

APPENDIX G:

Charrette Teams

**CREATING A COMMUNITY VISION:
SILVER SADDLE RANCH & THE CARSON RIVER**
A Community Design Charrette

Charrette Teams
May 29-31, 2008

Overview

To provide context for the charrette teams' work, the following is an outline of the desired outcomes and potential products for the charrette.

Charrette Desired Outcomes

- Define a community-wide vision for the Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River area
- Develop an integrated management plan
- Foster partnerships
- Build support and capacity for community-based stewardship
- Develop a vision for how to sustain the Carson River ecosystem over the long term
- Identify sustainable management practices, including financial and implementation strategies

Potential Products

- Map summarizing planning and design recommendations
- Conceptual land use plan identifying potential uses
- Conceptual trail network map
- Design ideas for a visitor center for Silver Saddle Ranch
- Funding strategies
- Guidelines for a unified signage system
- Water management strategies
- Policies for use (i.e. trail uses, special events, etc.)
- Recreation and education recommendations

Framework

Based on the input received from the community through two public workshops and additional comments provided through correspondence to the planning team, the following vision and goals for the planning area were developed to guide the development of ideas and recommendations through the charrette.

Vision

The Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River area provides close-to-home, natural, open space that contributes to quality of life for residents and visitors. This historic landscape helps to preserve Carson City's rural heritage while providing a variety of passive recreation and trail uses that are balanced with existing agricultural uses and protection of the Carson River ecosystem and its associated values.

Goals

1. Preserve and enhance the area's scenic natural, undeveloped character.
2. Protect and enhance the Carson River ecosystem, including associated upland areas.
3. Provide for a variety of trail uses, passive recreation opportunities and events that are compatible with preserving the character of the area and protecting natural resources.
4. Enhance access to the Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River area, including Prison Hill.
5. Preserve the area's cultural heritage and resources.
6. Improve on-site educational and interpretive opportunities.
7. Manage the area for improved safety, resource and private property protection.

Team Structure

Given the range of sites, issues and opportunities throughout the planning area, charrette participants will be formed into three teams, each with a separate focus area. While each team will focus on a different area of emphasis, participants will be encouraged to check-in with each other and seek counsel/advice from other teams to feed into their work. There will be formal check-in times when all the teams will reconvene to facilitate coordination and integration of ideas. This also encourages synergy between groups.

Natural Resources Team

This group will focus on the Carson River ecosystem and natural resource issues. The recommendations will form the baseline for managing the whole area and will help provide parameters for how to integrate the other uses of the area (i.e. recreation, use areas, etc.). Additional issues to consider could include:

- Strategies to sustain the Carson River
- Water resource management (including water rights, effluent spreading, irrigation, etc.)
- Vegetation management
- Agricultural uses
- Invasive species
- Disturbance (i.e. flooding, fire, etc.)

Trails & Passive Recreation Team

This group would focus on a trail network (including water/aquatic trails) and additional passive recreation that would tie the whole planning area together. Specific issues to consider could include:

- Trail connectivity
- Public access points and staging areas
- Public/ private land interface
- Trail and passive recreation management and policy
- OHV use
- Education/ interpretation/ signage
- Recommendations for specific use areas

Silver Saddle Ranch & Prison Hill Team

Anticipating that these sites will likely be focal points for the planning area, this team will focus on exploring:

- How Silver Saddle Ranch would function as a hub for passive recreation, education and interpretation in the context of the site as an historic ranch
- Options for developing a nature center.
- Prison Hill uses, particularly the west and south side where recreation/trail uses interface with residences
- Management/policy considerations
- How to connect these areas into the broader planning area

Charrette Team Assignments		
<i>Natural Resources Team</i>	<i>Trails & Passive Recreation Team</i>	<i>Silver Saddle Ranch & Prison Hill Team</i>
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