Carson River Watershed Adaptive Stewardship Plan – Our Path to Improved Water Quality

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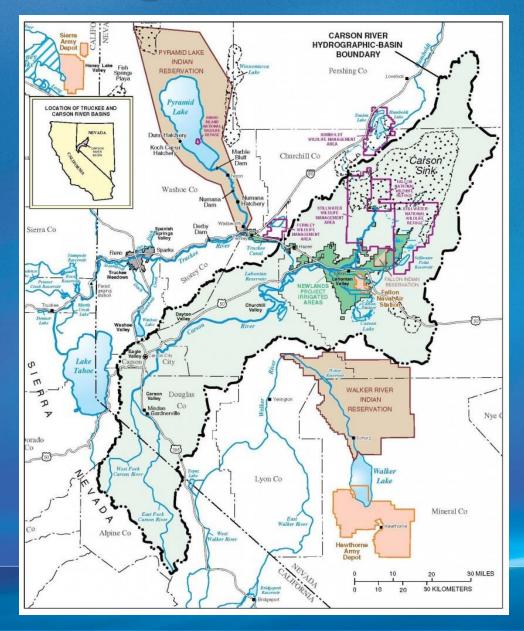




Watershed Plan Purpose:

- Meets USEPA requirements for a watershed-based plan (NV Side).
- Provides priority access to NDEP's CWA 319(h) funding.
- Details Water Quality (WQ) impairment data and WQ objectives.
- Lists proposed projects and suggested actions for WQ improvements.
- Step toward achieving USEPA/CA Lahontan requirements for CA side).

Integrated Watershed Planning and Management



The plan identifies projects and programs in the following categories: Floodplain Management River Restoration/Rehabilitation Water Quality Water Supply Invasive Species Outreach and Education Recreation

Chapter 8 Tables:

Critical Area Management Measures and Water Quality Objectives

Critical Areas	Category 5 Impairment and/or TMDL parameters from Integrated Report	Potential Source	Recommended Management Measure to be implemented	Performance Indicator	Milestone measuring progress towards attaining WQ Objective	
EF Carson River- Stateline to Genoa including Bryant Creek Mainstem Carson River Genoa Lane to Lahontan		Hydrologic Modification – channel & flow alteration Sediment Transport from upstream	 250 linear feet of River bank stabilization, rehabilitation, floodplain restoration or revegetation per year (NV SMP Milestone) including weed removal and reseeding/revegetation. 	 50 lbs/yr TP & 50 tons/yr TSS kept out of river (R5 model estimate) 		
	TP, TSS, NTU, DO, T, Phosphorus TDS (Arsenic, Iron, Nickel- Bryant Creek only)	Urban Development & Runoff	 Implement at least one LID/urban runoff project in the next 5 years 	 Determine appropriate load reduction as part of LID/urban runoff infrastructure project 	Decreasing trend in concentration or standard/TMDL exceedance	
		Agriculture – crop & livestock management	 Install cattle exclusions along River and irrigation return flow ditches where appropriate and if feasible Install stock watering systems Floodplain remains agricultural, removed from development, established as a conservation easement or designated as open space where feasible. 	 Feet of fencing installed # of stock water systems installed Increase in acres of floodplain preserved or conserved above 2015 baseline 		

Table 8.3 Proposed Projects								
Critical Area*/Tributary Reach/ Project Area	Interfluve Sub- Reach**	Project Title/Description	Project Manager & Partners ****	Estimated Completion Date	Estimated Completion Costs	Map I.D. Code***		
Floodplain Management/Meadow Restoration Projects								
Alpine County								
West Fork Carson River Headwaters to Paynesville*	N/A	Upper Hope Valley Meadow Restoration and Aquatic Habitat Enhancement - Implementation	USFS, CWSD, AWG, FOHV, Alpine County, American Rivers, Trout Unlimited	Contingent upon funding availability	\$243,870	AWG-5		
Markleeville Creek/ Upper East Fork Carson River*	N/A	Markleeville Creek Floodplain Restoration Project (Floodplain restoration/river rehabilitation) - Implementation	Alpine County, Alpine Watershed Group, Markleeville Public Utility District, U.S. Forest Service	Contingent upon funding availability	\$1,750,000	AWG-1		
Also See River Rehabilitation								
Douglas County								
EF Carson River Stateline to Genoa	E-5,E-6 88 to Muller Muller to Genoa	Park Property Potential Conservation Easement for Floodplain & Riparian Corridor Preservation	Private Property Owner, Legacy Land & Water, TNC, Douglas County	Contingent upon easement agreement & funding	TBD	TBD		

Carson River Adaptive Stewardship Plan Suggested Actions for Future Management and Implementation								
SA- #	Critical Area	Suggested Action	Responsible or Suggested Responsible Party	Potential Funding Sources				
		Floodplain Conservation						
SA-1	Watershed wide	Continue to implement Carson River Floodplain Management Plan 2008 and supplemental update 2013 Summary of Suggested Actions Table 4.7-1, pages 52-55 and any adopted updates.	CWSD, Counties, Other agencies	FEMA, CWSD, Counties, other relevant entities				
SA-2	Watershed wide	Continue to implement Carson River Discovery Report 2012 Recommended Watershed Projects Table and any adopted updates.	CWSD, Counties, Other agencies	FEMA, CWSD, Counties, other relevant entities				
SA-3	Watershed wide	Complete projects outlined in Current and Proposed Project Tables 8.3-8.7 relating to Floodplain/ Meadow Conservation	Relevant entities	Relevant entities				
		River Rehabilitation/Stabilization						
SA-4	Watershed Wide	Evaluate Carson River diversion structures to determine the feasibility and priority of replacement/retrofitting with permanent structures that transport sediment, allow fish passage, and provide recreational boat passage.	CWSD, NDOW, NDEP	NRCS, NDOW, CWSD, NDEP				
SA-5	Watershed Wide	Investigate what type or level of sediment transport study would be feasible for the Carson River.	CWSD, NDEP, USACE	CWSD, NDEP				
SA-6	Watershed Wide	Identify priority areas requiring bank stabilization/rehabilitation within each County's river and tributary reaches.	CWSD, Counties, Conservation Districts, NGO, Ag Community	CWSD, NDEP, NRCS, NDOW, FEMA, EPA				

Workshop Preview



Questions?

