

**City of Carson City
Agenda Report**

Date Submitted: April 12, 2011

Agenda Date Requested: April 21, 2011
Time Requested: 15 minutes

To: Mayor and Supervisors

From: Parks and Recreation Department

Subject Title: Action to adopt Resolution # _____ declaring Invasive Species Awareness Week from April 25 to May 1, 2011, as recommended by the Open Space Advisory Committee. (Ann Bollinger)

Staff Summary: Staff, in partnership with other agencies and organizations, wishes to promote local awareness and action to limit the impacts of invasive species. The campaign will include a presentation and resolution at the Board of Supervisors meeting, a banner across Carson Street throughout the following week, and several other events and activities.

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 adopt Resolution # _____ declaring Invasive Species Awareness Week from April 25 to May 1, 2011.

Explanation for Recommended Board Action: Invasive species threaten human and animal health, decrease native plant diversity and animal habitats, and negatively change river and riparian systems. Beginning with a presentation and resolution at the Board of Supervisors meeting, staff and Margie Evans with the Carson City Weed Coalition will inform and educate the community regarding invasive and noxious weeds. One method of outreach includes a banner across Carson Street from April 25 to May 1, 2011. April is an ideal month because it correlates with other related events such as the fuels reduction with sheep, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension's Weed Warriors class, and the seasonal start for the ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) weed crews. Additional outreach and education efforts include news articles in the Nevada Appeal and classroom sessions. The Open Space Advisory Committee took action to recommend adoption of this resolution on February 28, 2011.

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation:

- NRS Chapter 555, Control of Insects, Pests, and Noxious Weeds
- CCMC, Title 8, Public Peace, Safety and Morals
- CCMC, Title 18, Appendix Carson City Development Standards

Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact.

Explanation of Impact: Education and outreach will be provided by numerous partners involved with the Carson River Coalition, including the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension. Any material expenses will be paid by the Carson Water Subconservancy District through the Watershed Program for weed removal and fuels reduction.

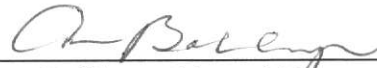
Funding Source: Not applicable.

Alternatives:

- Not to adopt a Resolution

Supporting Material:

- Resolution
- Open Space Advisory Committee, Minutes of the February 28, 2011 Meeting

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Date: 4/12/11

Reviewed By: 
Roger Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Director


Date: 4/12/11


Larry Werner, City Manager

Date: 4/12/11


District Attorney's Office

Date: 4/12/11


Finance Department

Date: 4/12/11

Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____ 1: _____
2: _____

Aye/Nay

(Vote Recorded By)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION DECLARING INVASIVE SPECIES AWARENESS WEEK FROM APRIL 25 – MAY 1, 2011, BY THE CARSON CITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, CARSON CITY, NEVADA.

WHEREAS, Chapter 555 of the Nevada Revised Statutes provides for the control of insects, pest and noxious weeds; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 8 of the Carson City Municipal Code provides for the Public Peace, Safety, and Morals and requires the control of weeds on any property, premises, or buildings; and

WHEREAS, Carson City finds it prudent in partnership with other agencies and organizations to promote local awareness of the impacts of invasive species that if not addressed may result in costly public expenditures to protect resources and public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of our residents and visitors to take action to limit the impact of invasive species.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carson City Board of Supervisors declares April 25 –May 1, 2011, Invasive Species Awareness Week.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon motion by Board of Supervisor member _____, seconded by Board of Supervisor member _____, the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2011, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NAYES: _____

AYES: _____

NAYES: _____

AYES: _____

NAYES: _____

AYES: _____

AYES: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

Mayor Robert Crowell
Board of Supervisors
Carson City, Nevada

ATTEST:

Alan Glover, Clerk/Recorder
Carson City, Nevada

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nominated him as chair. Member Scott seconded the nomination. Vice Chairperson Jacquet acknowledged a willingness to serve, and entertained additional nominations. When none were forthcoming, he called for a vote on the pending nomination. **Nomination carried 5-0.**

Chairperson-elect Jacquet entertained nominations for vice chair. **Member Lincoln nominated Bruce Scott as vice chair. Member Riedl seconded the nomination.** Member Scott acknowledged a willingness to serve. Chairperson-elect Jacquet entertained additional nominations for vice chair and, when none were forthcoming, called for a vote on the pending nomination. **Nomination carried 5-0.**

3-B. ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPTION OF THE INVASIVE SPECIES AWARENESS WEEK, OCCURRING APRIL 25 THROUGH 29, 2011 (6:13:42) - Chairperson Jacquet introduced this item. Ms. Bollinger introduced University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Weed Coalition Coordinator Margie Evans, provided an overview of the presentation, and discussed the activities of the Weed Coalition.

(6:14:40) Ms. Evans narrated a PowerPoint presentation, provided her contact information, and strongly encouraged "every member of our community to be watching out for these weeds out of place."

Chairperson Jacquet thanked Ms. Evans for her presentation, noting the committee's concern over weed infestations. He acknowledged the ongoing effort and significant setbacks associated with lack of treatment. Ms. Evans acknowledged that Open Space Program funds have been previously allocated toward weed control. In response to a question, Mr. Guzman advised that the maintenance budget includes funding for weed control programs. He noted the statutory requirement for local governments to take responsibility for noxious weeds. In response to a question, he reiterated that the Open Space Program maintenance budget includes weed control. Vice Chairperson Scott discussed the importance of investing funding in weed control programs. "Several good years in a row of hitting the weeds and you can really begin to see the difference and then back off maybe a little bit at a maintenance level. ... It's pay me now or pay me later a whole lot more." Vice Chairperson Scott pointed out "it's going to be a good year for weeds. There's moisture everywhere." He expressed strong support for funding weed programs and the opinion "it's really critical from an open space perspective." Mr. Guzman noted the benefit and effectiveness of addressing weed control through the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Weed Coalition "because it unites the efforts of other counties and more expertise." He advised of Ms. Bollinger's suggestion for the Open Space Program volunteers to attend the Weed Warriors class.

Ms. Evans commended the partnership of the Open Space Program and the Parks and Recreation Department. She discussed the hoary cress infestation along the River, and advised that the Open Space Program and the Carson Water Subconservancy District had "covered the entire cost of treating this area ..." The area was replanted with "desirable grasses" last fall, and Ms. Evans expressed the hope that "some of this wonderful moisture" will "help out those seeds as well."

Chairperson Jacquet thanked Ms. Evans, and noted the relevance of the subject item to the Open Space Program's mission. He expressed the hope that the committee's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors will communicate the critical nature of weed abatement programs. He entertained public comment and, when none was forthcoming, a motion. **Vice Chairperson Scott moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors the adoption of Invasive Species Awareness Week, occurring April 25 through May 1, 2011. Member Lincoln seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**