

QUARTERLY **SNAPSHOT** ONE TRUCKEE RIVER may 2017





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### FOCUSING DOWNSTREAM

Welcome to One Truckee River's first Current - a new quarterly snapshot for stakeholders and partners of OTR in a quick-read format. Since One Truckee River Management Plan's unanimous adoption by local jurisdictions last fall, OTR has been in a celebratory mood, receiving multiple awards, hiring AmeriCorps members, and putting the plan into action.

Though we're still getting reports in from our 130 + stakeholders, progress is being made on multiple fronts. Some examples: Washoe County's three case workers have found homes for 52 formerly homeless residents (a number of whom previously lived on the river): the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection is moving full speed ahead on their Watershed Plan and Source Water Protection planning; and the fire departments of Reno and Sparks are collaborating with OTR on mile markers on the bike path in the urban

river corridor. The mile markers will greatly assist first responders in river rescues, in addition to helping recreational users find their way.

Though we're very much focused on implementing the plan, we're also looking to ensure a solid and sustainable future for OTR. A task force is considering long-term organization and partnership models for OTR with the help of National Park Service facilitator Barbara Rice. Though typically not as broad as OTR, several river communities across the West provide some interesting examples, and the group is soon to make its recommendations to the OTR Core Planning Team. As identified in the Plan, we believe strengthening One Truckee River for the long haul is essential to realizing the collective and ambitious vision for our beloved Truckee River. Alex Hoeft, Editor

The One Truckee River Initiative was co-founded by Nevada Land Trust and Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful. A product of One Truckee River, the One Truckee River Management Plan guides the coordinated management, protection, and stewardship Truckee River across all jurisdictional boundaries and sectors. More information, including the management plan, can be found at







MILE MARKERS

RIVER STORIES

#### ISSUE SNAPSHOTS

#### SOCIAL

 Between June 2016 and March 2017, Washoe County case workers found homes for 52 previously homeless residents, some of whom resided along the Truckee River. Al 2.6

#### **EDUCATION**

- Public Truckee River Survey to be completed by May 3 through <u>Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful</u>. Al 3.3
- Nevada Land Trust is helping produce a Truckee River Watershed Education Plan, based on survey results. Al 3.1

#### RECREATION

 Mile markers to be installed on the Phase 1 river trail by summer in cooperation with Reno and Sparks fire departments. Al 2.3

#### **QUALITY OF LIFE**

- Nevada Land Trust is completing a baseline amenities map along phase one, to be completed spring 2017. Al 2.4
- OTR River Stories and River Photos competitions: The first live story-telling event was held March 21, 2017. The next competitions run April 1 through May 31, 2017. Al 3.1

#### **FUNDING**

- Truckee Meadows Water Authority provided OTR with a new grant through the Truckee River Fund at the Community Foundation of Western Nevada. This grant money will assist with implementation of phase one action items, and planning for phases two and three.
- Renown gifted OTR with funds to help with preparation and adoption of the phase one Management Plan.

AI = Action Item, listed in the Management Plan

#### LONG-TERM PLANNING

- An OTR task force is determining a sustainable organizational model to ensure the successful oversight and implementation of the OTR Initiative, which is ongoing. AI 4.1
- OTR is watching AB 379 move through the Legislature; it allows Nevada communities to establish special park districts. To track this bill, click here. Al 4.1.e

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BASELINE AMENITIES MAP
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EDUCATION PLAN

Photos by Cessie Pulleyn and Alex Hoeft

# UPCOMING OTR EVENTS ( MAY IS ONE TRUCKEE RIVER MONTH! )

**ONE TRUCKEE RIVER SURVEY CLOSES: May 3** 

**GREAT COMMUNITY CLEANUP: May 6 (KTMB)** 

RENO RIVER FESTIVAL: May 13-14 at Wingfield Park

TRUCKEE RIVER WATERSHED SNAPSHOT DAY: May 19-20

SAFE BOATING WEEK: May 20-26 (NDOW)

TRUCKEE RIVER HISTORICAL WALK: May 22, 11-12:30

RIVERS FOR CHANGE: June 2-10 (Source to Sea)

FREE FISHING DAY: June 10 (NDOW)

LIVE STORY-TELLING EVENT: July 11 at The Jungle

RIVER FORUM: September 21 (tentative)

Calendar updates at www.onetruckeeriver.org/calendar