OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE:

April 15, 2013

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:

3F

STAFF:

Ann Bollinger, Natural Resource Specialist

REQUEST:

For Discussion and Possible Action: To recommend to the Board of Supervisors adoption of a resolution for the naming of open space properties within Carson City.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

In 1988, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution for the naming of parks and recreation facilities. In 1996, a voter-approved ballot initiative resulted in the formation of an Open Space Program. Additionally, the Carson City Charter was amended to specifically define open space and its characteristics.

Since its inception, the Open Space Program has acquired, through purchase, donation, and transfer, a total of 3,340 acres. The committee has recommended the development of materials (maps, signs, etc.) to identify our open space properties. However, the properties do not have a "name" other than that of the previous owner. Staff recommends the adoption of a naming resolution specific to open space properties, rather than follow the resolution for parks and recreation facilities. The primary differences emphasize that property names should reflect natural or nature-related elements and individual or family names should be reserved for land donations. A few examples include:

Geographic and/or Topographic:

Bently and Serpa acquisitions = Carson River Canyon Open Space

Geographic and/or Indigenous Wildlife:

Desormier acquisition = Golden Eagle Open Space

Geographic and/or Cultural or Historical:

Mexican Dam LLC acquisition = Mexican Dam Open Space

Cultural or Historical Heritage

Andersen and Jarrard acquisitions = Buzzy's Ranch Open Space

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

I move to recommend to the Board of Supervisors adoption of a resolution for the naming of open space properties within Carson City.

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE NAMING OF OPEN SPACE PROPERTIES WITHIN CARSON CITY

WHEREAS, the Open Space Program was created through a voter-approval ballot initiative in 1996, often referred to as Question 18; and

WHEREAS, Carson City Charter Provision 2.230 empowers the Board of Supervisors to regulate public parks, buildings, grounds and rights-of-way within the City; and

WHEREAS, Carson City Charter Provision 8A.030 defines open space as real property that is undeveloped or partially developed natural landscape, including, but not limited to, ridges, stream corridors, natural shoreline, scenic areas, watershed areas, viewsheds, agricultural or other land devoted exclusively to open-space use, conservation easements and easements devoted or connecting to open-space use; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to establish policies and procedures for the naming of the open space properties within Carson City;

NOW, THEREFORE, this Board hereby resolves to adopt the following:

POLICIES

- 1. Names should provide some form of individual identity to the property or specific part of any owned property.
- 2. If possible, names should be related to the unique natural landscape, geographic or topographic features, indigenous plants or wildlife, cultural or historical heritage.
- 3. The naming for individuals and/or families should be reserved as an incentive towards significant donations of land. It is encouraged that any recommended name be designated posthumously.
- 4. Individuals and organizations should be encouraged to submit nominations to the Parks and Recreation Department.
- 5. Due to their familiarity with the individual properties, committee members and staff may submit nominations.

PROCEDURES

- 1. After the City has acquired title to the property, the Parks and Recreation Department is responsible to solicit nominations.
- 2. The Parks and Recreation Department will publicize the open period including the deadline for nominations.
- 3. A formal nomination and justification must be submitted in writing to the Parks and Recreation Department.
- 4. The Parks and Recreation Department staff will review and research the nomination(s). Staff will prepare a written summary for the Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC).
- 5. The Open Space Advisory Committee will review the nomination(s) for consideration at a regularly scheduled meeting. Upon OSAC recommendation, Parks and Recreation Department staff will forward to the Board of Supervisors for approval.
- 6. Upon Board of Supervisors' approval, the name shall be identified on open space signage and materials.

ADOPTED this _____ day of ______, 2013.

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NAYES: Supervisors _	
ABSENT: Supervisors _	
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	Robert L. Crowell, Mayor
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ALAN GLOVER, Clerk-Recorde	er