



# Park Planning and Development

## Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting

### JANUARY 2020

#### PLANNING HIGHLIGHTS

- Washoe County Parks was awarded a Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant in the amount of \$40,000 for the construction phase of the Ballardini Ranch Trail (South) connection to Thomas Creek. Cultural survey reports were finalized and submitted to the NV State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to initiate Section 106 review for the project.
- Lumos Inc. was hired to prepare preliminary site plans and studies as part of the City of Reno permitting process for the Riverbend Parking Lot and Access Trail project.
- The two Arrowcreek Open Space easements were approved by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on January 14, 2020 and the Sugarloaf Open Space easement was approved by the BCC on January 28, 2020.

#### 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.):** Environmental Assessment currently under review. Forest Service to release the Record of Decision in the near future.

**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.