

City of Carson City
Agenda Report

item # 10A

Date Submitted: February 22, 2008

Agenda Date Requested: March 6, 2008

To: Mayor and Supervisors

Time Requested: Consent Agenda

From: Parks and Recreation Department

Subject Title: Action to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a funding agreement between Carson City (Grantee) and the State of Nevada, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of State Lands (Grantor) for \$264,000 in grant funds to be used towards improvements to the existing Morgan Mill Road Trailhead.

Staff Summary: City staff has applied for and been awarded grant funding from the State of Nevada, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, through the Question 1 Conservation and Resource Protection Grant Program. These grants will be used towards construction of a new parking lot and boat ramp, a portable toilet enclosure, streambank modifications, revegetation, and noxious weed control at the Morgan Mill Road Trailhead. Board of Supervisors' approval of the funding agreement will allow City staff to proceed with the project and implement a portion of the Unified Pathways Master Plan.

Type of Action Requested: (check one)

Resolution

Ordinance

Formal Action/Motion

Other (Specify)

Does This Action Require A Business Impact Statement: Yes No

Recommended Board Action: I move to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a funding agreement between Carson City (Grantee) and the State of Nevada, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of State Lands (Grantor) for \$264,000 in grant funds to be used towards improvements to the existing Morgan Mill Road Trailhead.

Explanation for Recommended Board Action: On March 15, 2007, the Board of Supervisors approved amending the Unified Pathways Master Plan (UPMP) to incorporate the Carson River Aquatic Trail Master Plan. The approved plan identified river access improvements at the Morgan Mill Road river access area, including a land-and-water-based trailhead facility. The land-based trails will link to the existing Empire Ranch Trail. On September 21, 2006, the Board of Supervisors approved revisions to the City's priority list for the State of Nevada's Question 1 Conservation and Resource Protection Grant Program Projects which identified the Aquatic Trail Plan's recreation improvements. With the Board's conceptual approval of this project, staff has moved forward on implementation.

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation: N/A

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Explanation of Impact: Approval of this funding agreement provides Carson City with \$264,000 in grant funds to be used towards a new parking lot and boat ramp, a portable toilet enclosure, streambank modifications, revegetation, and noxious weed control at the Morgan Mill Road Trailhead. This grant requires a 50% match, for which \$165,000 has already been acquired from various funding sources. An additional \$100,000 was recently approved by the Land and Water Conservation Fund but authorization by the National Park Service and approval by the Board of Supervisors is still needed.