



Office of the City Manager

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 27, 2016

TO: Mayor and Council

THRU: Andrew Clinger, City Manager *Kah for AC*

FROM: Scott Gilles, Legislative Relations Program Manager *SG*

SUBJECT: Item H.1 – Resolution in Support of the City of Reno Participating in Discussions Related to Potential Comprehensive Federal Public Lands Legislation in Order to Support Economic Development, Conservation, and Recreation in Washoe County.

A revised version of the above referenced resolution is attached to this memo. The attached version is slightly different than the version included in the Council's agenda packets. Staff will discuss the changes during the discussion of this resolution under item H.1.

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF RENO
PARTICIPATING IN DISCUSSIONS RELATED TO
POTENTIAL COMPREHENSIVE FEDERAL PUBLIC
LANDS LEGISLATION IN ORDER TO SUPPORT
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CONSERVATION, AND
RECREATION IN WASHOE COUNTY.**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Reno has included “Well-Managed Growth” as a strategic priority, and,

WHEREAS, Washoe County is projected to add over 100,000 new residents by 2030, and these new residents will require housing and employment as well as recreational opportunities, and,

WHEREAS, Washoe County contains millions of acres of public lands that provide important recreational opportunities including hiking, camping, horseback riding, off highway vehicle use, hunting, and fishing, and,

WHEREAS, comprehensive public lands legislation could expand recreational opportunities in Washoe County by providing lands for parks and trails, land and funding for recreational facilities, and preserving opportunities for hiking, hunting, camping, and motorized recreation on public lands, and,

WHEREAS, comprehensive public lands legislation addressing recreation, economic development, and conservation has provided important benefits to counties across Nevada, and can provide important benefits to Washoe County; and,

WHEREAS, protected public lands in our region provide Reno’s citizens with recreation opportunities, support our outdoor recreation economy, and are important to our region’s quality of life; and,

WHEREAS, comprehensive public lands legislation would further conservation by designating appropriate wilderness areas and providing funding for habitat restoration and other conservation activities; and,

WHEREAS, the need to support economic development now and into the future in a thoughtful and comprehensive way is vital to our region’s economy; and,

WHEREAS, engagement in the collaborative development of comprehensive public lands legislation provides for economic development opportunities consistent with regional planning principles that promote sustainable growth and efficient growth patterns in our region now and into the future; and, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Reno, Nevada is committed to partnering with our Nevada Congressional Delegation and other diverse stakeholders to develop a well-balanced approach to comprehensive public land management legislation addressing economic development, conservation, and recreation for Washoe County to facilitate job creation and achieve important conservation goals for the City of Reno and Washoe County, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Reno respectfully requests that Senators Reid and Heller and Congressman Amodei work with diverse stakeholders to expeditiously develop comprehensive public lands legislation for Washoe County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Reno respectfully requests Senators Reid and Heller and Congressman Amodei aim to secure the enactment of comprehensive public lands legislation for Washoe County that considers a well-balanced approach that considers the needs of all regional partners in Washoe County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the members of the City of Reno's Congressional Delegation.

Upon motion by Councilmember _____, and seconded by Councilmember _____, the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2016, by the following vote of the Council:

AYES: _____
NAYS: _____
ABSTAIN: _____ ABSENT: _____

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2016.

HILLARY SCHIEVE
MAYOR

ATTEST:

ASHLEY D. TURNEY
CITY CLERK