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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 16, 2026

**DATE:** May 12, 2026

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Dave Solaro, Assistant County Manager

**THROUGH:** Kate Thomas, County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve an interlocal agreement between Washoe County and the Sun Valley General Improvement District, a quasi-municipal corporation and body politic, organized pursuant to the provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 318, for assistance in funding parks and recreation services in the amount of [not to exceed \$150,000] in FY27, with future year increases commensurate with CPI-U adjustments. (Districts 3 and 5)

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### **SUMMARY**

Staff is requesting that the Board of County Commissioners approve an interlocal agreement between Washoe County and the Sun Valley General Improvement District, a quasi-municipal corporation and body politic, organized pursuant to the provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 318, for assistance in funding parks and recreation services.

The proposed interlocal agreement is designed to formalize and extend the longstanding partnership between Washoe County and the Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID) for the continued operation, maintenance, and enhancement of recreational facilities within the Sun Valley area.

The purpose of this report is to facilitate Board consideration of a multi-year agreement that transitions from annual funding arrangements to a more stable, predictable framework for supporting parks and recreation services accessible to all Washoe County residents within the SVGID boundaries. The agreement reflects the County's commitment to collaborative service delivery and resource sharing, ensuring that recreational amenities remain available and well-maintained for the benefit of the broader community.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Economic Impacts.

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

In recent years, the Board of County Commissioners has taken several actions directly related to funding and supporting parks and recreation services within the Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID). Most recently, in September 2025, the Board

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approved a Community Support grant award of \$90,000 to SVGID for fiscal year 2025-2026 to support the operations of the Parks and Recreation fund, as documented in Resolution R25-85. This action continued the Board's established practice of providing annual operational support to SVGID for general parks and recreation operation and maintenance, with similar grants of \$90,000 approved for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 under Resolutions R23-165 and R24-82, respectively. These grants are made pursuant to NRS 244.1505, which authorizes such expenditures for the substantial benefit of county residents.

In addition to annual operational grants, the Board has also approved targeted funding for specific community events and enhancements. For example, in June 2025, a \$2,000 grant was awarded to SVGID to support a free swim day at the Sun Valley Pool, and in June 2023, a \$1,000 grant was provided to support SVGID's Dive Into Summer event. These actions reflect the Board's ongoing commitment to supporting both the operational needs and community engagement activities of SVGID's parks and recreation programs.

In 2010 The Board of County Commissioners approved an intergovernmental agreement with SVGID for the transfer of four county-owned parks – Sun Valley Community Park, Gepford Park, Highland Ranch Park, and Sun Mesa Park – The agreement contemplated future funding as the parks are to remain open and accessible to all County residents.

## **BACKGROUND**

The relationship between Washoe County and the Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID) regarding parks and recreation services is grounded in the statutory framework established by Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 318, which authorizes the formation of general improvement districts as quasi-municipal corporations with the power to provide a range of public services, including the acquisition, operation, and maintenance of recreational facilities. SVGID was granted the authority to manage and maintain recreational facilities within its boundaries in accordance with NRS 318.143, and this authority was further formalized through a 2010 agreement that transferred ownership of several county-owned parks to SVGID. This transfer was intended to ensure that recreational amenities would remain accessible to all Washoe County residents, not solely those residing within Sun Valley, and established a precedent for ongoing collaboration between the County and SVGID in the stewardship of these community assets.

Over the years, the County and SVGID have entered into a series of interlocal agreements and funding arrangements to support the continued operation, maintenance, and enhancement of parks and recreation facilities in the Sun Valley area. These agreements have included provisions for joint pursuit of grant funding, utilization of residential construction tax revenues for neighborhood park improvements, and mechanisms for periodic review and adjustment to address evolving community needs. The current recommendation to approve a new interlocal agreement reflects a broader policy objective to transition from annual, ad hoc funding to a more predictable, multi-year framework, consistent with the County's strategic emphasis on collaborative service delivery and fiscal sustainability. The proposed agreement is enabled by NRS 277.180, which permits public agencies to contract for the joint performance of governmental services, and is designed to ensure that the benefits of high-quality parks and recreation

services are equitably available to residents throughout the unincorporated areas of Washoe County.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The proposed interlocal agreement establishes a multi-year funding commitment from Washoe County to the Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID) for the operation and maintenance of recreational facilities previously transferred to SVGID. Under the agreement, Washoe County will provide an initial base amount of \$150,000 for fiscal year 2026-27, with subsequent annual adjustments based on the Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers (CPI-U) to account for inflation in future years. SVGID will invoice the County annually, and payments are to be made within 30 days of receipt of invoice. This structure replaces the prior practice of annual, ad hoc grant awards and is intended to provide greater predictability and stability for both parties in financial planning and service delivery.

Funding for this agreement is subject to annual appropriation by the Board of County Commissioners, as required by NRS 244.320. Should the County fail to appropriate funds for any given year, the agreement may be cancelled or modified with written notice to SVGID. This provision ensures that the County's financial obligations remain aligned with its adopted budget and fiscal policies.

The FY 2027 approved budget includes funds in support of this interlocal agreement. Funding is available in the Board of County Commissioners – Community Support fund 60847-710400

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Board authorize approval of an interlocal agreement between Washoe County and the Sun Valley General Improvement District, a quasi-municipal corporation and body politic, organized pursuant to the provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 318, for assistance in funding parks and recreation services in the amount of [not to exceed \$150,000] in FY27, with future year increases commensurate with CPI-U adjustments.

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with the staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve an interlocal agreement between Washoe County and the Sun Valley General Improvement District, a quasi-municipal corporation and body politic, organized pursuant to the provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 318, for assistance in funding parks and recreation services in the amount not to exceed \$150,000 in FY27, with future year increases commensurate with CPI-U adjustments."