

# Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission

## STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** July 27, 2017

**TO:** Chairman and Members, Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission

**FROM:** Jim Smitherman, Water Resources Program Manager

**SUBJECT:** Report on the One Truckee River project, a partnership between Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful (“KTMB”) and the Nevada Land Trust (“NLT”) to coordinate existing efforts, and identify priorities for new efforts, for long-term management and sustainability of the Truckee River.

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### SUMMARY

In February 2015, the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (“NNWPC”) approved a proposal from Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful (“KTMB”), in partnership with the Nevada Land Trust (“NLT”), and funding in the amount of \$22,000 for pre-project planning activities related to the Truckee River Corridor Management Plan. The funding also provided match for a Truckee River Fund grant for the project.

One Truckee River leadership has requested the opportunity to provide a verbal report to the NNWPC on August 2, 2017, to highlight the project’s significant progress and accomplishments over the past two years, including:

- Establishment of a broad-based Core Planning Team,
- Involvement of an even more diverse team of stakeholders,
- Development and implementation of the One Truckee River Management Plan, and its adoption by Reno, Sparks and Washoe County.

The 2016 Regional Water Management Plan includes the following summary of the One Truckee River Management Plan:

The One Truckee River Management Plan, with four primary goals and over 120 strategies and action items, is One Truckee River’s first step toward achieving its broad vision for the Truckee River. Phase One covers the largely urban stretch of river from West McCarran Boulevard in Reno to Vista Boulevard in Sparks. The plan’s primary goals are to:

1. Protect water quality and ecosystem health;
2. Create and sustain a safe, beautiful and accessible river;
3. Build an aware community; and
4. Ensure the sustainable management of the river.

Most of the Truckee River and the Truckee River corridor is managed and regulated by federal, state and local agencies. One Truckee River seeks to coordinate existing efforts rather than create a new regulatory agency. Some important efforts and programs included in the plan are already the responsibility of individual One Truckee River stakeholders, and will gain additional support

and recognition through the plan. Other projects and tasks need additional partners and support. Finally, the plan identifies gaps in priority areas where new programs should be developed to provide for long-term management and sustainability. Nine emerging issues have been identified by One Truckee River:

1. Water Quality
2. Social Issues
3. Stewardship
4. Ecosystem
5. Quality of Life
6. Public Safety
7. Funding
8. Recreation
9. Education

The One Truckee River Management Plan, Phase One, can be viewed at:  
<http://onetruckeeriver.org/>.

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