

Resolution R25-44

Whereas Washoe County is a regional provider of parks and recreation facilities with a total asset value of approximately \$520,000,000 providing programs, recreation opportunities and outdoor spaces to the community;

Whereas the Washoe County Parks operational budget has not fully recovered from the Great Recession when the budget was cut by more than half. Fifteen years later, the budget is still only at 65% of what it was pre-recession;

Whereas on May 24, 2023, the Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission recommended that the Board of County Commissioners adopt a resolution to initiate creation of a park district pursuant to NRS Chapter 318A;

Whereas the 2019 Washoe County Parks Master Plan recommends the development of a Service Plan and Feasibility Study for the potential creation of a Parks District in both short and mid-term strategies;

Whereas NRS 318A.020(1)(a) declares that the organization of parks, trails and open space districts having the purposes, powers, rights, privileges and immunities set forth in NRS Chapter 318A will serve a public use and will promote the health, safety, prosperity, security and general welfare of the inhabitants thereof, and of the State of Nevada;

Whereas NRS 318A.080, determines and declares that the procedures contained within are necessary for the coordinated and orderly creation of districts and for the logical extension of services for parks, trails and open space throughout the State, and prevents unnecessary proliferation and fragmentation of services for parks, trails and open space, to encourage the extension of existing districts rather than the creation of new districts and to avoid excessive diffusion of local tax sources;

Whereas NRS 318A.070 requires a resolution adopted by the governing body of the County to initiate the creation of a park district and said resolution must set forth the proposed name, powers, purpose and boundaries of the district;

Whereas NRS 318A.090 requires the creation of a service plan for the proposed park district before the governing body may determine whether to create the district;

Whereas the name of the proposed district is the Truckee Meadows Park District;

Whereas the powers of the proposed district are to operate and maintain park facilities and programs, plan and construct future park facilities, create park policies and rules, collect fees, and exercise any other powers authorized under NRS Chapter 318A;

Whereas the purpose of the proposed district is to provide parks and recreation facilities and programs through a regional approach that allows for increased efficiencies, and consistent funding levels that are not vulnerable to periodic economic downturns;

Whereas the boundary of the proposed district is all areas within the boundaries of Washoe County set forth in NRS 243.340, including areas located within the boundaries of the City of Reno, the City of Sparks, and unincorporated Washoe County;

Whereas upon completion of the service plan for the proposed district, the Board of Commissioners will set a public hearing to consider the plan and consider creating the district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHOE COUNTY, that the Board hereby directs staff to create a Service Plan pursuant to NRS 318A.090 for the proposed Truckee Meadows Park District, to include:

1. A financial survey and, if applicable, a preliminary engineering or architectural survey showing how the proposed services are to be provided and financed;
2. A map of the boundaries of the proposed district and an estimate of the population and assessed valuation of the proposed district;
3. A description of the facilities, improvements or projects to be constructed, the standards of such construction, the services to be provided by the district, an estimate of costs, including, without limitation, the cost of acquiring land, engineering services, legal services, proposed indebtedness, including, without limitation, proposed maximum interest rates and any discounts, any other proposed bonds and any other securities to be issued and their type or character, annual operation and maintenance expenses and other major expenses related to the formation and operation of the district;
4. An outline the details of any arrangement or proposed agreement with any county or city for the performance of any services between the proposed district and such county or city. The form of any such contract to be used, if available, must be attached to the service plan; and
5. It is further directed to file the Service Plan with the governing body of each county and city to be included in the proposed Park District.

Adopted this 10th day of June 2025

Chair, Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

Washoe County Clerk