

City of Carson City
Agenda Report

Item # 6B

Date Submitted: September 12, 2006

Agenda Date Requested: September 21, 2006

Time Requested: 20 Minutes

To: Mayor and Supervisors

From: Parks and Recreation Department

Subject Title: Action on the joint recommendation from the Carson River Advisory Committee, Open Space Advisory Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife to revise the City's currently adopted prioritized list for Question #1 State of Nevada Conservation and Resource Protection Grant Program projects, as presented.

Staff Summary: Over the past three months, the Parks and Recreation Department has been working with the City's Question #1 Sub-Committee and the above-referenced advisory boards and commissions to update Carson City's Question #1 Opportunities Map and Project List. If approved by the Board of Supervisors, this revised Question #1 Project List will guide City staff in seeking future Question #1 funding for project construction, property acquisitions, and resource restoration projects, including the required City matching funds for these projects.

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 the joint recommendation from the Carson River Advisory Committee, Open Space Advisory Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife to revise the City's currently adopted prioritized list for Question #1 State of Nevada Conservation and Resource Protection Grant Program projects, as presented.

Explanation for Recommended Board Action: Over the last three years, the Parks and Recreation Department has used the Question #1 Opportunities Map and project list to prioritize the City's applications for these grant funds. However, the Question #1 State Grant Program's life cycle is approximately half over. All Question #1 funds must be committed to projects by November 5, 2008. Some projects may continue to see reimbursement as late as 2011. All bond funds sold to support this program are to be expended within three years of issuance.

There is a need, as a result of the following factors, to update the Q-1 Opportunities Map and Project List:

1. Question #1 State Grant Program's life cycle is approximately half over, and the City must assess our needs to maximize this funding source;
2. Completion of the Comprehensive Master Plan, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and the Unified Pathways Master Plan requires the City to ascertain how relevant the present project priorities are in relation to the implementation strategies in these master plans;
3. Carson City has been very successful with Question 1 in previous grant application rounds; however, the City's capacity to successfully implement these grants must be reassessed; and
4. Some potential funding sources and partnerships expected in the original list of projects did not materialize; therefore, some projects must be re-evaluated and their feasibility assessed.

The Parks and Recreation Commission, the Open Space Advisory Committee, and the Carson River Advisory Committee have all recommended to the Board of Supervisors the revised priority list. The Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife will be taking action on a similar recommendation to the Board of Supervisors at their