



# STAFF REPORT

**Report To:** Board of Supervisors

**Meeting Date:** April 21, 2016

**Staff Contact:** Ann Bollinger, Open Space Administrator, [abollinger@carson.org](mailto:abollinger@carson.org)

**Agenda Title:** For Possible Action: To accept the recommendations of the Open Space Advisory Committee and the Parks and Recreation Commission and approve the "Management Plan for Carson City Open Space and Parks in the Carson River Area".

**Staff Summary:** The completed draft "Management Plan" was presented to the public in July 2014. One public workshop was held in the Community Center and presentations were given at the Open Space Advisory Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Carson City Board of Supervisors. In addition to those forums, written comments were received. In total, more than 200 comments were reviewed. While there were several changes throughout the document, staff will present the most significant changes.

**Agenda Action:** Formal Action/Motion

**Time Requested:** 15 minutes

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## **Proposed Motion**

I move to accept the recommendations of the Open Space Advisory Committee and the Parks and Recreation Commission and approve the "Management Plan for Carson City Open Space and Parks in the Carson River Area".

## **Board's Strategic Goal**

Quality of Life

## **Previous Action**

November 20, 2014: Presentation and discussion only on the Draft Management Plan for Carson City Open Space and Parks in the Carson River Area, dated July 2014.

## **Background/Issues & Analysis**

The Management Plan is found online at [www.carson.org/PROSdocuments](http://www.carson.org/PROSdocuments) or a paper copy may be acquired by contacting staff. The attached staff report from the Open Space Advisory Committee on February 22, 2016 highlights the most significant changes.

## **Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation**

Carson City Municipal Code 13.06 – Open Space

Conservation Easement for the Ambrose Carson River Natural Area, Prison Hill Recreation Area, and Silver Saddle Ranch

## **Financial Information**

Is there a fiscal impact?  Yes  No

If yes, account name/number:

Is it currently budgeted?  Yes  No

Explanation of Fiscal Impact: N/A

**Alternatives**

Recommend changes to the Management Plan.

**Board Action Taken:**

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

Aye/Nay

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(Vote Recorded By)

## OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** February 22, 2016

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:** 3F

**STAFF:** Roger Moellendorf, Director  
Ann Bollinger, Open Space Administrator  
Richard Wilkinson, Senior Natural Resource Specialist

**REQUEST:** **For Possible Action:** To recommend approval to the Board of Supervisors of the “Management Plan for Carson City Open Space and Parks in the Carson River Area”.

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

The completed draft “Management Plan” was presented to the public in July 2014. One public workshop was held in the Community Center and presentations were given at the Open Space Advisory Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Carson City Board of Supervisors. In addition to those forums, written comments were received. In total, more than 200 comments were reviewed. While there were several changes throughout the document, staff would like to highlight a few specific areas as identified below. Please use this link to access the Management Plan online [www.carson.org/PROSdocuments](http://www.carson.org/PROSdocuments)

- Page 1-6, Future Planning Efforts: Changes/Additions: The addition of one paragraph referring to Future Planning Efforts.
- Page 2-23, Silver Saddle Ranch: Develop a site plan including all proposed improvements and adjacent resources. Response: This recommendation was included in the first draft, but it’s important to highlight the significance of developing a site plan.
- Page 3-12 – Page 3-19, Golden Eagle Open Space and Mexican Dam Open Space: The first draft recommended, “Research and determine a final conclusion to legal public use on Golden Eagle Lane.” Response: Staff researched the access question as it relates to the last stretch of Golden Eagle Lane and has determined that it is a private road.
- Page 3-14, Golden Eagle Open Space: Changes/Additions: The addition of two recommended actions including: Due to an agreement recorded in 1985, the Open Space Program should financially contribute towards maintenance of the road starting from this property and ending at northeast end of Golden Eagle Lane.
- Page 3-16, Mexican Dam Open Space: Changes/Additions: The addition of the second and third paragraphs regarding access along Golden Eagle Lane.

- Page 3-19, Mexican Dam Open Space: Changes/Additions: Five changes to the recommended actions.
- Page 4-8, Carson River Park: Changes/Additions: The addition of four recommended actions.
- Page 5-18, Hunting: Changes/Additions: In the previous draft, hunting was briefly discussed under the Shooting section. In this final draft, hunting is discussed in its own section including the recent recommendation from the Open Space Advisory Committee related to hunting on the Carson River Canyon Open Space.
- Page 5-21, Shooting: Changes/Additions: In the previous draft, hunting was briefly discussed under the Shooting section. In this final draft, hunting is discussed in its own section. A summary of permitted and restricted uses was added.
- Page 5-31, Weed and Invasive Aquatic Species Control: Changes/Additions: Invasive aquatic species was added to this section.
- Page 5-33, Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat: Changes/Additions: The new section was added.
- Page 7-1, Staffing: Changes/Additions: Changes reflect updates to the current and future staff.
- Page 7-4, Non-Profit and Other Organizations: Changes/Additions: Added River Wranglers and the Carson Water Subconservancy District.

Staff would like to report that some recommendations have been or are in progress of being implemented, such as:

- Page 2-14: Recommended Action: OHV use on the north end of the Prison Hill Recreation Area, around 5th Street, is prohibited and should be managed as such. It was not a designated OHV area by BLM and such use is prohibited by the terms in the Conservation Easement. Response: Prior to the land conveyance, BLM assisted in the first efforts to close the area through the use of signage and boulders. Carson City added split-rail fence to better delineate the boundary and parking area.
- Page 2-24: Recommended Action: Improve the pedestrian "v" gates near the main entrance and near the Carson River Park fishing pier to allow bicycles and strollers. Response: In progress. In addition to this location, a "u" style gate which also meets guidelines from the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was already installed at the north end of the Prison Hill Recreation Area and is being installed at the main entrance of Silver Saddle Ranch.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** I move to recommend approval to the Board of Supervisors of the "Management Plan for Carson City Open Space and Parks in the Carson River Area".