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**NEWS RELEASE**  
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THE CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT (CWSD) selected Juan Guzman to receive the 2017 Andy Aldax Carson River Watershed Award for Exemplary Service in Conservation and Protection of the Carson River Watershed. The award, created in 2007, recognizes individuals or organizations that actively demonstrate a 10+ year commitment and accomplish plans and projects to improve and sustain the Carson River Watershed.

Juan Guzman is the retired Manager of the Carson City Open Space Program. In that capacity, Mr. Guzman was instrumental in leveraging several federal, state, and city funding sources to build Carson City's vast Open Space Land Base, including many lands in the Carson River Watershed. During his tenure, this space doubled in size, protecting over 5,000 acres of watershed lands in perpetuity.

In addition to Mr. Guzman's land acquisition efforts, he also participated in projects designed to allow Carson City's citizens to access the watershed and the river itself, including improvements to the Morgan Mill River Access Area and creation of the Carson River Aquatic Trail. Additionally, Mr. Guzman worked to protect Buzzy's Ranch, Golden Eagle, Mexican Dam, Prison Hill, Silver Saddle Ranch, Ambrose Natural Area, Riverview Park, and the Carson River Park.

Since retirement Mr. Guzman remains active with the Carson Valley Trails Association and Muscle Powered and is a current member of their respective boards. He also volunteers with Carson City Open Space. He acknowledges that the partnerships, relationships, plans, and projects he has helped foster, administer, and successfully implement should be credited to the many dedicated and passionate individuals with whom he has worked. This unselfish trait may also contribute to the tremendous impact he has made toward creating a healthy, sustainable Carson River watershed.

The award will be presented to Juan Guzman at the CWSD Board meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the Wesley Room of the First United Methodist Church, 412 W. Musser St., Carson City. All are welcome and encouraged to attend the meeting and presentation to honor Mr. Guzman. Contact Toni Leffler (775-887-7450) for more information.