

One Truckee River

Partners Meeting

September 21, 2017

1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Bartley Ranch Western Heritage Center

Attendees:

- Alicia Reban, NLT
- Christi Cakiroglu, KTMB
- Lynda Nelson, NLT
- Lindsey Panton, KTMB
- Alex Hoeft, NLT
- David Bobzien, City of Reno
- Barbara Rice, National Park Service
- Patricia Tierney, AmeriCorps
- Elise Traywick, AmeriCorps
- Michael Cameron, TNC
- Birgit Henson, NDEP
- Kim Borgzinner, NDEP
- Susan Lynn
- Nick Tscheekar, CFWN
- Keith Fuetsch, Renown
- John Enloe, TMWA
- Annie Zucker, Renown (azucker@renown.org)
- Lynn Zonge, Resource Concepts
- Kim Mazeres
- Michon Eben, RSIC
- Danielle Henderson, Flood Project
- Cheryl Surface, Washoe County

Voting on Year One and Years 1-5 Priorities

Welcome & Meeting Objectives

We want to acknowledge decisions made at August's meeting. Agreed to participate and move forward, but didn't decide on what that would look like. Plan to continue with current partnership and explore options moving forward.

Organizing For Success

Barbara Rice provided results of long-term OTR model structure discussions. Confirmation of what we heard in August, consensus of group:

1. The CPT remain very committed to OTR and want to stay at this table doing this work.
2. We are now the One Truckee River Partnership. The partnership wants to examine, explore options for more formal structure and alternatives together as a group. Ex: Ex

officio bodies, permanent agency homes, etc. We will function as partnership right now until future model is decided upon.

3. What the partnership needs are volunteers to assist with alternatives and bring relative information back to partnership that might be preliminary recommendations for ongoing OTR advocacy and political and funding commitments. Volunteers: John Enloe (TMWA, local bucket), Birgit Henson (NDEP, state bucket), need private sector (more corporate funding partners), suggestions: Renown willing to sit down and talk???? Maybe construction companies? Engineering companies? Other groups in tune with this area. Example: Opportunities with Tri-Center organizations who are looking to provide back to the community. EDawn participation? Reno Aces or Reno 1868 (proximity to river)? Answers to these will be part of ongoing meetings.

Draft Statement of Intent: In light of OTR partnership, draft SOI to participate. Isn't legally binding, states that we'll all continue to work together. Important to sign because it shows strength, can use as leverage for funding, political reasoning. *Reading of draft SOI.* Looking for something to solidify partnership.

- If an agency signs on, SOI does not need to go to commissioners or directors? Does not need legal review or does not need to go to board.
- Who signs it? Participants of OTR Partnership would sign for agencies.
- Next step would be addendum (to be decided later), partnership agrees to meet quarterly or twice a year, would send replacement if unable to make meetings, etc. We won't be establishing bylaws.
- NDEP is unable to sign SOI on behalf of agency. Would go in front of attorney, would take time to be signed. Same way for Washoe County. Need to figure out who exactly (at Washoe County) would sign it.
- Politicals may need to weigh in and sign this statement. Members aren't opposed to running SOI up the chain for permission. Is it necessary for larger bodies to sign this SOI.
- What can come out of this to be signed? Wouldn't be able to sign regardless.
- Would adoption of plan be considered the official partnership permission?
- Would be beneficial to have one-year and 2-5 year objectives identified as part of agreement. Can't just negotiate in good faith. "These are the things we'd like to accomplish within this time frame."
- Toughest time signing this: cities and county. BUT those jurisdictions have already adopted the plan.
- Renown: Need to share what exactly we're agreeing to. Need to include this in Community Outreach Needs Strategic Plan.
- Eliminate last short paragraph?
- Don't want to be too formal, but there may not be a choice. Maybe instead provide document sharing "this is who we are, this is what we've done" and include signatures of members.
- This plan has already been formally adopted. As far as more formal partnership, address what agency commitment looks like. Instead of informal, address formal. Maybe go for

full MOU. Any models? MOU for Truckee River monitoring (were legislatively directed to create that MOU...). Is OTR Partnership putting forward what various partnerships want to see and happen. MOU is still something to point to. Example: Sand Harbor and Incline Village, very powerful for funding. Cheryl can provide OTR partnership with MOU (very succinct and concise).

Come back at forum with a new draft of this SOI (take out legality, include action items). Include answers to questions regarding agency commitments. Have SOI geared to take up through the ranks.

Nov. 3 is same day as Eastern Sierra Summit... May need to reconsider date.

Watershed coordinator position is ongoing. Waiting on funding, working on job description. Role will help facilitate partnership, oversee process of action item implementation, concerning stakeholders, tracking, metrics, reporting to jurisdictions, etc. Anyone willing to help Alicia and Christi conduct interviews for candidates? Susan Lynn, Cheryl Surface, Lynn Zonge.

2018 One Truckee River Project Planning

Year One:

- Washoe County still has State Question 1 funds... Would like to allocate that funding towards implementation portion of OTR in addition to planning portion. OTR Partnership needs to come up scope of work for WC SQ1. (Need to apply by January.)

Four top priorities...

1. Ensure adequate public restrooms along the river. Initiate pilot study of temporary restroom facilities in priority areas along the Truckee River. *TMWA has started this action item. Temporary restrooms put in at Fisherman's Park off Galletti.* Need to talk more about this: additional locations? (Address at forum.)
2. Continue to engage community decision makers and partners about issues related to the river. *OTR is trying to update political bodies every quarter under public comment. Reach out more to TMWA board, flood board? Currently ongoing.* This is where MOU falls.
3. Assess existing groups and structures for possible entities to house management of OTR plan and develop recommendations. *Ongoing conversation.*
4. Create metrics for measuring success and achievements of the plan.

Forum to create metrics and achievements with the stakeholders.

OTR Partnership needs to decide which action items we can work on as a group. Once we have those identified, build a subcommittee and build action plan for each strategy. Example: Group that only works on long-term structure for OTR.

Others of note: Identify high volume storm drains (stormwater group doing this?); develop OTRMP under Stantec (finding out next week)

Years 1-5:

1. Develop/implement vegetation management plan along river corridor. RCI is working with City of Reno to do this. Will develop specific management strategies. Very limited.
2. Expand the continuum of housing options, including permanent overflow shelter, transitional housing with wrap-around services. *Should this move forward into 2018 plan?* A lot of activity underway. We can participate in those activities to help them along. OTR Partnership could offer support and recommendations?
3. Enhance TR visitor safety, access and public facilities.
4. Complete multi-jurisdictional signage plan.
5. Continue to work on advocacy for enabling park district legislation.
6. Identify funding partners, both public and private, for implementation of OTR action items.

Have OTR Plan incorporated to TMRPA efforts. Verbiage into Reno or Sparks master plans? Provide language working with Chris Tolley at TMRPA. Group of people that can engage in TMRPA plan update process from perspective of OTR. Maybe coordinator can be involved in this. Ongoing engagement with TMRPA.

Share diversity of agencies voting on priorities in follow-up email.

Planning for OTR forum, Nov. 3

In November, come together to work on action plans for the chosen priorities. Possibility of combining top priorities if possible, form strategic themes.

Forum at Renown. If not November, early next year? Form work groups in place of forum. Gather OTR Partnership in late October, early November. If we can identify what top priorities are, address exactly who needs to be at the table.

Idea of OTR "open house" or "expo" to kick off OTR month. Fun run or fun walk? Marlene Olsen would be on board. OTR month committee? RSIC does a fun walk/run in May. Tribal Health Clinic Memorial Health Run. Incorporate!

Next meeting: Doodle Poll

News & Updates

- Truckee River Foundation, OTR, NDOW, etc. put up life jacket stations.
- RCI: Reno vegetation plan is in progress, slow-moving.
- RSIC: Colony participating in KTMB Truckee River Clean-up.
- Reno Rotary planting 15,000 bulbs along the river.
- TNC: Halfway into assessment or fire reduction risks in Headwater Forest
- Washoe County got NEA grant for "art trail"
- NDEP: Working on source water protection plan; getting a lot of attention from regional reps for consolidating and leverage drinking water act programs. Performing webinar in Nov regarding planning program. Consider OTR as launching pad. River Rally in Squaw

Valley (April 29-May 2)... possibility of working with OTR, creating OTR watershed tour. Waiting for 319 grant information.

- NPS: Wild and Scenic Rivers events in 2018
- TMWA: Sat., Oct. 21, at Lazy 5 Regional Park: Smart About Water Day event... maybe something in May? Coordinate with Robert @ TMWA
- Washoe County: Interbike coming to Reno. Pathway along Truckee River will be highlighted, Tahoe-Pyramid Bikeway another highlighted project, Peavine area, etc. Signage plan, interpretation, restrooms... important to Interbike
- City of Reno: Just passed bill disallowing motorized vehicles on Truckee River in Nevada.
- NLT: Reception for AB 379 passage for Amber Joiner. Presentation to Reno Rotary. Panel with John Enloe, Mickey Hazelwood for Fall Water Event: "One Truckee River Initiative: New Commitment and Collaboration in Nevada."
- Presentation to Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission.