



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 10, 2026

DATE: January 9, 2026

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Samantha Turner, Division Director, Finance and Customer Service,
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SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept cash donations totaling \$13,710.68: [\$1,328.00 to general donations for Regional Parks and Open Space, Bowers Mansion, Link Piazza/Hidden Valley Park, and Davis Creek Fire Restoration, \$339.68 from Red Robin for Lazy 5 Park, \$11,500.00 from Glen Atkinson to support Rancho San Rafael Park]; [\$143.00 from the donation drop box at the May Museum]; [\$400.00 to the Arboretum for bricks, general maintenance and support] and accept in-kind donations from Home Depot [valued at \$450.00], Moana Nursery [valued at \$7,522.65], and May Arboretum Society [valued at \$45,208.20] for Regional Parks and Open Space programs and facilities; and direct Finance to make the appropriate budget amendments. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

Accept donations in the amount of \$13,710.68 in cash from various businesses, organizations and individuals for Regional Parks and Open Space programs and facilities retroactive to date of receipt.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Fiscal Sustainability: Long-term sustainability.

PREVIOUS ACTION

Donations are made to the Regional Parks and Open Space programs and facilities and formally accepted by the Board of County Commissioners.

BACKGROUND

The residents of Washoe County support our parks, open space and natural resources through their generous cash contributions, donations of materials, supplies and services and volunteer time. Cash donations, in the amount of \$13,710.68 have been received for park maintenance, improvements, programming, and to assist with the safety and comfort for Washoe County residents, therefore, retroactive approval to accept these donations is being sought.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

Cash donations received at this time are dedicated to general donations to the Bowers Mansion, Lazy 5 Park, Link Piazza/Hidden Valley Parks, Rancho San Rafael Park, and Davis Creek Park for fire restoration. Tree and brick donations and general maintenance support for the Arboretum and general donation support to the May Museum.

Estimated values of in-kind donations received include Home Depot for split rail fencing, Moana Nursery for 150 Jeffrey Pine trees, soil conditioner, and soil fertilizer for Davis Creek Fire Restoration, and the May Arboretum Society for general support to the May Arboretum.

Donor	Amount	Program
<u>Cash Donations:</u>		
Various donors	\$ 600.00	General donation to Davis Creek Fire Restoration
Various donors	\$ 223.00	General donations to Bowers Mansion
Red Robin	\$ 339.68	General donations to Lazy 5 Park
Various donors	\$ 505.00	General donations to Link Piazza/Hidden Valley Park
Glen Atkinson	\$ 11,500.00	General donation to Rancho San Rafael
Total General Donations	<u>\$ 13,167.68</u>	
Various donors	\$ 143.00	May Museum-general donations
Various donors	\$ 400.00	Arboretum -Bricks and general maintenance support
Total May Center Donations	<u>\$ 543.00</u>	
Total Cash Donations	<u>\$ 13,710.68</u>	

Donor	Estimated Value	Program
<u>In-kind Donations:</u>		
Home Depot	\$ 450.00	Approximately 30 split rail posts
Moana Nursery	\$ 6,900.00	150 Jeffrey Pine Trees for Davis Creek
Moana Nursery	\$ 622.65	Soil Building Conditioner & Fertilizer for Davis Creek Tree Planting
May Arboretum Society	\$ 45,208.20	General Arboretum support
Total In-kind Donations	<u>\$ 53,180.85</u>	

Thank you and recognition is extended to all the donors for their continued support of natural and cultural resource management and community programming.

FISCAL IMPACT

Cash donations in the amount of \$13,167.68 for various Regional Parks and Open Space facilities, programs and events have been deposited into Park Donations (IN20020). Wilbur D. May Museum donations in the amount of \$143.00 have been deposited into the May Museum (C640200) and donations in the amount of \$400.00 for the Arboretum have been deposited into the May Arboretum donation account (IN20034).

Should the Board accept these donations, the FY26 budget will need to be amended in the following accounts:

<u>Increase Revenue</u>		
IN20020-484000	\$ 13,167.68	Regional Parks Donations
C640200-484000	\$ 143.00	May Museum Donations
IN20034-484000	\$ 400.00	May Arboretum Donations
Total	\$ 13,710.68	
<u>Increase Expenditures</u>		
IN20020-710300	\$ 13,167.68	Operating supplies - Parks Donations
C640200-710500	\$ 143.00	Other Expenses - Museum Donations
IN20034-710500	\$ 400.00	Other Expenses - Arboretum Donations
Total	\$ 13,710.68	

These generous donations allow Regional Parks and Open Space the ability to offer additional programming, needed repairs, and maintenance for facilities that are not supported by other funding sources and to support volunteer efforts within the park system.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board accept cash donations totaling \$13,710.68: [\$1,328.00 to general donations for Regional Parks and Open Space, Bowers Mansion, Link Piazza/Hidden Valley Park, and Davis Creek Fire Restoration, \$339.68 from Red Robin for Lazy 5 Park, \$11,500.00 from Glen Atkinson to support Rancho San Rafael Park]; [\$143.00 from the donation drop box at the May Museum]; [\$400.00 to the Arboretum for bricks, general maintenance and support] and accept in-kind donations from Home Depot [valued at \$450.00], Moana Nursery [valued at \$7,522.65], and May Arboretum Society [valued at \$45,208.20] for Regional Parks and Open Space programs and facilities; and direct Finance to make the appropriate budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: “Move to accept cash donations totaling \$13,710.68: [\$1,328.00 to general donations for Regional Parks and Open Space, Bowers Mansion, Link Piazza/Hidden Valley Park, and Davis Creek Fire Restoration, \$339.68 from Red Robin for Lazy 5 Park, \$11,500.00 from Glen Atkinson to support Rancho San Rafael Park]; [\$143.00 from the donation drop box at the May Museum]; [\$400.00 to the Arboretum for bricks, general maintenance and support] and accept in-kind donations from Home Depot [valued at \$450.00], Moana Nursery [valued at \$7,522.65], and May Arboretum Society [valued at \$45,208.20] for Regional Parks and Open Space programs and facilities; and direct Finance to make the appropriate budget amendments.”