

## Core Planning Team Meeting #5

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Start time: 1:11 p.m.

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Attendees:

- Birgit Widegren
- Angela Fuss
- Lynda Nelson
- Zach Yeager
- Jeff Brunings
- Erica Olsen
- Barbara Rice
- Alex Hoeft
- Dick Bartholet
- Lynn Zonge
- Kathy Clewett
- Jeremy Drew
- Bodie Monroe
- Kim Borgzinner
- Kim Mazeret
- Mickey Hazelwood
- Kelsey Fitzgerald
- Gabrielle Enfield
- Sgt. Wade Clark
- Scott Nebesky
- Jaime Souza
- Paul Miller
- Danielle Henderson
- Tracy Turner

- Randy Collins
- Sheila Leslie
- Cheryl Surface
- Tim Ruffin
- Nate Daniel
- Bob Sack
- Roberta Ross
- Alicia Reban
- Peter Gower

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## Welcome & Opening Remarks

- Lynda Nelson: Thanks to everyone for subcommittee work. Today will be everyone sharing what was said during subcommittee meetings.
- Introductions

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## Today's Outcomes

- Erica Olsen: Today we'll get direction and guidance from Core Planning Team on priorities during subcommittee meetings.
- Jeff Brunings: Today's agenda (on handout)
- Angela Fuss: Where we're at; planning structure. Collective impact YouTube video. Purpose, vision and major goals of One Truckee River.
  - Where we're at in the planning process: (1) CPT will set OTR goals, strategies and key initiatives based on subcommittee input. (2) Technical review of OTR goals, strategies and key initiatives.
  - Master plan outline (handout)
- Jeff: Planning definitions... introduce plan of work through areas of focus → initiative-wide and issue-specific goals → initiatives

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- Erica: Highlight notion of **guiding principles** (things that cut across entire plan — multi-jurisdictional, respect for existing work, river focus, direct regional ownership, foundational impact, public and private collaboration) and **strategic areas of focus** (#1 healthy river, #2 clean and safe environment, #3 personal connection to river, #4 healthy, happy community, #5 sustainable implementation)... Questions? *None*.

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## Subcommittee Meeting Recaps

1. Social Issues — Sheila Leslie: Key insight is we know what to do and what will work. If we do these three things, we'll have a huge impact on moving homeless people off the river.
  - A. Accessible, affordable housing alternatives — have to have a place for people to go; housing-first purpose; year-round overflow shelter
  - B. Walk-in access to mental health and substance abuse services — same-day walk-in access (not 24-hour)
  - C. Multi-jurisdictional community case management — linking to services, follow-up (new grant that follows this idea that Sheila and Gabrielle Enfield are working on)
  - Road block: Need to get people more up to speed with what is already happening. Very forward-thinking. Opportunity to tour four areas (Crossroads, mental health court, NNAMH campus, ride-along with MOST team) — pass around signup sheet.
    - Dick Bartholet: Touring these locations is very eye-opening. Understand limitations and capabilities of people.
2. Recreation — Cheryl Surface: Focal point of the river — concerts, rafting, fishing, hiking, biking, etc. Need coordinated efforts along entire river.
  - A. Safe, public access
  - B. Awareness of the river's recreational opportunities — San Antonio, Boise... opportunity to become similar in Reno
  - C. Friendly environment for multiple user-types — educational component
  - Road block: Multi-jurisdictional ownership between public and private owners; multiple user conflicts; lack of funding/support
    - Lynda: Signage, kiosk/visitor center, etc.
    - Bodie Monroe: Don't need more signs, but proper signs

3. Ecosystem — Mickey Hazelwood:

- A. Increase shading and biodiversity — use vegetation to remove people from sheltering along the river; strategic vegetation plan
- B. Enhance wildlife habitat
- C. Expand a rich and diverse riparian corridor — river function, quality of life
  - Obstacles: money and time
    - Lynda: Living river flood plan
    - Erica: We'll add to perspectives later in the meeting. Sub-bullet points *are* in the handout.

4. Education — Jaime Souza:

- A. Current state of knowledge about, and in connection to, the Truckee River — not sure what people know about watershed, personal connections to Truckee River; know where to target education efforts
- B. Educator resource page — what curriculum is available, standards-aligned
- C. Truckee River curriculum — build excitement and passion for river; unified campaign that everyone in community can be excited about
- D. River stewards — educate and then inspire action, have ethic of care
  - Obstacles: Funding, coordinating with school district
    - Nate Daniel: Branded, unified message... main values river has, why it's important to connect, why it's important. One unified mission and statement.

5. Quality of Life — Tim Ruffin: Engaging merchants along the river, asking their thoughts...

- A. Integrate the river's cultural heritage
- B. Strengths, weaknesses and gaps
  - Sgt. Wade Clark: Road block — if park lights are on, inviting general public. Lighting up river would remove enforcement, open to public. Being homeless is not a crime. Camping laws and sidewalk laws are being looked at across nation. City of Reno does two to three weeks of outreach (HELP, MOST, etc.). Just did homeless count. Working with Sparks and Washoe County.

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With bathrooms, Public Works people cleaning up excrement outside of bathrooms...need legitimate use. Not saying no to more bathrooms, but to be successful, need legitimate use wrapped around bathroom.

6. Water Quality — Birgit Widegren: Trying to fix water quality down in the river is hard. Problems start in tops of mountains. Need more data. Will measure what improvements might be.

- A. Best management practices for high-volume storm drains
  - B. Mitigate misuse of river
  - C. Comprehensive measurement assessments
  - D. Pilot watershed management plan
  - E. Educate the private and commercial communities
- Obstacles: Money; multi-jurisdictions; what all the other groups are doing might impact the water quality; everyone needs to know what other groups are doing
    - Paul: Source water protection is important. TMWA has seen drinking water quality go down due to low water, people using river inappropriately, etc. Headed in right direction with WQ priorities. Overall, need to reduce people using river inappropriately. Then go after storm drainage, etc. Most impacted facility is Glendale facility, downriver from Fisherman's Park.
    - Sgt. Clark: That should be taken care of soon... working with Sparks to look at Fisherman's Park.
    - Kim Mazerres: Also day laborers.

7. Public Safety — Sgt. Wade Clark:

- A. Hazardous material
  - B. Public presence — increase; Wingfield and Idlewild are examples of improvement
  - C. Crime prevention through environmental design — started through Public Works, begins in on ecosystem
- Obstacles: River Ranger won't have as much as a demand... demand goes up and down — maybe part-time person? Then multi-jurisdictions, titles all come into play, etc. Need to bring in legitimate users.

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- Cheryl: Public safety issues with items in the river... looking at as safety concerns
- Sgt. Clark: Abandoned property is one of biggest eye sores. Working on ideas to get people off river and into jobs.
- Lynda: Talked about multi-jurisdictional team?
- Sgt. Clark: Undersheriff Spencer talked about that... brought up part-time worker conundrum, etc. With a regional team, what happens when certain people complain about river officers not working on "legit" crimes.
- Zach Yeager: Public Works can help out with presence.

8. Funding — Gabrielle Enfield:

- A. Single management model — look at potentials, look at what other rivers are doing, other city rivers
- B. Increase funding — understanding where we're at, what's the current level of funding; doing a survey to identify where current dollars are...
- C. Bureau of communications — legislation, incorporating changes in multi jurisdictional laws, etc. Get whole community to understand what we're doing.
- Obstacles: Find model to implement goals that will be acceptable and endorsed across jurisdictions; difficulty in identifying current funding; existing uses

9. Stewardship — Peter Gower: Get people to be stewards of river; stewardship in the sense of who will be the steward of the plan, how will it be carried forward?

- A. Management entity focused on implementation
- B. Raise awareness
- C. Consistent maintenance standards — get groups to play nicely with one another
  - Danielle Henderson: All of us being stewards and getting the word out; talked a lot about vision/mission statement — not one-time push, consistent
- Zach: Grouped common themes together under strategic areas of focus (open for debate). Some goals have multiple subcommittees: multi-layer mapping, visitor center,

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signage master plan, multi-jurisdictional design standards, River Ranger, water access, amenities, citizen involvement app. These goals are things we'll ask you all to prioritize.

- Lynn Zonge: Some changes...
- Erica: Regardless of how they're grouped, is it okay that some ideas are grouped together?
- Zach: Example — misuse of river + multi-jurisdictional case management. Anything to be broken apart or merged?
- Sgt. Clark: With multi-jurisdictional case management, has to happen in relation to walk-in mental health and accessible/affordable housing — needs to be together and a big priority.
- Bob Sack: Under riparian corridor, wildlife habitat and vegetative ecosystem should be together.
- Birgit Widegren: Measurement component? Under measurement assessment? Need to show what we're doing... (intent behind measurement assessment)
- Erica: Group's agreement on framework assessment...

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## Agreeing on areas of focus

- Erica: Are we okay with the five major areas of focus?
  - Lynn: Confused about happy, healthy community...
  - Erica: Raise community awareness and raise benefits for improved health and wellness.
  - Lynn: Healthy, happy community goes with personal connection to river
  - Peter: Personal connection — happy it's there, happy there's a river, what it brings. Healthy, happy community — area to be active, riding bikes, multi-user environment. If we combined them would lose that.
  - Kim: Change name of happy, healthy community?
  - Barbara Rice: All goals make sense... wondering, to simplify, go to fewer categories. Three: community benefits, education/stewardship, river resource (natural and cultural). Move social issues under community benefits. Under

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healthy river put ecological. Education/stewardship as they connect to community. Won't take away any goals, just simplifies.

- Cheryl: Like that idea. Some were overlapping earlier, education piece was missing earlier...
- Danielle Henderson: Think about audience for this plan, trying to get plan endorsed — keep it simple without losing detail.
- Cheryl: New sections speak better to elected officials.
- Barbara: Common terms you can embellish.

## **BREAK**

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### Goal prioritization

- Erica: Agreement on healthy river area? Yes. Education and stewardship — what's the intent behind this focus area?
  - Jaime: Personal connection, participation
  - Erica: Where does River Ranger go?
  - Lynda: Ranger can't do enforcement...
  - Nate Daniel: Think of as a Venn diagram. River Ranger might sit in healthy river and education/stewardship
- Erica: Community benefits
  - Alicia: Call it healthy communities?
  - Lynn: Think of terms that'll resonate with decision-makers.
  - Bob: I like community benefits. River itself, people's interactions, etc. If carried forward to elected officials, need distinctiveness.
  - Tracy Turner: Concerning public messaging, avoid healthy communities.
  - Gabrielle: It is the benefits for the community from achieving goals of plan.

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- Erica: We will wordsmith this stuff. But within three big buckets, we're okay with distinctness?
- Erica: Some items are about plan implementation... Bureau of communications, TRMP awareness, funding, collaboration and coordination, single management model, management entity. Now... what's missing? Agree with guiding principles — multi-jurisdiction, yes; respect for existing work...
  - Lynda: Recognize efforts happening meeting our ideas here...
  - Kim Borgzinner: Leverage between multiple programs. Don't eliminate certain programs... creates obstacle.
  - Erica: Example is pilot watershed plan. Maybe TMWA already working on TMWA pilot watershed plan.
  - Paul: Watershed protection is something NDEP, TMWA, etc. will work on.
  - Randy Collins: Implementation of flood project. Janet Phillip's email.
  - Bob: Not so much statement of not focusing efforts, more so recognition of efforts and find the gaps
  - Birgit: Pilot watershed planning won't happen unless grassroots, bottom-up effort
  - Danielle: Recognizing efforts going on... what support could this group provide? In terms of stewardship, some of us going to meetings and making public comments, writing letters of recommendation, etc.
- Erica: Actions must be specifically focused on the river; implementable within region; around foundational impact (focus on things that are root cause in nature that'll have major foundational impacts); public/private collaboration. Suggestion is that these guiding principles will act as guard rails. Anything overtly missing? Nope. Now work through potential goals... Need to prioritize.
  - Kim Borgzinner: Truckee River's main benefit is being the primary drinking water. Not only protecting for recreation and benefits... but without river we wouldn't be here.
  - Lynn: Where would it go under?
  - Lynda: It's in our goal and mission.... also one of original goals
  - Danielle: Be a goal and a benefit. Maintain and improve

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- Kim Mazeres: Be more specific in mission or vision instead of goals? Say this is one of the reasons we're doing this.
- Erica: Goal around drinking water? Or just mission/vision?
- Kim Borgzinner: Put as goal to have future groups have something to be able to tap into. This group is very valuable.
- Paul: If you protect drinking water, you have a healthy river.
- Lynda: I don't see working with upstream partners. Branch out and talk about how we'll integrate, educate and work with upstream users. Strategy, maybe not a goal.
- Erica: (1) Comprehensive mapping — goal for plan or as part of creating plan?
  - Angela: A lot of data out there already, but no one really has access to all of them. We want access over next six months. Some data, on the other hand, we don't have at all. Something now and short-term.
  - Jeff: Is mapping a goal? If yes, that's the outcome. The goal of mapping is the ultimate outcome we want to achieve. Angela says it's also an action... Will go under "to-do list."
- Erica: (2) Storm drain best practice management — is a goal. (3) Measurement assessment system...
  - Birgit: More overarching...
  - Danielle: Partly supports funding efforts, grant applications, getting support, etc.
  - Birgit: Need baseline, through process and at the end.
  - Mickey: Be careful about success criteria established. Don't drill down too much.
  - Erica: Falls into implementation
- Erica: (5-7) good goals?
  - Cheryl: All under habitat restoration
  - Jeremy Drew: Living River concept melts those into one
  - Lynda: Develop species list, areas where there is available property...
  - Mickey: Folds in with environmental design...

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- Erica: (4) Execute pilot watershed plan — big goal. (11) Consistent maintenance plans...
  - Tracy: Sounds like strategy...
  - Lynda: More under stewardship. Goal is to review maintenance standards across jurisdictions.
- Roberta: Ecosystem management... I like Living River, but ecosystem management... leave in riparian, vegetative, wildlife words — better for layman's terms.
- Erica: Good with maintenance standards? What's outcome?
  - Pete: Outcome is code changes...
  - Kim Mazerers: Why?
  - Cheryl: It got shortened and doesn't necessarily make sense.
  - Angela: Creating one vision, you know when you're in Reno, Sparks, etc. Based on maintenance, standards, availability of staff, etc.
  - Lynda: Broaden it to signage, access, branding, etc. Need overarching goal that speaks to that. Not just branding. It's how the corridor is physically taken care of.
  - Zach: River design standards idea
  - Cheryl: Operations and maintenance addition. Unified.
  - Erica: Design, operations and maintenance
  - Barbara: A lot of ideas intersect all categories. This is a big idea — put it with comprehensive mapping. Three to five big ideas, isolate and move them up. Then look at little projects.
- Erica: Circle big ideas. Living River, drinking water protection, unified river design, operations and maintenance standards... group river ranger and coordinated sweeps under something enforcement-like? Misuse of river — big idea? Get rid of completely.
  - Roberta: Misuse of river is something we have to collect. Illegitimate uses give us problems.
  - Barbara: Lose under community benefits use of trail, park, etc.
  - Erica: Big idea is enforcement via sweeps, river ranger, etc.

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- Erica: Big ideas — drinking water protection, O&M and design, living river, enforcement. Safe, public access goes under community benefits along with accessible, affordable housing, multi-jurisdictional case management, walk-in mental health service... Public amenities goes under safe, public access.
  - Lynda: Specific goal for improved health and wellness? It's there, just not built out under new category titles.
- Erica: We have our big ideas (listed above). Talk about visitor center — should it be a goal? Yes. Big idea? Yes. Community assessment is building the plan.

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## Big ideas

Healthy River: 1. Water quality; 2. Living River idea

Education/Stewardship: 3. Unified river design, operations and maintenance

Community benefits: 4. Enforcement; 7. physical infrastructure; 8. people living on the river

Education/stewardship: 5. Visitor center; 6. education

- Erica: Concrete, executable goals? Need enough clarity to build a plan around these big ideas.
- Barbara: Each is an initiative, and under each are smaller goals.
- Erica: Will need word-smithing, but do we agree with them? Specific outcomes we expect to see?
- Kim M.: If you try to do all 8 of these, will they be prioritized? Yes.
- Pete Gower: Does plan need a goal to implement the plan? Need some sort of directive to figure out where it'll live and who'll do mapping and measurement assessments and funding, etc.
- Erica: Could be own area or a goal or its own section in the plan. We'll have answers when the plan comes back...
- Lynda: Still going to produce a technical memorandum for social issues and water quality in April. Speak to where we're at on that? We're trying to chunk things out that will address some of these concerns.

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- Angela: We basically want to find out what's being done already. That'll happen in technical memorandum.
- Sheila: We already have agreements and will be moving forward with or without this group. But we want this group to back this.
- Birgit: Water quality has kind of fallen off the board now. Now just an action item.
- Angela: Is water quality something not under Reno jurisdiction? It needs to be bigger
- Birgit: Needs to be part of plan.
- Erica: Add drinking water protection as big idea.
- Lynda: Don't lose work we've already done in overarching goals.
- Erica: Need to prioritize a little tighter.
- Barbara: Prioritize across horizontally and then vertically? Quick dot exercise?
- Erica: We have eight goals. Do we want to get group's feedback on where we want effort first?
- Angela: We need to come up with action items. Under those items we need to identify short-, long- or right now.
- Lynda: Some things need to happen before other things do.
- Angela: Talked about design standards... Over next six months we'll meet with a lot of different departments. They're the keepers of those operations. Come up with standards. With all agencies, get them agreeing to same set of standards. Take that info, put in as ordinance, then each jurisdiction adopts those. Come up with action items.
- Erica: Now get group's consensus on what's most important. Are we comfortable with priorities up there now?
- Birgit: Creating action items, another critical part ... think about those with resources.
- Lynda: Also, who's responsibility would it be?
- Danielle: Rank according to priorities in a perfect world, all things equal. Rank based on those considerations.
- Lynda: Low-hanging fruit?

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- Angela: We talked about a matrix we can use, etc. Ask questions about building out the plan... Example: visitor center
- Roberta: Tribe is working on something right now.
- Angela: If we use cultural center heritage — who does it now? Can we partner with them now to do it differently? Or start new center?
- Scott Nebesky: Will take reasonable effort. For tribe, it's both benefit internally to Native Americans, also outward benefit.
- Angela: In terms of building out the plan, we can say yes, cultural center is a priority. Plan would identify time frame better.
- Roberta: Someone could start mapping now...
- Lynda: Trying to get AmeriCorps grant to help with mapping on river... Thinking about ways to get mapping accomplished.
- Kathy Clewett: Have three main buckets, eight goals underneath. Send out to all stakeholders. Have people say if they know who is doing what.
- Danielle: Would like to see word "floodplain" on here somewhere. Fit under living river concept. Is riparian corridor.
- Erica: Agreeing right now, in some process, will get input on building out the plan for each priority. Forcing prioritization without intelligence is dangerous.
- Scott: These are all items that have to be managed because they benefit or don't benefit the river. Where's water quantity? Enhance TROA for future?
- Kim: Part of it is education and knowing what we already have. Take some of those water rights as a community, and use them up here... TROA re-regulated operation of river. There'll be more water in river for fish purposes, etc.
- Scott: Should plan set benchmark or goal for certain amount? Some discussion about how to balance all interests in sense of over consuming the river? Success is our failure?
- Lynda: We're talking about water etiquette. Ex: banning alcohol, life jacket stations, water safety classes... This grid of priorities doesn't show details.
- Birgit: TROA — have short info on how that affects our plan. Need to know more about TROA.

## Closing

- Erica: We'll get documentation out on all this.
- Lynda: Next CPT meeting? Need another one?
- Angela: Document information and send out with longer descriptions (makes more sense). Close to moving forward to next steps.
- Lynda: Also have supporting strategies underneath so people don't feel things are lost.
- Angela: Thanks to everyone.

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End time: 4:56 p.m.