018.
- Melvyn Green & Associates have submitted bid documents and will be assisting Brett Steinhardt from CIP through the bidding and award process. Project expected to go out for bid in fall 2019.

Galena-Joy Lake-Callahan Fuels Project

- NDF grant for continuation of fuels reduction project from Galena Regional Park to Callahan Ranch Road along Galena Creek. Grant awarded to NDF. Washoe County providing linkage between staff, community and TMFPD.
- NDF crews started work in summer 2018 and the project is continuing into 2019.

Galena Terrace Park

- Construction of a neighborhood pocket park in the Galena Terrace Rolling Hills neighborhood
- Bid awarded at August 2018 BCC to Facilities Management Inc. Park construction has started and is ongoing. Anticipated completion date unknown at this time.

Golden Valley ADA Path Improvements

- RCT funds will be used to address ADA access issues between parking areas, ball fields, and the playground.
- Project includes surface hardening of main access paths and addressing some existing drainage issues.

- Project is in initial design phase.

Hunter Creek Bridge

- Final bridge plans were approved and signed by the Forest Service in February 2019. Western Wood Structures was contracted to build the bridge and has been authorized to begin construction with an anticipated delivery date sometime in early July 2019.
- Sierra Trail Works is contracted to install the bridge and connector trail.
- Nevada Environmental Consulting is contracted to do in-stream work including bank armoring. We have received all required NV state permits, but are still waiting on issuance of U.S. Army Corps of Engineer permits.
- Received cultural and NEPA clearance from the USFS in December 2018.
- Sierra Trail Works and NV Environmental will work together to accomplish the channel stabilization work and bridge installation. Work is currently planned to start July 1, 2019, depending on water levels.

Lazy 5 Drainage Issue

- Working with engineers in the CSD to address a drainage issue that is impacting a parking lot at Lazy 5 Regional Park. Project is in initial design phase.

Lower Thomas Creek Trail Reroute

- In the summer of 2018, a private landowner removed and fenced off a portion of the Lower Thomas Creek Trail that crossed his property without an existing easement.
- WC-1 funds will be used to design and construct a trail reroute in the Washoe County open space area on the opposite side of the creek, including a bridge installation to connect to existing trail.
- Project is in the initial design phase and will move forward in Fiscal Year 2020. A boundary survey of the Washoe County parcel line and existing trail easement was conducted by Summit Engineering in May 2019.

Master Plan- County Wide

- Wood Rodgers working on draft plan and finalizing maps.
- Public outreach and meetings completed.
- Anticipated that the plan will be presented to the Park Commission in summer of 2019, with BCC approvals to follow.

North Valleys Trail Project

- Funding received from Recreational Trails Program to construct new trail and trailhead adjacent to North Valleys Phase V Expansion.
- Trail Construction was completed in December 2017. Sierra Trail works installed 2 bridges in spring 2018.
- The connector trail and stairs from the ballfields to the trailhead were completed.
- Trail map was completed. Coulter & Associates working on finishing proofs for kiosk signs. Installation of signage, benches and kiosk anticipated in Summer 2019.

Rancho San Rafael Upper Playground

- Construction of a new All-Inclusive playground in location of existing playground
- Project is in design phase.

Rancho San Rafael Wetland Flood Damage Restoration Plan

- Nevada Environmental Consulting was contracted to develop 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, and revegetation.
- A complete narrative report including spatial data was submitted in February 2019.

- The contractor is still working on plan sets for the sediment removal, berm repairs, and weir construction work.
- A volunteer trail work day in collaboration with Clay Grubb (Tahoe Rim Trail Association) and the Biggest Little Trail Stewardship group occurred on March 28th to remove vegetation and flag the trail corridor for the trail reroute around the wetlands on the north side. Sierra Trail Works was contracted to construct the rough cut of the trail which was completed on April 17th. Volunteers completed the finish work including back sloping and armoring drainages on May 5th. The trail is open and we have received positive feedback from trail users in the park.

Stateline to Stateline Bikeway – Tahoe East Shore Trail

- The name of the project has been adopted as the Tahoe East Shore Trail per the Signage Master Plan completed by Wood Rodgers.
- Granite construction was awarded Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) by Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) for construction of 3 miles of trail and parking facilities.
- Value Pricing Program for installation of Parking Meters is in final evaluation.
- The pathway has been excavated and paved, bridge foundations constructed, and 2,800 linear feet of storm drain pipes, a pathway tunnel and 5,000 linear feet of reinforcing wall installed. The bridge deck installations are the final major element of construction. The path is anticipated to open in the summer of 2019 after final drainage, landscaping, paving and other finishing work is complete. A grand opening celebration is being planned for late June 2019.
- An environmental assessment has been started for the next proposed section from Sand Harbor to Spooner Junction. Draft EA is expected to be completed in Summer/Fall 2019.

Truckee River Fund Grant #220

- On April 23, 2019 the BCC approved a \$45,000 grant from the Truckee River Fund to conduct weed treatments and revegetation projects in priority parks along the Truckee River and its tributaries.
- A contractor was hired to treat whitetop in Rancho San Rafael Regional Park during the week of May 20th using grant funds.

Truckee River – One River Plan

- The One Truckee River Management Plan was completed in September 2016. The plan establishes goals for managing, protecting and providing stewardship for the Truckee River across all jurisdictional boundaries. Nevada Land Trust and Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful are the lead agencies working with the assistance and cooperation of a large Truckee River stakeholder group to fundraise and implement the plan.
- Initial funding for plan development was provided through the Washoe County State Question 1 Program (BCC approved SQ-1 grant in 2015). A funding agreement for implementation of additional work was approved by the BCC on March 27, 2018. Both existing SQ-1 grants were approved for an extension through June 20, 2020 by the BCC.
- The second funding agreement includes the development of a wayfinding plan and installation of signs and kiosks. Alta Planning + Design was contracted to develop the wayfinding plan. A draft plan was submitted in April 2019 and will be presented to the parks commission once finalized (Summer 2019).
- Partnering with One Truckee River and Truckee Meadows Water Authority on initial planning for the River Restroom Project which aims to improve water quality by installing restrooms at high priority locations along the Truckee River.