



Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting
July 24, 2024

PLANNING HIGHLIGHTS

- The master plan update for Rancho San Rafael Regional Park is underway. Dig Studios created draft conceptual plans based on the first round of stakeholder and public input. Dig Studios and park staff hosted a second round of stakeholder meetings on July 16th and 17th to review the draft plans. The next public outreach meeting is scheduled for July 31st from 4 – 6 pm. The website for the master plan will also be updated with the draft conceptual plans for public comment as part of phase 2 outreach.
- Parks staff applied for an Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP) grant in the amount of \$791,666.67 with \$158,333.33 in match to fund planning and design for a 2-mile section of paved multi-use path in South Reno. The proposed path would connect from the intersection of Veterans Parkway and Geiger Grade south to Old U.S. 395 and would become a section of the Historic Virginia & Truckee Trail. The Historic Virginia & Truckee Trail organization will be a subrecipient of the grant funds if awarded.
- Over 10 acres of fuels reduction treatments were completed on Whites Creek Open Space near Zolezzi Lane. Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District crews were contracted to complete the work.
- Approximately 346 acres of park and open space property were treated with herbicide to control noxious weeds. Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District crews were contracted to complete the work.
- Goat grazing services were utilized at Swan Lake Nature Study Area to reduce noxious weeds including tall whitetop. High Desert Graziers provided 20 days of goat grazing services and treated over 15 acres.
- In partnership with the Biggest Little Trail Stewardship, 1.3 miles of the Reno Vista Trail in Rancho San Rafael Regional Park was redesigned and reconstructed.
- Multiple temporary bridge crossings were installed at Phillip & Annie Callahan Park and along the Lower Whites Creek Trail. The Truckee River bridge at Dorostkar Park was redecked.