



Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting  
August 2, 2022

## PLANNING HIGHLIGHTS

- The Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation (CCCHP) awarded Washoe County Parks a grant in the amount of \$110,607 to complete Phase 1 of the Galena Creek Schoolhouse Restoration Project. A subsequent grant of \$234,443 was also set aside for the project which will be awarded after CCCHP board approval of the construction plans.
- The Hidden Valley Regional Park Master Plan was approved and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022.
- Approximately 3.5 miles of new singletrack trail construction was completed on the Sierra Front Trail which completes the connection from the Thomas Creek Trailhead to the Ballardini Ranch Trailhead. The trail was opened to the public on June 24, 2022. This project was partially funded by a Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant.
- Major maintenance work was completed on approximately 1.6 miles of the Galena Creek Trail from Callahan Park to Joy Lake Road. Work included trail reroutes, drainage improvements, and repair of the washed-out section under the Montreux bridge.
- Planting of the four main gardens was completed at the Rancho San Rafael Regional Park Pollinator Garden which included over 800 plants with 49 different native and adapted species. Additional work is planned for this fall including completion of path work, installation of a shade structure, installation of a metal recycled art sculpture, creation of a milkweed area, and planting of additional trees.
- Americorps staff continued to work on completing noxious weed inventories and removing noxious weeds at multiple park and open space sites. Parks hosted a large volunteer event in partnership with Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful (KTMB) and Panasonic to remove yellow starthistle from Rancho San Rafael Regional Park.