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Official Notice and Agenda

Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee

Friday November 20, 2026 8:30 a.m.

Meeting Location:
Community Foundation of Northern Nevada
50 Washington Street, Suite 300
Reno, NV 89503
Or Via Remote Technology

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1. Roll call*
2. Public comment (limited to no more than three minutes per speaker)*
3. Approval of the agenda **(for possible action)**
4. Approval of the August 27, 2026 meeting minutes **(for possible action)**
5. Fund balance report*
6. Update about Project #289 Lower Truckee Trout Habitat Project – Dan Johnson, Trout Unlimited*
7. Presentation about Truckee River Fund progress metrics 2020-2025 – Hannah Lukasik, TMWA*
8. Review completed projects*
    a. #279 US Fish and Wildlife Service: Truckee River Water Temperature Monitoring, $14,315 (Don)
    b. #302 Indigenous Peoples Council on Biocolonialism: Restoring Truckee River's Ecological Health through Solid Waste Removal, $40,000 (Dave)
    c. #303 Friends of Nevada Wilderness: Mount Rose Noxious Weed Monitoring, Treatment, and Re-Seeding 2025, $24,700 (Brian)
    d. #305 City of Reno: Strengthening Stewardship for the Truckee River (Neoma)
    e. #308 Sierra Nevada Journeys: Watershed Education Initiative 2025, $31,543 (Jim)
    f. #313 Reno Food Systems: Cultivating Watershed Resilience at the Urban-Agricultural Interface (Bill)
    g. #317 Sierra Nevada Journeys: Watershed Education Initiative 2026, $31,543 (Jim)
9. Recap TRF Fieldtrip to review Truckee River Watershed Council Projects*
10. Review Draft 2027 Calendar*
11. Committee and staff comments*
12. Upcoming meetings **(for possible action)**
    a. Friday February 10 at 8:30 a.m.
13. Public comment (limited to no more than three minutes per speaker)*
14. Adjournment*

MEETING MINUTES
(TRANSCRIPT SUMMARY)

TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING OF AUGUST 27, 2026

(Meeting via Zoom and In-Person)

The following meeting minutes is a summary of the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee meeting held at 8:30 a.m., Friday, August 27, 2026, via Zoom teleconference and in-person at The Community Foundation of Northern Nevada, 50 Washington St, Ste 300, Reno, NV.

Those Present:
Committee Members: Terri Svetich, Chair; Brian Bonnenfant, Bill Bradley, Mike Brisbin, Peter Gower, Jim Smitherman, Dave Stanley.

Also: Lauren Sgandurra, Community Foundation of Northern Nevada; Kara Steeland, Hannah Lukasik and Adriana Albarran, TMWA; Sarah Ferguson, Council for TRF; Susan Merideth, TRF Minutes Recorder.

Members of the Public: Rebekah Stetson & Sierra Jickling, FARMily; Darcy Phillips & Jon Olsen, Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful; Ryan Reger, National Forest Foundation; Iris Jehle-Peppard, One Truckee River; Lyndsey Langsdale, Reno Food Systems; Audrey Bergmann, Sierra NV Journeys

+ Committee member arrived after roll call ++ Committee member left meeting before adjournment
* Asterisks (*) denote non-action items

Agenda Item #1: Roll Call: Roll call was taken. A quorum was noted.

Agenda Item #2: Public comment: There was no public comment at this time.

Agenda Item #3: Approval of the agenda: Peter Gower motioned to approve the agenda for the August 27th meeting, and Dave Stanley seconded the motion. The agenda was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #4: Approval of the May29, 2026 summary meeting minutes: Bill Bradley motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes (Transcript Summary) for May 29, 2026 as written and Brian Bonnenfant seconded the motion and the Minutes were unanimously approved by the Committee.

Agenda Item #5: Fund balance report

The funding available to allocate for Fall 2026 funding cycle is $419,053.

Agenda Item #6: Review grant proposals to Truckee River Fund and select projects to be recommended for funding.

#326, May Arboretum Society: Peavine Creek Watershed Protection Demonstration Project, amount requested $79,000

The May Arboretum Society submitted a proposal for improvements to the Peavine Creek watershed at Rancho San Rafael. Funding would be used to replace a failing culvert and pedestrian bridge, install Zuni bowl stormwater management features, and stabilize the surrounding hillside with trees and vegetation to reduce erosion and improve stormwater infiltration. The project will also develop interpretive signage that educates visitors about drought-tolerant landscaping, stormwater management, and watershed stewardship.

The Committee noted a well-presented proposal, but there was no one present from the May Arboretum Society to answer questions regarding the proposal. The Committee sees the merit of project in improving water quality downstream, but they would like to see other funders contributing to the effort.

#327, Keeping Truckee Meadows Beautiful: KTMB 2027, amount requested $97,192.10

Darcy Phillips and Jon Olsen were present to discuss KTMB's proposal for funding to continue to enhance the health of the Truckee River watershed through active community involvement in removing litter, tackling invasive weeds through hands-on methods, wrapping trees, and planting native plants/trees along the river corridor. These efforts are under the direction of Washoe County, City of Reno, City of Sparks, Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID), U.S. Forest Service (USFS), and Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Additionally, KTMB will be educating participants about the health of our watershed through service-learning projects. The Committee noted the value in the consistency of the annual KTMB effort and the continuing need for this work.

#328, Sierra Nevada Journeys: Watershed Education Initiative, amount requested $22,542.19

Audrey Bergmann with Sierra Nevada Journeys (SNJ) was present to discuss their proposal for the continuation of watershed education program. With the Classrooms Unleashed program, they will provide 500 students in the Reno area with watershed education, including one classroom lesson, one field day at a site with access to the local watershed, and additional teacher resources and extension lessons, with the long-term goal of engaging middle school students in STEM education. The Committee noted consistent performance of SNJ's program in meeting stated goals.

#329, One Truckee River: Strengthening OTR's Projects and Programs to Protect the Truckee River, amount requested $100,000

Iris Jehle-Peppard from One Truckee River (OTR) was present to discuss OTR's proposal for funding to strengthen their programs to protecting the Truckee River. Their proposal for funding is focused on filling gaps from other efforts to facilitate project completion, and they are well-placed with partner funding to accomplish this. OTR's Partnership Council is comprised of 33 representatives from 23 local agencies and nonprofits and OTR's coordinated vegetation management Technical Working Group comprised of 30 representatives from 21 local agencies and nonprofits in 2026 sharing resources and expertise related to project goals, which include Coalition Building, Urban Restoration, River-Friendly Living Program and Fund Development Work

Specifically, OTR's request for funding is to help cover wages, contract services, printing/postage, and outreach/promotion to continue and to expand OTR's work, led by its Executive Director with partner and consultant support, to lead OTR's coalition building, urban restoration, River-Friendly Living program, and fund development efforts focused on the protection and improvement of the Truckee River in Nevada, upstream of the Vista USGS gauge.

#330, National Forest Foundation: Forest Ambassador Program on the Carson District of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, amount requested $100,000

Ryan Reger with the National Forest Foundation was present to discuss their proposal to deploy and administer a Forest Ambassador to support recreation management, visitor education, stewardship, and resource monitoring in priority watershed areas of the Carson Ranger District. The Forest Ambassador will engage visitors at high-use trailheads, trails, recreation sites, and community events in the Reno area to promote responsible recreation and educate visitors on forest health and watershed protection while identifying recreation-related impacts on natural resources. Volunteers also help lead guided hikes promoted in collaboration with the Coffee Bar

#331, FARMily: Healthy Watershed for a Healthy Foodshed: A Youth Education and Community Stewardship Project, amount requested $43,770

Rebekah Stetson and Sierra Jickling with FARMily were present to discuss their proposal for funding to support the creation and implementation of an experiential watershed curriculum for students and families, with the goal of reaching over 1,000 community members in the first year. This curriculum and implementation will connect the health of the watershed to a healthy foodshed, encouraging environmentally aware habits from tap to fork and the curriculum will be able to be shared and utilized year over year throughout the Truckee Meadow. Their request is for one year of funding to develop a curriculum and implement the program with students, partnering with Boys & Girls Club of North America.

#332, Reno Food Systems: Cultivating Watershed Resilience at the Urban-Agricultural Interface: Advancing Watershed Health, Fire Resilience, Regenerative Urban Agriculture and Community Stewardship, Phase 2, amount requested $75,000

Lyndsey Langsdale from Reno Food Systems was present to discuss their proposal for funding to implement the South Pasture Stewardship Plan through irrigation improvements, riparian restoration, adaptive rotational grazing, native revegetation and community stewardship to improve the health of the impaired Alum Creek watershed upstream of the Glendale Water Treatment Facility. Building on the work successfully completed and partnerships established during the 2025 Truckee River Fund #313 project (Phase 1), Phase 2 will demonstrate how working agricultural lands can protect water quality, restore habitat, engender community buy-in and strengthen long-term resilience throughout the Truckee River watershed.

A total funding allocation of $419,734.29 was approved by the Committee. Proposals were voted on by the group and approved, rejected/declined, or action taken as follows:

- **#326, May Arboretum Society, $75,000**: Peavine Creek Watershed Project
    - Project Advisor: Terri Svetich
    - Brian Bonnenfant motioned to provide the minimum request of $75,000, and Mike Brisbin seconded the motion. Dave Stanley and Bill Bradley voted 'no' due to unanswered questions regarding the funding match. There were 5 'yes' votes from the Committee, and the motion for funding was passed.
- **#327, KTMB, $97,192.10:** Keeping Truckee Meadows Beautiful
    - Project Advisor: Jim Smitherman
    - Bill Bradley motioned to award full amount requested, and Peter Gower seconded. The motion passed unanimously with 7 'yes' votes and 0 'no' votes.
- **#328, Sierra Nevada Journeys, $22,542.19**: Watershed Education Initiative
    - Project Advisor: Jim Smitherman
    - Peter Gower motioned to award full amount requested, and Jim Smitherman seconded. The motion passed unanimously with 7 'yes' votes and 0 'no' votes.
- **#329, One Truckee River, $100,000**: Strengthening OTR's Projects and Programs to Protect the Truckee River
    - Project Advisor: Terri Svetich
    - Bill Bradley motioned to award full amount requested, and Mike Brisbin. The motion passed unanimously with 7 'yes' votes and 0 'no' votes.
- **#330, National Forest Foundation, $50,000**: Forest Ambassador Program on the Carson District of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest
    - Project Advisor: Peter Gower
    - Mike Brisin motioned to award a reduced amount of $50,000 with the stipulation that the funding would be used directly for Ambassador activity in the Truckee River watershed area. Dave Stanley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with 7 'yes' votes and 0 'no' votes.

- **#331, FARMily**
    - The Committee asked FARMily to consider returning in the Spring with a revised proposal after they address budget inconsistencies and additional funding partners.
    - Mike Brisbin motioned to not fund the proposal at this time, and Bill Bradley seconded the motion. The motion passed with 5 'yes' votes and 2 'no' votes.
- **#332, Reno Food System, $75,000**: Cultivating Watershed Resilience at the Urban-Agricultural Interface
    - Project Advisor: Bill Bradley
    - Jim Smitherman motioned to fund at the full amount requested, and Dave Stanley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with 7 'yes' votes and 0 'no' votes.

Agenda Item #7: Discuss possible Fall fieldtrip opportunities

The Committee discussed several ideas for Fall field trips, including a head waters tour, Forest Ambassador hike, post-fire restoration at Peavine, Davis Creek rehabilitation project and restoration projects near Glenshire or Crytal Peak Park. The Committee ultimately decided to arrange a tour of the Cold Creek and Donnor Creek restoration areas in early October.

Agenda Item #8: Committee and staff comments

Jim Smitheman asked for clarification regarding limitations on Committee Member communication with grant applicants. Under best practices potential applicants should refer to the application page on the website or contact Kara Steeland at TMWA with questions regarding criteria and applications.

Mike Brisbin noticed there is no signage regarding invasive species at the boat launch on the north end of Washoe Lake. Since Washoe Lake drains into Steamboat Creek and that drains into the Truckee River, this is something State Parks should consider addressing.

Terri Svetich commented on the City of Reno Lake Park Watershed project with the floating vegetation islands and noticed the overall improvement to the area as a result of TRF's past support (TRF #281).

Agenda Item #10: Upcoming Meetings: Friday, November 20, 2026 at 8:30am

Brian Bonnenfant motioned to hold the meeting on Friday, November 20th 2026 at 8:30am at The Community Foundation of Northern Nevada and by teleconference. Mike Brisbin seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #11: Public comment: None

Agenda Item #12: Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Minutes prepared by Susan Merideth

Truckee River Fund Projects Summary 2020-2025

Methods

- Final project reports from 2020 through fall 2025
- Summary of each project’s success
- Organized by year and project type

General Project Summary



43 Total Projects Since 2020

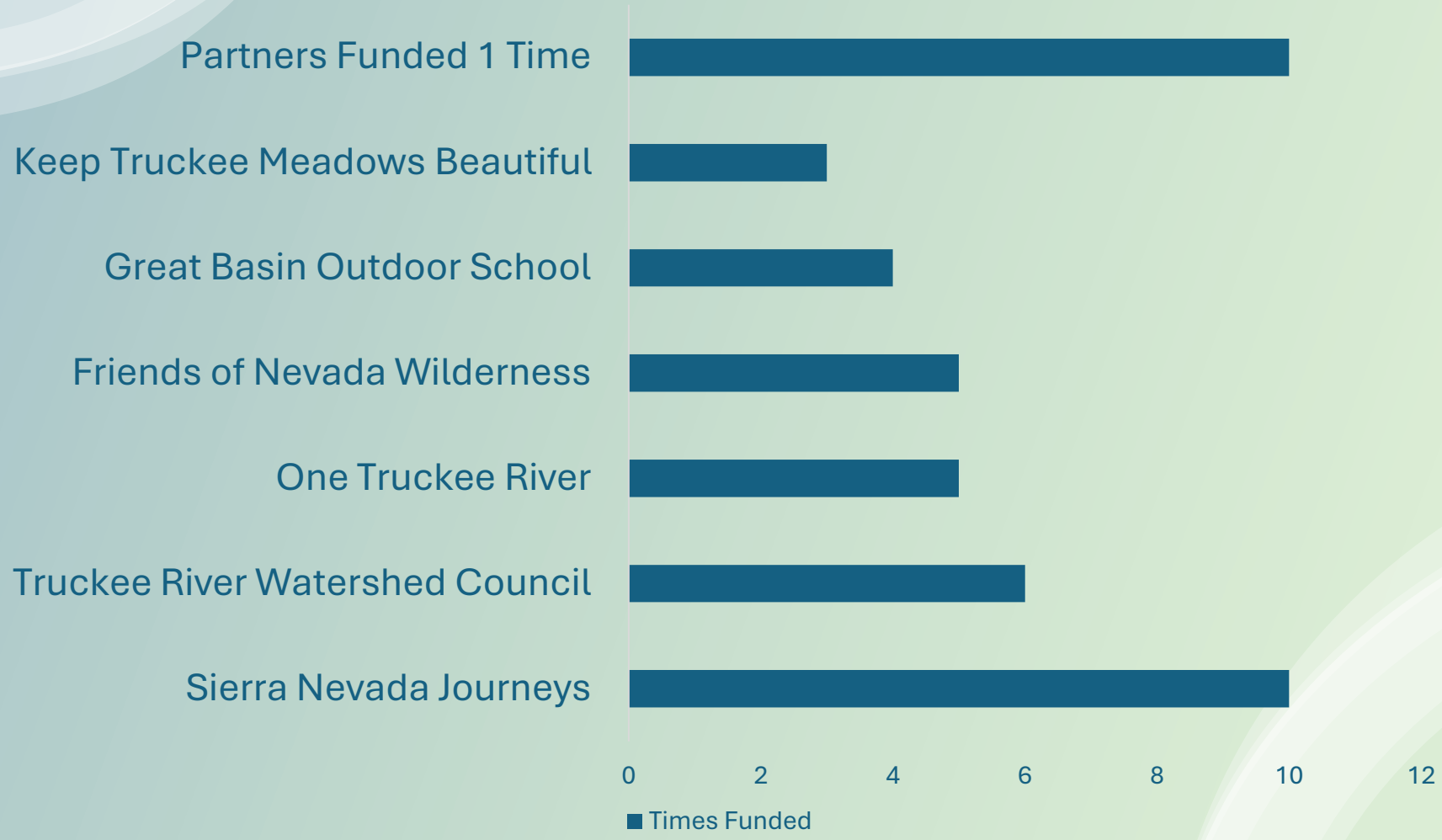


16 Partners Funded



$2,882,622.68 Grant Funds Awarded

Partners Funded Since 2020



Project Fund Distribution



Educational Impact



213,750 + Students Educated

28
Educational
Programs

900+
Participating
Teachers

849
Educational
Talks





Restoration Work



Erosion

- 16 Miles of road sedimentation treated
- 1 Riverbank stabilized
- 1 Access improvement for erosion
- 20 Sediment filter structures

Infrastructure

- 10 Impaired stream crossings addressed
- 15 Water crossings installed
- 4 Replaced culverts





Vegetation

- 107,432 Weeds and 47.15 tons of weeds removed
- 150.6 Acres reseeded
- 58.4 Acres restored
- 548 Replanted plants
- 245 Acres thinned
- 1.5 Miles along road restored

Clean-Ups

11,187 Bags, 364.22 Tons, 2 Truckloads, and 2 Cubic yards of trash removed

30 Graffiti tags removed

338.5 lbs of sharps collected





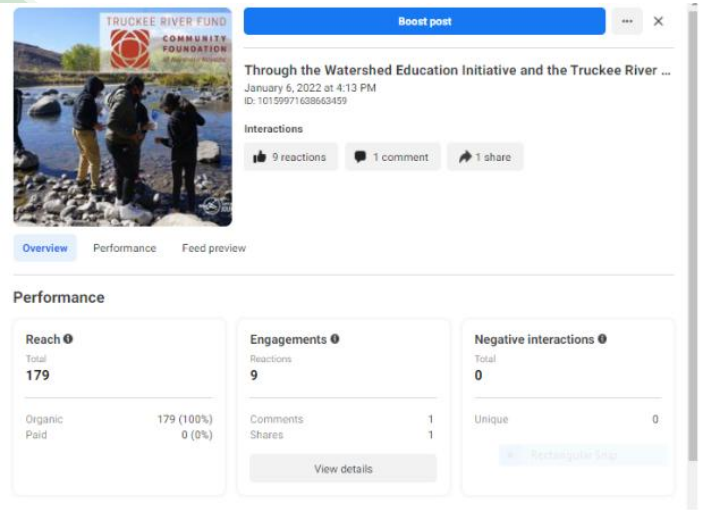
Communication

181,900+ People reached through social media

120 Social media posts and stories
7 Blogs/webpages created about river topics
6 Videos/advertisements developed

3 Focus groups held
57 Partnership meetings
2 Plans/codes commented on

188 Houseless people engaged





Summary

- Categories of projects funded
  - Education
  - Restoration
  - Clean-ups
  - Outreach
- Trusted partners with repeated success and new partners with proven success
- Areas to improve
  - Reporting metrics

Questions or comments?

Truckee River Fund

DRAFT 2027 Calendar

January 4	Spring RFP distributed
January 13	10 a.m. TMWA Board meeting
January 29	RFP/Grant applications due
February 1	Draft Agenda to Executive Committee
February 10	10 a.m. TMWA Board meeting
February 19	8:30 a.m. TRF Advisory Committee meeting • Review Spring project proposals • Schedule Fieldtrip(s)
March 10	10 a.m. TMWA Board meeting
April 14	10 a.m. TMWA Board meeting
May 12	10 a.m. TMWA Board meeting
May 14	Draft Agenda to Executive Committee
May 28	8:30 a.m. TRF Advisory Committee meeting ▪ Discuss nominations for officers (even years) ▪ Review completed projects
June 9	10 a.m. TMWA Board meeting
June 25	Fall RFP distributed
TBD	TMWA picnic
July 14	10 a.m. TMWA Board meeting
July 23	Fall RFP/Grant applications due
August 13	Draft Agenda to Executive Committee
August 11	10 a.m. TMWA Board meeting
August 27	8:30 a.m. TRF Advisory Committee • Review project proposals
September 8	10 a.m. TMWA Board meeting
November 5	Draft Agenda to Executive Committee
November 19	8:30 a.m. TRF Advisory Committee • Review/Approve 2028 calendar • Review completed projects
December 8	10 a.m. TMWA Board meeting