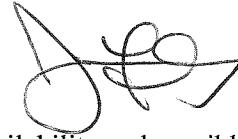


**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
STAFF REPORT**

**MEETING DATE:** July 15, 2013

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:** 3D

**STAFF:** Juan F. Guzman, Open Space Manager



**REQUEST:** **For Possible Action:** Regarding the availability and possible dates for the Committee to hold one or more field trips to open space properties.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

Staff is of the opinion that it would be very beneficial for both the Committee and staff to tour properties and areas managed through the Open Space Program within the west side of Highway 395, the Eagle Valley floor area, and the Carson River. The emphasis of the discussions would relate to management issues. Due to the geographical dispersion of the Open Space acquisitions, it would take a relatively large amount of time to visit each one of these three areas. It may be possible to combine site visits to the valley floor with the Fulstone and Goni Wetlands, for example, as well as the river areas. It is obvious to staff that two field trips may be necessary, perhaps around four hours in length each, to visit properties representative of these areas.

There are several basic questions regarding this item.

- 1) Would the Committee desire to conduct a field trip?
- 2) Would the Committee desire to conduct a field trip of the west side as well as a second field trip to the Carson River area?
- 3) Are the Committee members more available on a weekday or on a weekend?

Listed below are potential available dates:

August

Friday, August 9  
Saturday, August 10  
Friday, August 16  
Saturday, August 17

September

Friday, September 13  
Saturday, September 14

October

Friday, October 4  
Saturday, October 5  
Friday, October 11  
Saturday, October 12  
Friday, October 18  
Saturday, October 19

Staff requests that the Committee come prepared to discuss those dates specifically and find consensus.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** I move to recommend \_\_\_\_\_ as the date for a field trip to the areas located west of Highway 395 and \_\_\_\_\_ for a field trip to areas located east of Highway 395.