



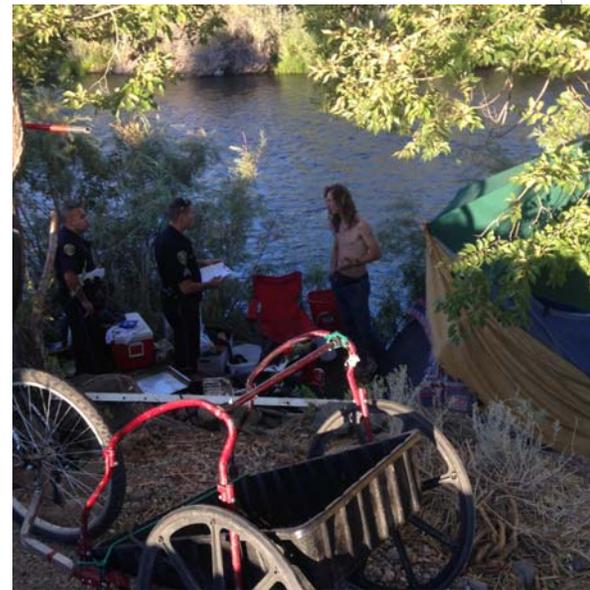
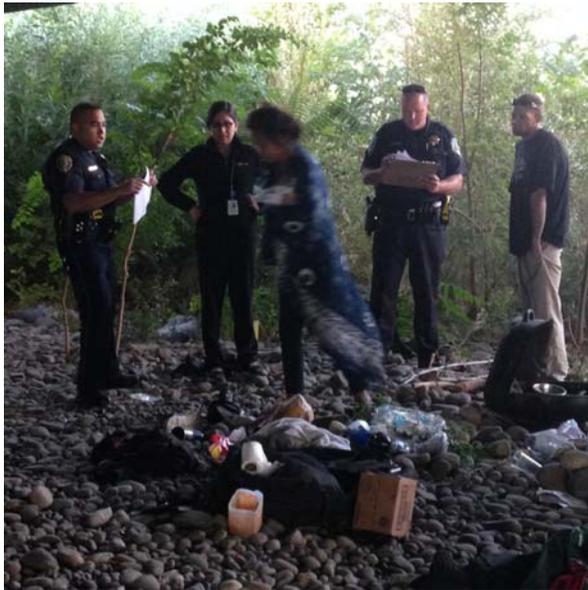
# River Encampments

Lieutenant Greta Woyciehowsky, Patrol division

# Outreach

- ▶ 3 Outreach events - total of 74 contacts from Glendale Bridge to west of Glendale Park
  - ▶ June 28
  - ▶ June 30
  - ▶ September 6
- ▶ Included community partners such as Hopes, Veterans Assistance, Project Restart, Catholic Charities and MOST
- ▶ Individuals either accepted assistance immediately, declined or agreed to meet an agency on a later date
- ▶ Those found to be camping along the river were given a warning according to SMC 9.48.030. The warning was documented by officers and placed in a database to document the person contacted, date and officer.

# August 6, 2016 - Collaborative Outreach with RPD



What we found - needles, makeshift latrines, illegal fire pits, foul odors



## Trash, abandoned property, "Compounds"



# Contacts - mental disorders, addiction, animals



# Blight



# Enforcement

- ▶ Will take place in the coming weeks and maintained weekly, citations will be issued and arrests made where appropriate
- ▶ After Sunset
- ▶ Sparks Police will coordinate with Public Works and Reno Police Department

# Upcoming Tasks

- ▶ Sparks Police will work with property owners to include no trespassing signs
- ▶ Sparks Police will schedule a follow-up Outreach event to reach those west of Glendale Park
- ▶ Focus on parks where camping is becoming a problem
- ▶ Training and enforcement
- ▶ Sparks Police will collaborate with Public Works to clean areas and assist with bulk property storage



# Public Works

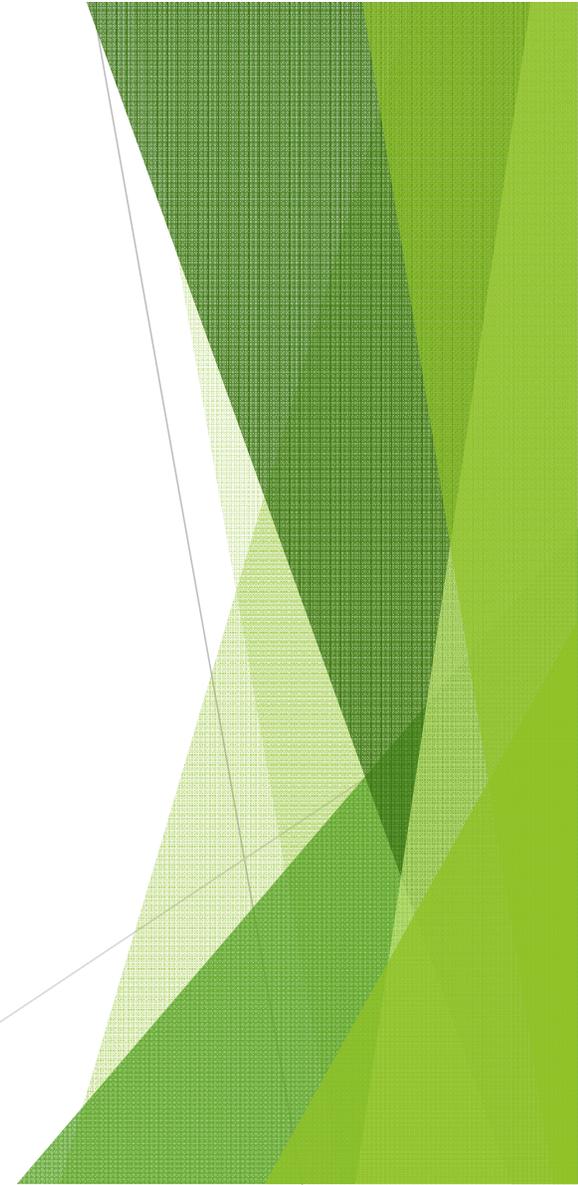
Ron Korman - Public Works Manager

# Summary of Work as of 9/8/16

- ▶ 414 hours of labor time at a cost of \$16,900
- ▶ 230 yard of waste material removed
- ▶ 180 yards of rock/boulders hauled in and spread in abandoned campsites to discourage camping
- ▶ \$12,747 has been spent to purchase materials and equipment to be used for camp cleanup efforts
- ▶ 17 individual camps cleaned out
- ▶ Brush, weeds, tree limbs, cleared around camp areas, and along large portions of the river path to improve sight and safety.
- ▶ 15 members of the Public Works Staff have volunteered to be assigned to assist with the river cleanup efforts.

## Some Before and After Photos







# Brush Clearing











There is more work to do





# Future Plans

- ▶ Public Works will continue to work with Sparks Police to make the river path a safe and enjoyable place for our citizens and visitors to recreate
- ▶ One day per week will be set aside to cleanup trash or remove brush
- ▶ Work with Health Department to mitigate latrine areas
- ▶ Provide on call service for Sparks Police for collection of personal belongings as necessary
- ▶ Provide routine garbage can service along river path.