

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 21, 2014

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3D

STAFF: Ann Bollinger, Natural Resource Specialist
Juan F. Guzman, Open Space Manager

REQUEST: Discussion only regarding activities, projects, and grants throughout other areas of the Open Space Program.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- 1) Ash Canyon to Kings Canyon Trail: On April 4, 2014 staff and Chas Macquarie presented the grant proposal for the construction of a bridge on Carson City land for the Ash Canyon to Kings Canyon Trail. We were successful in obtaining funding approval for approximately \$35,000.
- 2) Bureau of Land Management Resource Management Plan: Staff continues to review five alternatives for the Environmental Impact Statement. Five alternatives have been identified ranging from no action to economic, environmental, interface, and mixed use preference alternatives. The remainder of the documents is now available for review by members of the cooperating agencies but not the general public.
- 3) Clear Creek Trailhead: State Lands staff has initiated contact with the Planning Department to discuss potential Master Plan Amendments and zone changes to benefit the property value. State Lands requested a review that will be used in order to advance a potential Master Plan amendment and change of land use that will secure the value of the lands that they manage within Carson City as part of their consideration for a lease to permit the trailhead. The Carson Valley Trails Association had a grand opening on April 12, 2014.
- 4) Fulstone Wetlands: Staff is working with the Parks Division to replace a few dead plants in the landscaping beds along Northridge Drive and trees throughout the site.
- 5) Horsecreek Ranch: On the City lands west of the ranch on Kings Canyon Road, a vehicle was left abandoned at a creek. Due to the difficult access, staff has not been able to make arrangements to remove the vehicle.
- 6) V&T North of Combs Canyon Road: Work to complete easements continues with the Eagle Valley Children's Home and NDOT. A draft easement with State Lands has been received. The State Historic Preservation Office has expressed concerns with the project and the historic context of the V&T route.

- 7) Waterfall Trail: Staff installed some fencing and other treatments designed to close off the social trail adjacent to the creek. These measures were damaged and removed by visitors. The damaged fence will be removed and the trail will have a sign saying “not maintained, use at your own risk.”

RECOMMENDED ACTION: No action may be taken. This item is for discussion only.