

TRUCKEE RIVER FUND

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TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Friday, May 21, 2021, 8:30 a.m.

Community Foundation of Northern Nevada

Meeting Via Teleconference Only

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4. The Committee may elect to combine agenda items, consider agenda items out of order, remove agenda items, or delay discussion on agenda items. Arrive at the meeting at the posted time to hear item(s) of interest.
5. Asterisks (*) denote non-action items.
6. Public comment is limited to three minutes and is allowed during the public comment periods. The public may sign-up to speak during the Pursuant to Directive 006, public comment, whether on action items or general public comment, may be provided without being physically present at the meeting by submitting written comments online by email sent to lrenda@nevadafund.org prior to the Committee opening the public comment period during the meeting. In addition, public comments may be provided by leaving a voicemail at (775)834-0255 prior to 4:00 p.m. on August 20th. Voicemail messages received will either be broadcast on the telephone call during the meeting or transcribed for entry into the record. Public comment is limited to three minutes and is allowed during the public comment periods. The Committee may elect to receive public comment only during the two public comment periods rather than each action item. Due to constraints of TMWA's videoconference system, public comment must be provided by voicemail, email, or online comment as indicated above.

1. Roll Call*
2. Public comment (limited to no more than three minutes per speaker)*
3. Approval of the agenda (**for possible action**)
4. Approve the February summary meeting minutes (**for possible action**)
5. Review completed projects*
 - a. **#210 Truckee River Watershed Council:** Truckee River Water Quality Monitoring Program, \$25,000 (Mike)
 - b. **#216 Truckee River Watershed Council:** McIver Dairy Meadow Restoration Project, \$161,000 (Michael)
 - c. **#220 Washoe County Parks & Open Space:** Weed Treatment and Revegetation Project Along Truckee River, \$45,000 (Mike)

- d. **#223 Sierra Nevada Journeys:** Watershed Education Initiative, \$37,200 (Michael)
 - e. **#226 Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation:** Truckee Meadows Nature Study Area: First Year Operational, \$101,526 (Brian)
 - f. **#234 Friends of Nevada Wilderness:** Mount Rose Noxious Weed Monitoring, Treatment, and Re-Seeding #8, \$28,549 (\$763.14 returned to Fund) (Brian)
 - g. **#236 Sierra Nevada Journeys:** Watershed Education Initiative for the Urban Truckee River Corridor, \$32,041 (Michael)
6. Consider reconvening in person meetings at our next meeting (**for possible action**)
 7. Committee and staff comments*
 8. Next meeting: August 20, 2021 at 8:30am (**for possible action**)
 9. Public comment (limited to no more than three minutes per speaker)*
 10. Adjournment (**for possible action**)

MEETING MINUTES
(TRANSCRIPT SUMMARY)

TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 19, 2021

(Meeting via Zoom and teleconference)

The following meeting minutes is a summary of the certified transcript for the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee meeting held at 8:30 a.m., Friday, February 19, 2021, via Zoom and teleconference.

Those Present: Committee Members: Janet Phillips, Chair; Brian Bonnenfant, Vice Chair; Don Mahin; Mike Brisbin; Bill Bradley; Michael Cameron; Candice Elder; Terri Svetich; and Jim Smitherman. Also: Lauren Renda, Community Foundation of Western Nevada; John Enloe and Sonia Folsom, both with TMWA; Sylvia Harrison, Esq. and Sarah Ferguson, Esq., both with McDonald Carano; Members of the Public: Christi Cakiroglu and Mark Cameron, both with Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful; Michele Prestowitz with Truckee River Watershed Council; Iris Jehle-Peppard with One Truckee River; Carrie Jensen with Urban Ecology Solutions, consultant for One Truckee River; Heidi Anderson, Sarah Holcombe, Spencer Cox and Corrine Hanson, all with Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation; Eaton Dunkelberger, Sean Hill and Joan Grover, all with Sierra Nevada Journeys; Meghan Walsh with Great Basin Outdoor School; and Nora Richter with Friends of Nevada Wilderness.

* Committee member arrived after roll call

** Committee member left meeting before adjournment

Agenda Item #1: Roll Call: Roll call was taken. A quorum was noted. Janet welcomed Terri Svetich and Jim Smitherman as our two newest members. Sylvia Harrison announced that she has retired as of the beginning of the year and that her current status with McDonald Carano is Senior Counsel, and added that Sarah Ferguson will be taking over as legal advisor for this committee; before leaving the meeting, she stated that working with this committee has been one of the best things she's ever done in her life and that she loves and will miss everyone, she'll be checking in. Sarah Ferguson was welcomed. Christi Cakiroglu announced that she is the outgoing Executive Director of Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful, and she wanted to say good-bye to this board and introduce the new Executive Director, Mark Cameron; she thanked the group for its long-time support of KTMB, added that from that we have formed the One Truckee River partnership and initiative, she's very proud to have been part of that project. The group applauded and thanked Christi for all she's done for

the river. Mark Cameron gave some introductory remarks, indicating that he's happy to be here and is looking forward to working with everyone.

Agenda Item #2: Public comment: Bill Bradley commented that he misses seeing the paper on the easel and is concerned about how we're going to do this today on Zoom, and Lauren stated that she will share the spreadsheet on the screen and can type in there.

Agenda Item #3: Approval of the agenda (for possible action): The agenda was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #4: Approve the November 2020 summary meeting minutes (for possible action): The Meeting Minutes (Transcript Summary) for November 20, 2020 was unanimously approved. Jim Smitherman abstained from the vote because he wasn't a member at that time. Terri Svetich's inquiry to receive the previous presentations made by Karma Box and One Truckee River was addressed.

Agenda Item #5: Fund balance report: Lauren stated that available to spend is \$389,589.32. In answer to Michael Cameron's question regarding what to expect as next year's allocation, John Enloe indicated it will likely be less than 850, assume 750.

Agenda Item #6: Review grant proposals to Truckee River Fund and select projects to be recommended for funding (for possible action): The following grant proposals were considered at length and voted on by the group and approved, rejected/declined, or action taken as follows:

#245, Sierra Nevada Journeys: Watershed Education Initiative for the Urban Truckee River Corridor, amount requested \$31,035. The full amount requested of \$31,035 was unanimously approved. Eaton Dunkelberger, Sean Hill and Joan Grover were present to provide input and answer questions.

#246, Truckee River Watershed Council: Bear Creek Lower Meadow Restoration Project - Phase 2 Construction, amount requested \$51,250. The full amount requested of \$51,250 was unanimously approved. Michele Prestowitz was present and provided input and answered questions. Michael Cameron requested that the award letter reflect our request that TRWC consider their monitoring program and adjust it as possible to provide the information we need for the Truckee River, for Nevada downstream TMDLs as well as the water quality standards; Ms. Prestowitz indicated that they can definitely discuss it and look into the details on that.

#247, Truckee River Foundation for One Truckee River: One Truckee River Partnership, River-Friendly Landscape pilot, and engagement with the public, amount requested \$259,090. The reduced amount of \$196,590 was unanimously approved, which reflects the full duration of their proposal, but leaves out the River-Friendly Landscape pilot, which relates to Chalk Creek, with the suggestion that they come back with a reworked proposal on

that portion of the project. Brian Bonnenfant abstained from the vote because he is on the OTR board. Iris Jehle-Peppard was present and provided input and answered questions. Also present was Carrie Jensen, who provided additional input.

#248, Friends of Nevada Wilderness: Mount Rose Noxious Weed Monitoring, Treatment, and Re-Seeding #9, amount requested \$16,445. The full amount requested of \$16,445 was unanimously approved. Nora Richter was present and provided input and answered questions.

#249, Great Basin Outdoor School: Lower Truckee Snapshot Day, Spring & Summer Day Camp Watershed Education Initiative, amount requested \$15,925. The full amount requested of \$15,925 was unanimously approved. Meghan Walsh was present and provided input and answered questions.

\$250, Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation: Doggie Ambassador Project Awareness Campaign, amount requested \$31,075. This was declined with a 5-4 vote, but with encouragement to come back with a restated, revised proposal focusing on health and safety and their social media and ad campaign. Spencer Cox, Sarah Holcombe, Heidi Anderson and Corrine Hanson were present to provide input and answer questions.

Project advisors for the approved proposals were assigned as follows: #245, Michael Cameron; #246, Terri Svetich; #247, Terri Svetich; #248, Brian Bonnenfant; and #249, Jim Smitherman.

Agenda Item #7: Review completed projects:

- a. **#220 Washoe County Parks & Open Space:** Weed Treatment and Revegetation Project along Truckee River, \$45,000 (Mike). Mike Brisbin indicated that he hasn't finished his report. This review was deferred to the next meeting.
- b. **#226 Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation:** Truckee Meadows Nature Study Area: First Year Operational, \$101,526 (Brian). Brian Bonnenfant described this project as being out at the Rosewood Golf Course and that we toured it on one field trip. He reported that they got some AmeriCorps that volunteered, and that they completed all the activities, met expectations, removed the species, completed the trail, and did what they said they were going to do. Due to COVID, they were not able to open to the public.
- c. **#234 Friends of Nevada Wilderness:** Mount Rose Noxious Weed Monitoring, Treatment, and Re-Seeding #8, \$28,549 (\$762.14 returned to Fund) (Brian). Brian Bonnenfant reported that they're doing a good job, now they're reseeded, and they're up there to check on the reseeded efforts this spring.

Agenda Item #8: Reassignment of Ron Penrose's projects:

- a. #221 Nevada Land Trust for OTR: River Restroom Project lead by One Truckee River. This project has been reassigned to Jim Smitherman. The project is ongoing and needs a final report. Lauren will send Jim the final report when she gets it.
- b. #222 Great Basin Institute: Galena Creek Ecological Restoration & Demonstration Project. This project has been reassigned to Terri Svetich. The project is ongoing and needs a final report. Lauren will send Terri the final report when she gets it.
- c. #223 Sierra Nevada Journeys: Watershed Education Initiative. This project has been reassigned to Michael Cameron. The final report has been submitted and just needs final review and evaluation. Lauren will send the final report to Michael.
- d. #236 Sierra Nevada Journeys: Watershed Education Initiative for the Urban Truckee River Corridor. This project has been reassigned to Michael Cameron. The final report has been submitted and just needs final review and evaluation. Lauren will send the final report to Michael.

Agenda Item #9: Discussion and possible plan for 2021 field trip (for possible action):

Janet noted that we didn't have a field trip in 2020. After a brief discussion and no desire to have a field trip this year, it was decided to not have one in 2021. No action was taken.

Agenda Item #10: Committee and staff comments: There were no committee and staff comments.

Agenda Item #11: Next meeting: May 21, 2021 (for possible action): The next meeting is set for May 21, 2021. No action was taken.

Agenda Item #12: Public comment (limited to no more than three minutes per speaker): There was no public comment.

Agenda Item #13: Adjournment (for possible action): The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m. No action was taken.



TRUCKEE RIVER FUND GRANTEE EVALUATION

Prepared by:	Mike Brisbin	Date: 5/20/21
Project Title:	TRF #210 – Truckee River Water Quality Monitoring Program	
Grantee:	Truckee River Watershed Council	

1. Grantee used the funding for activities specified in the grant proposal.

- Completed and exceeded activities specified in proposal
 Completed activities specified in proposal
 Partially completed activities specified in proposal

NOTES: **All the grant funds were used as planned**

2. Grantee deemed their project a success.

- Exceeded expectations
 Met expectations
 Met some but not all expectations

NOTES: **This grant provided a bridge in funding to preserve the 20 year history of data collection and documentation/analysis. The Truckee River Watershed Council's water quality monitoring program is a long-standing program and staff will continue to work diligently with our volunteers to collect necessary data and will also explore future funding opportunities to ensure continued program operation.**

3. Grantee met their stated goals.

- Met and exceeded stated goals
 Met stated goals
 Met some but not all stated goals

NOTES:

- **20-25 sites monitored for physical and chemical components four times each year. 100% Complete.**
- **5 sites monitored for biological components each year. 100% Complete.**
- **Participation of over 100 volunteers each year. 100% Complete.**
- **Participation in two Snapshot day events where water quality monitoring occurs across the entire Truckee River watershed. 100% Complete.**
- **Conduct two team leader training events. 100% Complete.**
- **Coordination with the Truckee River Basin Water Group. 100 % Complete**
- **Compilation of annual water quality monitoring report. Information from data collected in 2019 has being compiled into our annual report.**



TRUCKEE RIVER FUND GRANTEE EVALUATION

(Program completes this section after reviewing narrative sections.)

Prepared by:	Michael Cameron	Date: May 10, 2021
Project Title:	Mclver Dairy Meadow Restoration Project #216	
Grantee:	Truckee River Watershed Council	

1. Grantee used the funding for activities specified in the grant proposal.

- Completed and exceeded activities specified in proposal
- Completed activities specified in proposal
- Partially completed activities specified in proposal

NOTES:

2. Grantee deemed their project a success.

- Exceeded expectations
- Met expectations
- Met some but not all expectations

NOTES:

3. Grantee met their stated goals.

- Met and exceeded stated goals
- Met stated goals
- Met some but not all stated goals

NOTES:



TRUCKEE RIVER FUND GRANTEE EVALUATION

Prepared by:	Mike Brisbin	Date: 2-18-21
Project Title:	#220 Washoe County Parks & Open Space: Weed Treatment and Revegetation Project Along Truckee River	
Grantee:	Washoe County Parks and Open Space	

1. Grantee used the funding for activities specified in the grant proposal.

Completed and exceeded activities specified in proposal
 Completed activities specified in proposal
 Partially completed activities specified in proposal

NOTES: They completed the activities in the proposal and spent \$44,595.55 out of the \$45,000 grant funds available. \$404.45 is still in the Truckee River Fund.

2. Grantee deemed their project a success.

Exceeded expectations
 Met expectations
 Met some but not all expectations

NOTES: The project was successful not withstanding several challenges that came up with GBI work crews during September-November planting at Bartley Ranch Regional Park including missing work days because of heavy smoke and last minute political events. GBI crews were extended by an additional 3 weeks in November to finish up the Bartley Ranch Regional Park planting project. Due to drought conditions.

Washoe County Parks is still pursuing additional funding opportunities for weed management through the Washoe-Storey Cooperative Weed Management Area (WSCWMA) and Nevada Division of Forestry.

3. Grantee met their stated goals.

Met and exceeded stated goals
 Met stated goals
 Met some but not all stated goals

NOTES:

Weed Inventories: Completed weed inventories 330 acres inventoried. Collected GIS locations for each weed species identified and entered into spatial database.

Weed Treatments – Chemical: 117 acres

Weed Treatments – mechanical: 26.8 acres

Seeding/Planting Fall 2019: 12.3 acres



TRUCKEE RIVER FUND GRANTEE EVALUATION

Prepared by:	Michael Cameron	Date: May 10, 2021
Project Title:	Watershed Education Initiative #223	
Grantee:	Sierra Nevada Journeys	

1. Grantee used the funding for activities specified in the grant proposal.

- Completed and exceeded activities specified in proposal
- Completed activities specified in proposal
- Partially completed activities specified in proposal

NOTES:

2. Grantee deemed their project a success.

- Exceeded expectations
- Met expectations
- Met some but not all expectations

NOTES:

3. Grantee met their stated goals.

- Met and exceeded stated goals
- Met stated goals
- Met some but not all stated goals

NOTES:



TRUCKEE RIVER FUND GRANTEE EVALUATION

Prepared by:	Brian Bonnenfant	Date: 2/12/21
Project Title:	#226 Truckee Meadows Nature Study Area: First Year Operational	
Grantee:	Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation	

1. Grantee used the funding for activities specified in the grant proposal.

- Completed and exceeded activities specified in proposal
 Completed activities specified in proposal
 Partially completed activities specified in proposal

NOTES: Funding was successfully applied to staffing operations, invasive weed/plant removal, trail reconstruction, and planting of native species.

2. Grantee deemed their project a success.

- Exceeded expectations
 Met expectations
 Met some but not all expectations

NOTES: TMPF succeeded in removing invasive species from over 90 acres, planted over 1,000 native species, broadcast 10 acres of native seed, improved two miles of trail, and engaged almost 500 community members.

3. Grantee met their stated goals.

- Met and exceeded stated goals
 Met stated goals
 Met some but not all stated goals

NOTES: Due to the global natural disaster (pandemic), the grantee was unable to meet the state goal of opening the nature study area to the public, but plans on a soft opening in Spring 2021.



TRUCKEE RIVER FUND GRANTEE EVALUATION

Prepared by:	Brian Bonnenfant	Date: 2/12/21
Project Title:	TRF #234 Mount Rose Noxious Weed Monitoring, Treatment, and Re-seeding #8	
Grantee:	Friends of Nevada Wilderness	

1. Grantee used the funding for activities specified in the grant proposal.

- Completed and exceeded activities specified in proposal
 Completed activities specified in proposal
 Partially completed activities specified in proposal

NOTES: Due to COVID mitigation mandates, the grantee could not employ historical amount of volunteers, but they successfully used grant funds through creative staffing and adding re-seeding efforts.

2. Grantee deemed their project a success.

- Exceeded expectations
 Met expectations
 Met some but not all expectations

NOTES: Although staffing was limited, all weed-pull events (plus one more) and re-seeding efforts were successfully accomplished.

3. Grantee met their stated goals.

- Met and exceeded stated goals
 Met stated goals
 Met some but not all stated goals

NOTES: Although amounts of volunteers were limited, grantee eliminated a little over 14,000 musk thistles, out of the goal of 15,000. The lack of volunteers also allowed staff to self-train with re-seeding efforts before they share the methods with volunteers.



TRUCKEE RIVER FUND GRANTEE EVALUATION

Prepared by:	Michael Cameron	Date: May 10, 2021
Project Title:	Watershed Education Initiative #236	
Grantee:	Sierra Nevada Journeys	

1. Grantee used the funding for activities specified in the grant proposal.

- Completed and exceeded activities specified in proposal
- Completed activities specified in proposal
- Partially completed activities specified in proposal

NOTES:

2. Grantee deemed their project a success.

- Exceeded expectations
- Met expectations
- Met some but not all expectations

NOTES:

3. Grantee met their stated goals.

- Met and exceeded stated goals
- Met stated goals
- Met some but not all stated goals

NOTES: **THIS WAS THE SECOND WEI GRANT IMPLEMENTED DURING THE PANDEMIC. THE PROPOSAL ANTICIPATED THAT ALL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES MIGHT HAVE TO BE PROVIDED VIRTUALLY, WHICH IS WHAT OCCURRED, BUT ALSO LEFT OPEN THE POSSIBILITY FOR FIELD VISITS TO THE RIVER, WHICH DID NOT HAPPEN. SNJ MET ALL OF ITS OBJECTIVES FOR VIRTUAL LEARNING, BUT WAS PREVENTED FROM IMPLEMENTING THE FIELD-BASED VISITS.**