

City of Carson City
Agenda Report

Item # 6B

Date Submitted: September 12, 2006

Agenda Date Requested: September 21, 2006

Time Requested: 20 Minutes

To: Mayor and Supervisors

From: Parks and Recreation Department

Subject Title: Action on the joint recommendation from the Carson River Advisory Committee, Open Space Advisory Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife to revise the City's currently adopted prioritized list for Question #1 State of Nevada Conservation and Resource Protection Grant Program projects, as presented.

Staff Summary: Over the past three months, the Parks and Recreation Department has been working with the City's Question #1 Sub-Committee and the above-referenced advisory boards and commissions to update Carson City's Question #1 Opportunities Map and Project List. If approved by the Board of Supervisors, this revised Question #1 Project List will guide City staff in seeking future Question #1 funding for project construction, property acquisitions, and resource restoration projects, including the required City matching funds for these projects.

Type of Action Requested: (check one)

Resolution

Ordinance

Formal Action/Motion

Other (Specify)

Does This Action Require A Business Impact Statement: Yes No

Recommended Board Action: I move to approve the joint recommendation from the Carson River Advisory Committee, Open Space Advisory Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife to revise the City's currently adopted prioritized list for Question #1 State of Nevada Conservation and Resource Protection Grant Program projects, as presented.

Explanation for Recommended Board Action: Over the last three years, the Parks and Recreation Department has used the Question #1 Opportunities Map and project list to prioritize the City's applications for these grant funds. However, the Question #1 State Grant Program's life cycle is approximately half over. All Question #1 funds must be committed to projects by November 5, 2008. Some projects may continue to see reimbursement as late as 2011. All bond funds sold to support this program are to be expended within three years of issuance.

There is a need, as a result of the following factors, to update the Q-1 Opportunities Map and Project List:

1. Question #1 State Grant Program's life cycle is approximately half over, and the City must assess our needs to maximize this funding source;
2. Completion of the Comprehensive Master Plan, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and the Unified Pathways Master Plan requires the City to ascertain how relevant the present project priorities are in relation to the implementation strategies in these master plans;
3. Carson City has been very successful with Question 1 in previous grant application rounds; however, the City's capacity to successfully implement these grants must be reassessed; and
4. Some potential funding sources and partnerships expected in the original list of projects did not materialize; therefore, some projects must be re-evaluated and their feasibility assessed.

The Parks and Recreation Commission, the Open Space Advisory Committee, and the Carson River Advisory Committee have all recommended to the Board of Supervisors the revised priority list. The Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife will be taking action on a similar recommendation to the Board of Supervisors at their

September 18, 2006, meeting. Staff will provide the Board of Supervisors with their final recommendation at the Board's September 21, 2006, meeting.

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation: N/A

Fiscal Impact: N/A

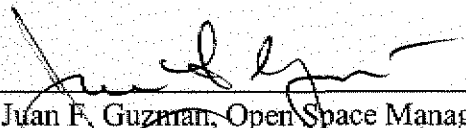
Explanation of Impact: N/A

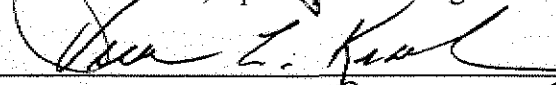
Funding Source: The funding sources are project specific. Over the next year, when the grant application period opens for Rounds 5, 6, and 7 of Question #1 funds, staff will prepare the grant applications and locate the required City matching funds, for final individual project and funding source approval.

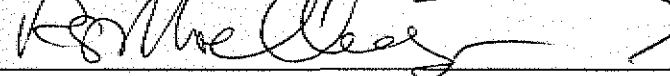
- Alternatives:**
- 1) Reject the revised priority list recommendation from the four citizen advisory boards.
 - 2) Request City staff to modify the revised priority list recommendation from the four citizen advisory boards.

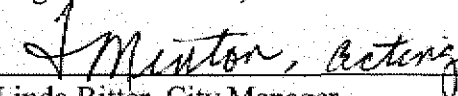
Supporting Material:

1. Revised Question #1 project list
2. Parks and Recreation Commission Staff Report, dated March 21, 2006
3. Carson City's Question 1 Sub-Committee Staff Report, dated June 26, 2006
4. Carson City's Question 1 Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes, dated June 26, 2006
5. Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife Staff Report, dated September 18, 2006

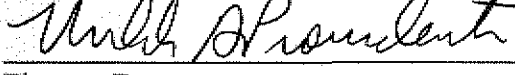
Prepared By:  **Date:** 9, 12, 06
Juan F. Guzman, Open Space Manager

 **Date:** 9, 12, 06
Vern L. Krahn, Park Planner

Reviewed By:  **Date:** 9, 12, 06
Roger Moellendorf, Parks & Recreation Director

 **Date:** 9, 12, 06
Linda Ritter, City Manager

 **Date:** 9, 12, 06
District Attorney's Office

 **Date:** 9, 12, 06
Finance Department

Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____ 1: _____ Aye/Nay
2: _____

(Vote Recorded By)

CARSON CITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
 REVISED QUESTION #1 PROJECT LIST
 STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 21, 2006

APPLICANT: Roger A. Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Director
 Vern L. Krahn, Park Planner
 Juan F. Guzman, Open Space Manager

REQUEST: Action on the joint recommendation from the Carson River Advisory Committee, Open Space Advisory Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife to revise the City's currently adopted prioritized list for Question #1 State of Nevada Conservation and Resource Protection Grant Program projects, as presented.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

The Carson City Question #1 Sub-Committee, the four advisory board and commissions, and the Parks and Recreation Department recommend the following project priorities based on urgency and available funding opportunities. These projects are listed in order of priority and categorized into three groups: open space acquisitions, trail projects, and other projects.

Open Space Acquisitions

Trails Projects

<p>Project #7 - Carson River Land Acquisition, OHV access, and Trailhead Development to the Pinenut Mountains <i>New Project - Potter Property</i> Project #12 - Acquisition of lands between Ash Canyon and Kings Canyon Project #8 - Combs Canyon Area Land Acquisition Project #6 - Lower Ash Canyon Land Acquisition Project #10 - Upper Ash Canyon Land Acquisition Project #13 - C-Hill Land Acquisition</p>	<p><i>New Project - Linear Park Trail extension and connection*</i> <i>New Project - V&T Trail to CTRMC and trails/basins at CTRMC</i> Project #2 - Modified / Multi-Use Trail from Riverview Park to Empire Ranch Trail <i>New Project - Carson River Canyon Trail (north side)</i> Project #14 - Modified / Mexican Ditch Multi-use Trail from Hidden Meadows to Silver Saddle Ranch <i>New Project - Draft Aquatic Trail Plan's recreation improvements</i> Project #4 - Lake Tahoe Bike Path</p>
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* In discussions with Andy Burnham, Public Works Director, he now believes the Nevada Department of Transportation has found sufficient funding for this trail project.

Other Projects

New Project - Urban Fishing Pond Amenity Improvements - Phase 2 at the Carson City Fairgrounds (NDOW Funding)

Project # 11 – Carson City Fairground/Fuji Park: Clear Creek Habitat Improvement Project

Project #2 – Modified / Carson River Streambank Stabilization Project

New Project – Habitat Conservation Plan for Carson City properties along the Carson River Corridor (Park, Trails, and Open Space facilities)

City staff believes all the above-recommended projects have value for recreation, resource protection, and habitat improvement. However, it is unrealistic for the Board of Supervisors to assume that the City will have the necessary staff resources to acquire the required land/easements for plan implementation, including applying for Question 1 grants and locating the necessary funding for all these projects within the next two years. As a result, if the Board of Supervisors approve the above recommended project list, City staff will focus their time and resources on the top priority projects listed above or as project urgency and available funding opportunities present themselves.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 21, 2006

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 2D

APPLICANT: Roger A. Moellendorf, Director
Donna Curtis, Chairperson

REQUEST: Action regarding developing a Question 1 conservation and resource protection state grant program priority work group made up of representatives of the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Open Space Advisory Committee, the Carson River Advisory Committee, the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife, and staff for the purpose of reviewing the Carson City Question 1 Opportunities projects list.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

On September 16, 2003, the Board of Supervisors approved the Carson City Question 1 Opportunities Map in response to the passage of State Ballot Question 1, a statewide parks, trails, and open space ballot initiative passed by Nevada voters in the general election on November 5, 2002. This initiative asked Nevada voters, "Shall the State of Nevada be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$200 million in order to preserve water quality; protect open space, lakes, rivers, wetlands, and wildlife habitat; and restore and improve parks, recreational areas, and historic and cultural resources?"

After the development of the program's administrative regulations, the first round of Question #1 funds commenced in the fall of 2004. Since then, the Nevada Division of State Lands staff has held two cycles of grant applications per year. Over the last three years, the Parks and Recreation Department has used the Question 1 Opportunities Map to prioritize the City's applications for these grant funds. However, the Question 1 State Grant Program's life cycle is approximately half over. All Question #1 funds must be committed to projects by November 5, 2008. Some projects may continue to see reimbursement as late as 2011. All bonds funds sold to support this program are to be expended within three years of issuance.

There is a need, as a result of the following factors, to update the Q-1 Opportunities Map and project list:

1. Question 1 State Grant Program's life cycle is approximately half over; and the City must assess our needs to maximize this funding source;
2. Completion of the Comprehensive Master Plan, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and the Unified Pathways Master Plan requires the City to ascertain how relevant the present project priorities are in relation to the implementation strategies in these master plans;
3. Carson City has been very successful with Question 1 in previous grant application rounds, however the City's capacity to successfully implement these grants must be reassessed; and
4. Some potential funding sources and partnerships expected in the original list of projects did not materialize; therefore some projects must be re-evaluated and their feasibility assessed.

Parks and Recreation Department staff is interested in seeking three volunteers from the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Open Space Advisory Committee, the Carson River Advisory Committee, and two volunteers from the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife to assist City staff in re-prioritizing and developing new projects that would qualify for the Question 1 State Grant Program's future funding cycles.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Move to appoint up to three Parks and Recreation Commission members to a work group to assist other City advisory boards and staff for the purpose of reviewing the Carson City Question 1 Opportunities project list.



CARSON CITY, NEVADA
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks & Recreation Commission
Open Space Advisory Committee
Carson River Advisory Committee
Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

FROM: Roger Moellendorf, Parks & Recreation Director
Vern L. Krahn, Park Planner
Juan Guzman, Open Space Manager

SUBJECT: Carson City's Q-1 State of Nevada Conservation and Natural Resource Protection Grant Program Sub-Committee

DATE: June 21, 2006

Attached please find the agenda for the above-referenced Sub-Committee meeting which will be responsible for providing the Board of Supervisors with an updated Question 1 Opportunities Map and project list. This meeting will be held on Monday, June 26, 2006, at 11:00 a.m. in the Sierra Room. The following individuals have been appointed to this Sub-Committee and will be attending this meeting on behalf of the above advisory board/commissions/committees:

Donna Curtis	-	Parks & Recreation Commission
Tom Keeton	-	Parks & Recreation Commission
John McKenna	-	Parks & Recreation Commission
Dan Jacquet	-	Open Space Advisory Committee
Michael Fischer	-	Open Space Advisory Committee
Randy Pahl	-	Carson River Advisory Committee
Paul Pugsley	-	Carson River Advisory Committee
Dan Greytak	-	Carson River Advisory Committee
Gil Yanuck	-	Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
Stanley Zuber	-	Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

City staff and the Sub-Committee members have a challenge associated with updating the Question 1 Opportunities Map and project list. These challenges consist of limited matching fund opportunities, limited staff time, and competing project priorities.

After completion of the Sub-Committee's work, City staff will bring the revised Question 1 Opportunities Map and project list back to each advisory board/commission/committee for review and endorsement prior to moving forward to final approval by the Board of Supervisors.

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**CARSON CITY'S Q1 SUB-COMMITTEE
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: June 26, 2006

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 4A

APPLICANT: Roger A. Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Director *RAM*
Vern L. Krahn, Park Planner *VK*
Juan F. Guzman, Open Space Manager *JG*

REQUEST: Discussion only and status report on the current Q1 projects.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

PROJECT #1

The Upper Kings Canyon/Voltaire Canyon project, staff considers this project to be completed and recommends that this project be dropped from the list.

Component #1 - Horse Creek Ranch Fee Acquisition

The project encompassed 378 acres purchased by Carson City. The Q-1 Program has awarded \$1 Million payable to Carson City upon the recordation of the second component of the project, the conservation easement.

Component #2 - Horse Creek Ranch Conservation Easement

This project consists of 201 acres. The City and the owner of the land, Mr. Fagen, continue to work on the drafting of the easement. The Q-1 Program and Carson City have agreed on a deadline of October, 2006, for the completion of this project. The Q1 program was awarded \$500,000 towards this project.

Component #3 - Hutchison

This component consists of the fee title purchase of 40 acres. The Q-1 Program has awarded \$309,000 towards this purchase. Appraisal of these lands is under contract with Mr. Dan Leck.

Component #4 - Swafford Property

This property consists of 320 acres and is being pursued by the U.S. Forest Service to be funded through the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act. An appraisal of the lands is being conducted by Mr. Dan Leck for the Forest Service.

PROJECT #2

The Carson River Streambank Stabilization Project calls for rehabilitation and habitat

improvement, as well as a recreational multi-use trail of decomposed granite on the river's west side from Riverview Park to the Empire Ranch Trail. The construction of this trail will necessitate the purchase of an easement or land to include a portion of APN 10-581-05. Staff recommends that this project be modified by taking the rehabilitation component out.

PROJECT #3

Carson River - Phase II is considered by staff to be completed and staff and BLM are working on the final agreements; therefore staff recommends that this project be dropped from the list.

PROJECT #4

The Lake Tahoe Bike Path involves the development of a non-motorized multi-purpose trail with a money allocation of \$5 Million to be used among Douglas County, Carson City, and Washoe County. The three counties have entered in to a Memorandum of Understanding calling for Washoe County to take the lead in the development of this project.

More recently, the three counties have been in conversations with the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) asking them to pursue additional funding that can be used for the development of a demonstration section of this project. Washoe County and Douglas County propose to use existing portions of trails they have constructed within their jurisdiction as a match for this project. Carson City has not been able to identify any specific match. It has been anticipated that TRPA will hire a firm to develop a specific alignment funded primarily through their efforts and then the Q-1 monies will be used to construct segments of demonstration projects since the Q-1 money must be used for implementation and not general planning of the project. In the most recent discussions, the State Lands administrator has agreed that some of the monies may be used for specific design of the trail; however, a portion must be used for implementation. At the last meeting of the Open Space Advisory Committee, the committee asked that the Open Space Manager to spend less time following this project. Staff recommends that this project be de-emphasized, it is logical for the trail to move from the South and North towards our jurisdiction in the center.

PROJECT #5

The Eagle Valley Creek Enhancement Project envisioned the reestablishment of a riparian forest along the creek. The project was envisioned to commence west of Butti Way, across Edmonds, and all the way to the Carson River. This project has been hampered by the lack of funding available to be used as a match by the Army Corps of Engineers. Another concern is that improvements must not exacerbate the precarious carrying capacity of the drainage as it relates to the Carson City Flood Ordinance and FEMA adopted maps. Participation of the Open Space Program included the Moffat Property, which is traversed by Eagle Valley Creek, and the ability to pursue easements or private properties necessary for the implementation of the project along the creek. Staff recommends that this project be dropped from the list.

PROJECT #6

The lower Ash Canyon Land Acquisition and public access easement to Ash Canyon properties project calls for the reestablishment of Ash Canyon Road as an access into the Carson Range. It involves the Joost, Adams, Glen/Skarakis, and Carson Lodge properties. Open Space staff has pursued acquisition of the Joost and Carson Lodge properties. An appraisal of the Carson Lodge property conducted two years ago did not create enough interest for the Lodge to become a willing seller. At the present time, the Lodge is no longer pursuing participation in the State Lands properties specific area plan. The Joost property received an award toward the purchase of 25 acres from the Question 1 Program in the amount of \$354,000. Mrs. Joost; however, has indicated her preference not to sell the 25 acres and instead consider a conservation easement involving approximately 40 acres of land in total.

Staff believes that the permanent solution of access into Ash Canyon Road will involve the participation of State and WNCC lands located to the north at a future time. For the present time, the Wellington Crescent Subdivision's homeowners association provides access through their private streets into the Ash Canyon Road. Staff recommends that the Lied, Glenn/Skarakis and Adams proposed acquisitions be dropped from consideration for Q1 funding.

PROJECT #7

The Carson River Land Acquisition, OHV access, and trail development to the Pinenuts Mountains project involves the acquisition of multiple acres along the Carson River. Within the upper reach of the river, the Bently 38-acre property received an award and was appraised. Mr. Bently, however, refused to sell the land to Carson City approximately 1-1/2 years ago. Therefore staff recommends that this acquisition be dropped.

In the middle reach of the river, near the U.S.G.S. gauging station, the Desormier property became available. Staff anticipates an appraisal for that property will be completed by September of 2006. The Q-1 Program has awarded \$130,000 towards that purchase. The middle reach of the Carson River also includes the Jarrard-Anderson property, which has been the subject of substantial discussions recently. The Jarrard and Anderson families and Carson City agreed not to process master plan amendments and to report by June 2006 of the progress of negotiations towards the purchase of these lands by Carson City. These two acquisitions are very important to the Open Space Program.

In the lower reach of the river, Open Space staff has begun negotiations with Mr. Serpa towards the purchase of his property. Mr. Bently has also been approached by the Railroad Commission towards a potential purchase by Open Space. The idea is that easements will be granted to the V&T for the construction of the railroad. Staff also approached the Open Space Advisory Committee towards the adoption of the responsibility for the construction of a trail primarily within the Serpa and Bently properties in the vicinity of the V&T. The Open Space Advisory Committee was not receptive and requested additional information prior to taking any action on this request from staff. These acquisitions are the top priority of the Open Space Program.

PROJECT #8

The Combs Canyon Area Land Acquisitions and Northern V&T Multi Use Trail Development project involves the acquisition of several properties to the south and east of the Lakeview Subdivision. Components of the project include the potential purchase of property owned by Eagle Valley and Mr. Serpa west of Timberline within lands where Vicee Canyon is located, and a group of diverse ownerships south and east of Lakeview, including properties identified by the name of Wagner, which is presently owned by Jenkins; Weise; the Casey Trust; the State of Nevada; and the Nevada Children's Foundation. One of the main priorities for acquisition in this hill formation is for the extension of the V&T Multi-Purpose Trail. Staff have pursued the purchase of the State of Nevada 80-acre piece along the southern border of the perimeter of the hill; however, the State of Nevada decided not to sell. Staff have also successfully pursued the donation of 78 acres as part of the Casey Trust property development, which has been approved by the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. Staff is presently discussing conservation options with the owners of the Jenkins property. Staff anticipates that negotiations with the Nevada Children's Foundation will be primarily towards the granting of an easement in order to accommodate the termination of the trail or loop back into the Carson Tahoe Regional Hospital property. Staff recommends that this project be modified by removing the State and Casey acquisitions.

PROJECT #9

The Carson River Park - Phase III project involves improvements on the east side of the Carson River at the park site. Staff recommends that this project be dropped in consideration of more pressing priorities to be discussed in staff report 4D.

PROJECT #10

The Upper Ash Canyon Land Acquisition project relates to the acquisition of property in order to assure access at the westernmost terminal of Ash Canyon Road where the crest of the Carson Range is located in the vicinity of the Lake Tahoe State Park back county area. There are two Wilson properties (approximately 101 acres) and one Benna-Marshall property located within this project. The Wilson properties have been the subject of a nomination through the U.S. Forest Service Legacy Program for purchase by the Open Space Program. These properties were ranked sufficiently high to make it into the President's budget; however, the process of review by Congress has just begun. Mr. Benna-Marshall is a willing seller; however, his asking price for his property is higher than staff considers reasonable, and therefore acquisition has not been pursued. Staff recommends that this project be given a lower Q1 list priority under the assumption that the Legacy USFS program will provide most of the funding for the acquisition.

PROJECT #11

The Carson City Fairgrounds/Fuji Park/Clear Creek Habitat Improvement Project consists of the habitat restoration along Clear Creek. Staff recommends that this project be dropped in consideration of more pressing priorities to be discussed in staff report 4D.

PROJECT #12

The acquisition of lands between Ash Canyon and Kings Canyon calls for the purchase of the Long, Darling, and Schulz properties. Mr. Long has recently become a willing seller and has offered to sell the 200 acre parcel to the Open Space Program. Staff will initiate conversations with Mr. Long to secure the conservation of this 200-acre piece, which also has importance to the Water Utility recharge program. Staff recommends that this project be kept as a middle priority.

PROJECT #13

The C Hill Lands Acquisition project involves the acquisition of properties owned by Stanton Park and located south of C-Hill. The Open Space Advisory Committee and the owner of the land, Mr. Millard, have discussed the concept of clustering development in the flattest, most accessible portions of the land and providing for a dedication of the remainder of the open space. However, there is not a specific proposal that has been entertained at this time. It is the opinion of the Open Space Manager that the Stanton Park lands have very high potential for a regional/rural type of park and will facilitate access into the Borda Meadow and upper reaches of C-Hill Voltaire Canyon areas. Staff recommends that this project be kept on the Q1 low priority list.

PROJECT #14

The Silver Saddle Ranch Area, River Recreation Multi-Use Trail Development, and Habitat Improvement project involves the development of a recreation multi-use trail and habitat improvement along the Silver Saddle Ranch. Open Space participation in this project includes the construction of a crossing over the Mexican Ditch to join two sections of trails. In addition, Open Space will participate in a team created for the purpose of entering into an agreement with the Bureau of Land Management that will increase the management responsibilities by Carson City and The Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch for the management of the ranch. The Mexican Ditch Trail has been extended into an existing dirt road serving the Mexican Ditch, through exactions obtained through the subdivision process. Staff recommends that this project be dropped in consideration of other priorities to be discussed in staff report 4D.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: No action may be taken at this time. This item is for informational purposes only.

**CARSON CITY'S Q1 SUB-COMMITTEE
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: June 26, 2006

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 4B

APPLICANT: Roger A. Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Director *RAM*
Vern L. Krahn, Park Planner *VK*
Juan F. Guzman, Open Space Manager *JFG*

REQUEST: Discussion only on available City staff and financial resources to provide matching requirements for Q1 projects.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Question 1 grant program's life cycle is approximately half over and all Question 1 funds must be committed to projects by November 5, 2008. In the recently adopted Carson City budget for fiscal year 06/07, there was no specific funding allocated to projects identified on the Question 1 Opportunities Map and Project List. In addition, there are very limited financial resources available from the Quality of Life Initiative (Question 18) Parks Capital funds. As a result, match funding for Question #1 projects will have to be sought in the City's fiscal year 07/08 budget cycle or more realistically from outside funding sources. Also, staff is currently behind on previously approved Question 1 and city projects and will have limited time to initiate a lot of new projects. Therefore, staff is recommending that the Q1 Sub-Committee consider removing some projects from the Question 1 Opportunities Map and Project List.

On the other hand, the Open Space Program has approximately \$10 million dollars available to be used as a match. A problem has been the availability of appraisers with expertise in environmentally sensitive land acquisitions or conservation sensitive easements. Staff is working on the solution to this problem with the assistance of other non for profit conservation organizations.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: No action may be taken at this time. This item is for informational purposes only.

**CARSON CITY'S Q1 SUB-COMMITTEE
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: June 26, 2006

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 4C

APPLICANT: Roger A. Moellendor, Parks and Recreation Director *RAM*
Vern L. Krahn, Park Planner *VLC*
Juan F. Guzman, Open Space Manager *JG*

REQUEST: Discussion only regarding the removal of projects from the approved Q1 list and map.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Based on the information presented in staff report 4A, staff recommends the sub-committee consider dropping the following project numbers from the adopted Carson City Question 1 opportunities map and project list:

1. Upper Kings Canyon /Voltaire Canyon - consisting of Horse Creek Ranch and others.
3. Carson River Park - Phase 2.
5. Eagle Valley Creek Enhancement Project and related projects.
9. Carson River Park - Phase 3.
11. Carson City Fairgrounds/Fuji Park Clear Creek Habitat Improvement Project.
14. Silver Saddle Ranch Area - River Recreation Multi-Use Trail Development and Habitat Improvement Project.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: No action may be taken at this time. This item is for discussion purposes only.

**CARSON CITY'S Q1 SUB-COMMITTEE
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: June 26, 2006

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 4D

APPLICANT: Roger A. Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Director
Vern L. Krahn, Park Planner
Juan F. Guzman, Open Space Manager

REQUEST: Discussion only on adding future projects identified in the Open Space Master Plan, Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and Unified Pathways Master Plan which qualify for Q1 funding.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

With the recent adoption by the Board of Supervisors of the new Parks and Recreation Master Plan and Unified Pathways Master Plan, there is an opportunity to select from a number of priority projects within these plans. Staff's recommendation is to add the following projects to the Carson City Question 1 Opportunities Map and Project List.

1. Eagle Valley Trail related projects:
 - A. V&T Trail (Northern Leg) from Combs Canyon Road to Carson-Tahoe Regional Medical Center .
 - B. Non-motorized trail system along the north side of the Carson River Canyon in conjunction with the V&T Railroad Reconstruction Project.
 - C. Linear Park Trail extension from Butti Way to the Carson City Freeway's right of way.
 - D. Draft Aquatic Trail Plan implementation strategies identify projects for signage, mapping, and related recreational facilities.
2. Urban Fishing Pond – Phase 2: (Fishing pier, site amenities (picnic tables/benches and landscaping),
3. Potter Property: 25 acre fee title acquisition at Kings Canyon Road and Ormsby Blvd.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: No action may be taken at this time. This item is for discussion purposes only.

**CARSON CITY'S Q1 SUB-COMMITTEE
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: June 26, 2006

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 4E

APPLICANT: Roger A. Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Director *RAM*
Vern L. Krahn, Park Planner *Vern*
Juan F. Guzman, Open Space Manager *Juan Guzman*

REQUEST: Action to recommend to the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife, the Carson River Advisory Committee, the Open Space Advisory Committee, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and ultimately to the Board of Supervisors, a revised prioritized list of Q1 projects.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

On Monday, June 26, 2006, the Carson City's Q1 Sub-Committee created by the Carson River Advisory Committee, Open Space Advisory Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife will convene to review and prioritize existing (currently approved) and potential projects to be funded through applications to the Question 1, State of Nevada Conservation and Resource Protection Grant Program. More specifically the Q1 Sub-Committee will consider the following:

1. Status of existing projects.
2. Available City financial and staff resources to seek Question 1 grant funding opportunities.
3. Removal of existing projects from the Question 1 Opportunities Map and Project List.
4. Prioritization of new potential projects identified in the Open Space Master Plan, Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and Unified Pathways Master Plan which would qualify for Question 1 funding.
5. Action to prioritize and recommend to the Advisory Committees/Commissions and ultimately the Board of Supervisors a revised prioritized list of Q1 projects.

New projects to be included in Q1 opportunities project list:

1. Eagle Valley Trail related projects:
 - A. V&T Trail (Northern Leg) from Combs Canyon Road to Carson-Tahoe Regional Medical Center.
 - B. Non-motorized trail system along the north side of the Carson River Canyon in conjunction with the V&T Railroad Reconstruction Project.
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- D. Draft Aquatic Trail Plan implementation strategies identify projects for signage, mapping, and related recreational facilities.
- 2. Urban Fishing Pond - Phase 2: (Fishing pier, site amenities (picnic tables/benches and landscaping)
- 3. Potter Property: 25 acre fee title acquisition at Kings Canyon Road and Ormsby Blvd.

Removal of existing projects currently included on the Q1 Opportunities Map and Project list:

- Project #1 Upper Kings Canyon/Voltaire Canyon-consisting of Horse Creek Ranch and others.
- Project #3 Carson River Park-Phase 2.
- Project #5 Eagle Valley Creek Enhancement Project and related projects.
- Project #9 Carson River Park-Phase 3.
- Project #11 Carson City Fairgrounds/Fuji Park Clear Creek Habitat Improvement Project.
- Project #14 Silver Saddle Ranch Area-River Recreation Multi-Use Trail Development and Habitat Improvement Project.

Staff recommends the following priorities based on urgency and available funding opportunities (projects are listed in order of priority):

Open Space Acquisition

- Project #7**-Carson River Land Acquisition, OHV access, and Trailhead Development to the Pinenut Mountains
- New Project-Potter Property*
- Project #12**-Acquisition of lands between Ash Canyon and Kings Canyon
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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Move to recommend to the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife, the Carson River Advisory Committee, the Open Space Advisory Committee, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and ultimately to the Board of Supervisors, a revised prioritized list of Q1 Projects.

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A meeting of the Carson City Question #1 State of Nevada Conservation and Resource Protection Grant Subcommittee was scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 26, 2006 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Donna Curtis
Vice Chairperson Paul Pugsley
Tom Farrer
Dan Jacquet
Tom Keeton
Randy Pahl
Gil Yanuck

STAFF: Roger Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Department Director
Juan Guzman, Open Space / Property Manager
Vern Krahn, Park Planner
Ann Bollinger, Open Space Assistant
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

NOTE: A tape recording of these proceedings, the subcommittee's agenda materials, and any written comments or documentation provided to the recording secretary during the meeting are public record, on file in the Clerk-Recorder's Office. These materials are available for review during regular business hours.

CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (1-0005) - Mr. Moellendorf called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. Members Fischer, McKenna, and Zuber were absent. Mr. Moellendorf thanked the subcommittee members for their attendance and provided an overview of the purpose of the meeting. He thanked Mr. Guzman and Mr. Krahn for developing the staff reports and provided an overview of the agenda materials.

1. SELECTION OF CARSON CITY'S QUESTION #1 SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR (1-0038) - Mr. Moellendorf entertained nominations for chair. Member Jacquet nominated Member Curtis as chair. The nomination was seconded and carried. Mr. Moellendorf called for nominations, suggestions, or volunteers for vice chair. Member Pugsley volunteered to serve as vice chair. Mr. Moellendorf turned the meeting over to Chairperson Curtis.

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0080) - None.

3. MODIFICATION TO THE AGENDA (1-0083) - None.

4. AGENDA ITEMS:

4-A. DISCUSSION ONLY AND STATUS REPORT ON THE CURRENT QUESTION #1 PROJECTS (1-0084) - Mr. Guzman referred to Exhibit A and provided an overview of the same. He reviewed the Question #1 application process, and each of the special planning area categories listed in the table (Exhibit A). Mr. Guzman acknowledged that in-kind services can be allocated toward match requirements. Discussion ensued, and Vice Chairperson Pugsley provided additional clarification regarding

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match requirements. In response to a question, Mr. Guzman provided an overview of the Question #1 program. In response to a further question, he advised that the time period associated with the Question #1 program cannot be extended. He reviewed time frames associated with funding Question #1 projects.

Mr. Guzman referred to the projects outlined in the staff report and Exhibit A, and advised that each had corresponding slides. He advised that Project #1 could be removed from the list "because it is on its way." He responded to questions regarding delays associated with the Horse Creek Ranch conservation easement.

With regard to Project #2, Carson River Streambank Stabilization, Vice Chairperson Pugsley advised of a meeting, held earlier in the day, between Army Corps of Engineers and Carson Water Subconservancy District ("CWSD") representatives in which potential funding was discussed. He reviewed costs associated with the project, and advised of new terms and conditions for the Army Corps of Engineers match funding. Based on the new terms and conditions, the CWSD may choose not to pursue the project. Vice Chairperson Pugsley expressed reluctance at removing Project #2 from the list, but noted the match funding may not be available. He acknowledged the match funding is earmarked in the Army Corps of Engineers Continuing Authorities Program Plan 2006. He responded to questions regarding funding requirements associated with the Carson City portion of the project. In response to a further question, he advised the specific project is for river restoration and rehabilitation, not flood control. In response to a further question, he advised that \$400,000 would be used by the Army Corps of Engineers for "what they referred to as ... feasibility." This could change, however; one topic of conversation at the earlier meeting was whether to change the scope of the project.

In response to a question, Mr. Guzman reviewed the recommendation associated with Project #2, and advised it could be amended. In response to a question, Vice Chairperson Pugsley advised that mixing project components of restoration and recreation would not present a problem to the Army Corps but would require a resolution to the funding. Recreation components would not be funded by the Army Corps. Mr. Guzman acknowledged that the multi-use trail was prioritized in the Unified Pathways Master Plan element. Member Pahl expressed concern over meeting a 2008 Question #1 deadline and acquiring funding through the Army Corps. At Member Jacquet's request, Mr. Krahn pointed out the easement acquisition on a displayed map. Discussion took place with regard to the same. In response to a question, Vice Chairperson Pugsley suggested the restoration and trail projects could be separated into two. Mr. Krahn acknowledged that a bridge is proposed to the Ambrose-Carson River Natural Area. He described the route and connectivity. Mr. Moellendorf described benefits to the trail project of stabilizing the stream bank. In response to a question, Vice Chairperson Pugsley advised that the trail would have been considered a public asset as it was included when the project was first defined in 2001. He suggested that the Army Corps, in its feasibility review, may decide to replace the trail. Doing so would result in the Army Corps defending it. The defenses are not foolproof because "the river is the river." Vice Chairperson Pugsley noted that the community's general desire is to allow the River to flow more freely than the Army Corps usually does. He expressed agreement with the concept of separating the projects into two, and discussion followed. Member Farrer discussed the importance of ensuring safe trail access by stabilizing the stream bank. He discussed his knowledge of restoration projects at Wingfield Park over the years, and noted the importance of doing it once "or as close to once as possible." Mr. Krahn and Mr. Guzman responded to questions regarding the trail itself.

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Mr. Krahn provided background information on, and reviewed, Project #3, Carson River Park, Phase II. He noted staff's recommendation to drop the project from the list as it is considered to be completed. Mr. Guzman reviewed Project #4, the Lake Tahoe Bike Path. In response to a comment, he explained the requirement to provide coverage for projects at Lake Tahoe. Discussion followed, and Vice Chairperson Pugsley noted that the Question #1 funding could not be used for any other project. The sense of priority "boils down to" the amount of time staff should spend on the project. Vice Chairperson Pugsley suggested assigning a low priority to Project #4. Member Farrer noted the subject land is undeveloped and therefore generates no tax revenue for Carson City. He expressed concern over the burden of expense to the community. Given that most of the Lake Tahoe land allocated to Carson City "is already a state park, ... it's a state issue." Chairperson Curtis recessed the meeting at 12:21 p.m. and reconvened at 12:33 p.m.

Mr. Guzman reviewed Project #5, the Eagle Valley Creek Enhancement Project. He and Mr. Krahn explained staff's recommendation to drop the project. Mr. Moellendorf noted that the timing of this project doesn't fit well with the Question #1 process. Vice Chairperson Pugsley provided background information on the Army Corps of Engineers' involvement in Project #5. He advised that previously committed funding will not be available. Without that funding source, he concurred with staff's recommendation to drop the project "from a Question #1 perspective." In response to a question, Mr. Guzman advised that the project won't be forgotten as long as he and Mr. Krahn are with the City. Mr. Krahn advised that Public Works Director Andrew Burnham is aware of staff's concern over the project. He discussed recreational and flood control opportunities for the project in the future. In response to a comment, Mr. Moellendorf expressed the belief that this portion of Eagle Valley Creek has no special mention in any of the master plan elements. He acknowledged concerns over dropping the project, but advised that project plans have been well documented and that the project has the potential of becoming part of a larger wastewater project. Chairperson Curtis suggested including the project in future master plan amendments. Mr. Guzman suggested the project could be included as part of the Moffat property management plan. In response to a question, Mr. Krahn provided background information on amendments to the City's ordinance with regard to planting willows, cottonwoods, and poplars in the riparian areas of the City. Member Jacquet suggested capturing the project as part of the Carson River Master Plan, and discussion followed.

Mr. Guzman reviewed Project #6, the lower Ash Canyon Land Acquisition, and explained Karen Joost's interest in a conservation easement. In response to a question, he explained the importance of the property to secure access. He responded to corresponding questions of clarification. In response to a further question, he explained the interest of Nevada State Parks in acquisition of the lower properties.

Mr. Guzman reviewed Project #7, Carson River Land Acquisition, and oriented the subcommittee members to the location of the subject parcels. In terms of flood control, habitat, trails, etc., Mr. Guzman advised that the parcels are the most important open space and River acquisitions. Mr. Krahn discussed the importance of the parcels in relation to the Aquatic Trail Plan. Extensive discussion took place regarding legal and liability issues associated with the Aquatic Trail Plan and the Andersen / Jarrard properties. Member Jacquet suggested that the liability issues discussed in association with the Aquatic Trail give more credence to acquiring property or an easement. He noted the open space values, and commented that the canyon has long been recognized as one of the scenic areas of Carson City. He agreed with staff's recommendation of this project as a top priority. Mr. Guzman responded to questions regarding appraised

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value of the properties. Member Yanuck agreed that the area is one of the most scenic in the City. Mr. Guzman advised of mercury contamination issues on the Serpa and Bently properties. He commented that each parcel has different characteristics which affect value.

Mr. Guzman reviewed project #8, Combs Canyon Area Land Acquisitions and Northern V&T Multi-Use Trail Development, including staff's recommendation. He noted that the property is very important deer habitat. Mr. Krahn advised that the cancer center has provided an easement from the road. Discussion followed, and Chairperson Curtis suggested including a map in future presentations.

Mr. Krahn provided background information on development of Carson River Park, and reviewed Project #9, Carson River Park Phase III. He explained staff's recommendation to remove the project from consideration as part of the Question #1 program. Chairperson Curtis expressed concern that this project represented the only park on the Question #1 projects list. Mr. Moellendorf expressed understanding for the concern, but advised that the park doesn't represent the highest tier of need identified as part of the master planning process. He agreed that the area is used for recreation, and suggested that it should be monitored to ensure the use is appropriate. In response to a question, Mr. Krahn advised of a map made available in the Recreation Division's *Discover Us* publication and of the Muscle Powered map of trails. In response to a question, he advised that the original intent of the Carson River Park master plan was to serve as a neighborhood park for the area residents. He discussed the importance of the day-use area with a picnic shelter, playground equipment, etc. "in the context of a ranch setting." In response to a question, Mr. Guzman advised that there is use of the park under the terms of the R&PP lease. Chairperson Curtis recessed the meeting at 1:46 p.m. and reconvened at 1:53 p.m.

Mr. Guzman reviewed Project #10, the Upper Ash Canyon Land Acquisition, and staff's recommendation. In response to a question, Mr. Moellendorf clarified staff's recommendation to retain the Wilson properties, as a lower Question #1 priority, and to drop the Benna-Marshall property from the list. Mr. Guzman acknowledged that match funding for the project would be allocated from the Open Space Program. From the perspective of the Open Space Advisory Committee, Member Jacquet requested to keep the Benna-Marshall property on the list. Mr. Guzman described the location of the Wilson and Benna-Marshall properties, using a displayed slide.

Mr. Krahn provided background information on Project #11, the Fairgrounds / Fuji Park / Clear Creek Habitat Improvement Program. He reviewed staff's recommendation to drop the project "in consideration of more pressing priorities." Vice Chairperson Pugsley advised that the U.S. Department of Agriculture will now consider using Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program ("WHIP") funding for cities. He further advised that up to 75 percent of a project could be funded, including National Resources Conservation Service ("NRCS") design input or, at least, funding for design. He requested that the project not be dropped from the Question #1 list. Chairperson Curtis expressed concern over dropping the project. In light of other funding opportunities, she suggested the project should be assigned a relatively high priority because of public expectation and use of the area. In response to a question, Vice Chairperson Pugsley advised that it would not be "throwing good money after bad" to continue with the project in light of improvements being made by the Nevada Department of Transportation in the area. Mr. Guzman advised that staff has disagreed over details of the subject project. Mr. Moellendorf expressed the opinion that this project may become a little more attractive because of the potential for match funding through the WHIP. He anticipates that the project will not be terribly large. He advised that the Fuji Park / Fairgrounds master

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plan indicates pathways along the creek, protection of the riparian area, and interpretive areas. Member Keeton suggested assigning the project a lower priority without removing it altogether. Member Pahl expressed uncertainty as to the level of restoration being considered. He suggested it would largely be driven by what is being done upstream in terms of addressing the sediment load. Without being able to address the sediment load, he suggested not doing "too much with Clear Creek ... because it's just going to go back the way it was."

Mr. Guzman reviewed Project #12, acquisition of lands between Ash and Kings Canyons. He described access to the properties and their characteristics. In response to a question, he advised that the Open Space Program could be reimbursed provided the Question #1 program has considered the properties a project. The properties must first be nominated and funding awarded; then the properties could be purchased. In response to a further question, Mr. Guzman advised that the Long property had not yet been submitted for nomination. He offered to take the subcommittee members on a tour of the properties. In response to a question, he advised that the next round of nominations will open in July at which time he will submit an application. He acknowledged the project should be assigned a high priority. Mr. Guzman reviewed Project #13, acquisition of C-Hill properties, and narrated pertinent slides. Discussion took place with regard to the property's development potential. Member Keeton expressed the opinion the project should be assigned a higher priority. Mr. Guzman reviewed Project #14, the Silver Saddle Ranch River recreation multi-use trail development and habitat improvement project. He explained staff's recommendation to drop the project from the list.

**4-B. DISCUSSION ONLY ON AVAILABLE CITY STAFF AND FINANCIAL
RESOURCES TO PROVIDE MATCHING REQUIREMENTS FOR QUESTION #1 PROJECTS**

(1-3533) - Mr. Moellendorf reviewed the staff report and the attached exhibits. In response to a question, he reviewed the many variables involved in constructing projects, including property acquisition, project design, etc. Discussion took place with regard to the possibility of developing per-linear-foot costs for trail construction. Member Jacquet pointed out that Open Space Program and grant funding opportunities make available the possibility of acquiring lands for trails through fee title or easements. "Moving ahead with the acquisition phase is logical" in consideration of the trails master plan having been approved. Mr. Moellendorf agreed. In response to a comment, Mr. Guzman discussed the need for management of open space properties, including construction of trails and facilities for recreation use. He noted the need to consider such things particularly in the area of the River and the periphery of town. Discussion took place regarding costs associated with trail construction, and grant funding opportunities.

Mr. Guzman discussed staff resources required for project design and construction. In order to complete open space acquisitions, he advised of having considered the possibility of partnering with non-profit organizations. He explained Ms. Bollinger's responsibilities to assist with management, particularly Waterfall Fire rehabilitation. Mr. Krahn requested the subcommittee members to keep in mind a realistic approach to prioritizing the projects in consideration of staff time and funding availability. Chairperson Curtis suggested the possibility of hiring other staff using grant funding. She expressed concern over projects being dropped if they are moved off the Question #1 projects list and "we can't come up with a good place to put them."

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4-C. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING THE REMOVAL OF PROJECTS FROM THE APPROVED QUESTION #1 LIST AND MAP (2-0379) - Chairperson Curtis referred to the projects listed in the staff report, and requested input of the subcommittee members. Following discussion, consensus of the subcommittee was to leave item 11 on the project list; to drop project 5 with the recommendation that the two trails be transferred to a separate project list and that the remaining project area, together with the Lompa wetlands area, be amended to the parks and recreation master plan element. Mr. Krahn responded to questions of clarification regarding the Carson River Park Phase 2 project. Member Jacquet suggested a semantics problem with regard to dropping projects 1 and 3 as opposed to noting that the projects have been completed. Chairperson Curtis responded to questions of clarification with regard to her recommendation for project 5.

4-D. DISCUSSION ONLY ON ADDING FUTURE PROJECTS IDENTIFIED IN THE OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN, PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN, AND UNIFIED PATHWAYS MASTER PLAN WHICH QUALIFY FOR QUESTION #1 FUNDING (2-0528) - Mr. Krahn and Mr. Guzman reviewed the staff report and the attached exhibit. Mr. Krahn responded to questions regarding Question #1 funding allocated to the urban fishing pond through the Nevada Department of Wildlife ("NDOW"). Mr. Guzman responded to questions regarding the non-motorized trail system along the north side of the Carson River. Discussion followed and, in response to a comment, Mr. Guzman advised that staff will expend time on projects as directed by the advisory committees and the Board of Supervisors. With regard to open space and trails, he advised that urgency drives projects.

4-E. ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE, THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, AND ULTIMATELY TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, A REVISED PRIORITIZED LIST OF QUESTION #1 PROJECTS (2-0882) - Chairperson Curtis provided suggestions with regard to the method by which to address this agenda item. Member Pugsley suggested the possibility of adding a project to develop a habitat conservation plan for the River corridor, particularly with regard to management of the "first twenty feet from water inland." Following discussion, the subcommittee members and staff agreed.

Mr. Krahn acknowledged that staff had prioritized the projects listed in the staff report. Member Jacquet referred to Mr. Guzman's earlier comment that open space projects are driven by urgency, and advised that the recommended prioritization was acceptable. Following discussion, consensus of the subcommittee and staff was to prioritize the Fairgrounds / Fuji Park Clear Creek Habitat Improvement Project in the "Other" category, as well as the River corridor habitat conservation plan. Mr. Krahn suggested the possibility of placing a higher priority on the Linear Park Trail Extension from Butti Way to the freeway right-of-way, and the subcommittee members concurred. Vice Chairperson Pugsley reiterated the request to leave the River habitat restoration project on the list as project #2, subject to identifying a match funding source. He acknowledged it should be prioritized under the "Other" category. He discussed the possibility of leaving the Carson River allocation available in consideration of the possibility of purchasing the Jarrard / Anderson easement. Discussion followed. Chairperson Curtis suggested a motion to approve staff's recommended priorities, as modified by the discussion. **Member Yanuck so moved. Member Keeton seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.**

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5. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

STATUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM STAFF - None.

MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION (2-1408) - Mr. Krahn acknowledged that the subcommittee members should report back to their respective committees.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (2-1369) - Chairperson Curtis suggested meeting again in six months to review the status of projects.

7. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (2-1424) - Member Jacquet moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:41 p.m. Member Yanuck seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The Minutes of the June 26, 2006 Carson City Question #1 State of Nevada Conservation and Natural Resource Protection Grant Program Subcommittee meeting are respectfully submitted this 6th day of September, 2006.

ALAN GLOVER, Clerk-Recorder

By:

Kathleen M. King, Deputy Clerk / Recording Secretary

**ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: September 18, 2006

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 6

APPLICANT: Roger A. Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Director
Vern L. Krahn, Park Planner
Juan F. Guzman, Open Space Manager

REQUEST: Action to recommend to the Board of Supervisors a revised prioritized list of Question 1 State of Nevada Conservation and Resource Protection Grant Program projects.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

On Monday, June 26, 2006, Carson City's Question 1 Sub-Committee, created by the Carson River Advisory Committee, Open Space Advisory Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (Exhibit A), convened to review and prioritize existing projects (currently approved by the Board of Supervisors) and potential new projects which would qualify for funding through Question 1's State of Nevada Conservation and Resource Protection Grant Program. More specifically, the Question 1 Sub-Committee considered the following:

1. Status of existing projects (Exhibit B, including Question 1 Opportunities Map)
2. Available City financial and staff resources to seek Question 1 grant funding opportunities
3. Removal of existing projects from the Question 1 Opportunities Map and Project List
4. Prioritization of new potential projects identified in the Open Space Master Plan, Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and Unified Pathways Master Plan which would qualify for Question 1 funding
5. Action to prioritize and recommend to the Advisory Committees/Commissions and ultimately the Board of Supervisors a revised prioritized list of Question 1 projects (Refer to the below Sub-Committee's revised project list and recommended action)

From this meeting, the Question #1 Sub-Committee recommends to the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife the following project priorities based on urgency and available funding opportunities. These projects are listed in order of priority and categorized into three groups: open space acquisitions, trail projects, and other projects.

Open Space Acquisition

Project #7 -Carson River Land Acquisition, OHV access, and Trailhead Development to the Pinenut Mountains

New Project - Potter Property

Project #12 - Acquisition of lands between Ash Canyon and Kings Canyon

Trails Projects

New Project - Linear Park Trail extension and connection*

New Project - V&T Trail to CTRMC and trails/basins at CTRMC

Project #2 - Modified / Multi-Use Trail from Riverview Park to Empire Ranch Trail

Project #8 - Combs Canyon Area Land Acquisition
Project #6 - Lower Ash Canyon Land Acquisition
Project #10 - Upper Ash Canyon Land Acquisition
Project #13 - C-Hill Land Acquisition

New Project - Carson River Canyon Trail (north side)
Project #14 - Modified / Mexican Ditch Multi-use Trail from Hidden Meadows to Silver Saddle Ranch
New Project - Draft Aquatic Trail Plan's recreation improvements
Project #4 - Lake Tahoe Bike Path

* *In discussions with Andy Burnham, Public Works Director, he now believes the Nevada Department of Transportation has found sufficient funding for this trail project.*

Other Projects

New Project - Urban Fishing Pond Amenity Improvements - Phase 2 at the Carson City Fairgrounds (NDOW Funding)
Project #11 - Carson City Fairground/Fuji Park: Clear Creek Habitat Improvement Project
Project #2 - Modified / Carson River Steambank Stabilization Project
New Project - Habitat Conservation Plan for Carson City properties along the Carson River Corridor (Park, Trails, and Open Space facilities)

City staff believes all the above-recommended projects have value for recreation, resource protection, and habitat improvement. However, it is unrealistic for this Advisory Board and the Board of Supervisors to assume that the City will have the necessary staff resources to acquire the required land/easements for plan implementation, including applying for Question 1 grants and locating the necessary funding for all these projects within the next two years. As a result, City staff will focus their time and resources on the top priority projects listed above or as project urgency and available funding opportunities present themselves.

If the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife approves the Question 1 Sub-Committee's project recommendations and priorities as presented above, our department will "bundle" the above projects into special project planning areas similar to the currently adopted Question #1 Opportunities Map.

Finally, City staff would like to thank all the Sub-Committee members that participated in the above-referenced meeting to review, evaluate, and prioritize the City projects for the final upcoming rounds of the Question 1 grant program. The Sub-Committee members' assistance in this process was greatly appreciated, along with their unique perspectives on the issues associated with each of these projects.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Move to recommend to the Board of Supervisors a revised prioritized list of Question 1 State of Nevada Conservation and Resource Protection Grant Program projects.