



Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting
January 22, 2025

PLANNING HIGHLIGHTS

- NV State Parks tentatively awarded a Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant for the Sierra Front Trail construction project (Phase 1) in the amount of \$275,048 with a match of \$68,762 for a total project cost of \$343,810. Phase 1 includes 7.7-miles of new multi-use, singletrack trail connecting from the Michael D. Thompson Trailhead to Hunter Lake Road.
- Preliminary design plans (30%) were completed for the Canepa Ranch Trailhead project, funded through the Conserve Nevada Grant Program. Draft design plans (90%) are expected to be completed by April 2025.
- The Easement Exchange Agreement between Washoe County and Sunny Hills was approved at the November 19th Board of County Commissioners Meeting. This agreement provides the necessary Facilities Easement to Washoe County to construct a future water tank at Hidden Valley Regional Park with the intention of converting the parks current irrigation system to a recycled water source and for future expanded landscaping needs as identified in the 2022 Hidden Valley Regional Park Master Plan.
- Park staff submitted a rezoning application for the historic Galena Creek School House parcel (APN 045-472-28) adjacent to Callahan Park. Planning Commission approved a resolution on January 7th to approve the zone change from Low-Density Suburban (LDS) to Parks/Recreation (PR). The rezone is scheduled to be heard at the February 25th BCC meeting.
- Robert (Bobby) Faller was hired as the new Natural Resource Field Technician to support the Trails and Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) programs. He will start on January 27, 2025.
- A project to realign a section of the Nature Loop Trail at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park has begun. This project is part of a larger plan to improve the Nature Loop area to protect and restore Evans Creek, improve bicycle access to Evans Canyon, and improve wayfinding in that section of the park.
- Park staff is assisting with the evaluation of Request for Proposals (RFPs) to select a consultant to complete the SR-28 Corridor Plan connecting the Eastshore Trail from Sand Harbor to Thunderbird Cove.