



The Mission

Create a tool for communities in Washoe County to help protect drinking water sources and manage the Truckee River watershed to maintain and or improve water quality.

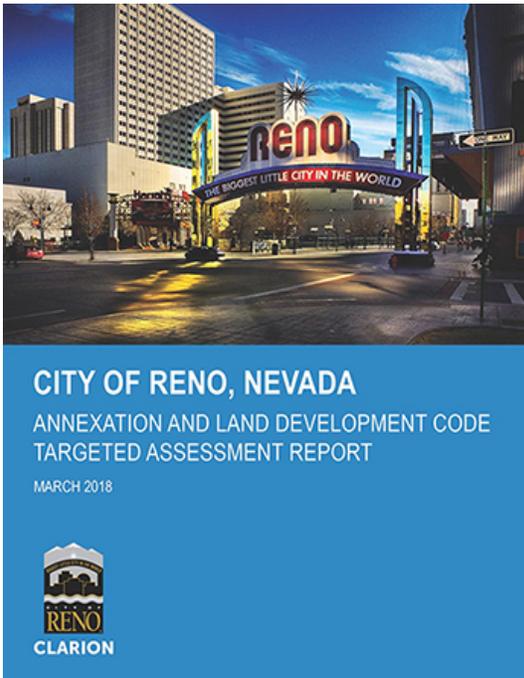
What's happening ...

What's happening with the Integrated Source Water Protection and Watershed Management planning team? A few of you have not heard from us since our last team meeting on February 15, 2018. This newsletter is a quick update to let you know the exciting progress we are making.



Coordination with the Truckee Meadows Storm Water Permit Coordinating Committee and One Truckee River

- Source Water Protection planning representatives (i.e. NDEP, RCI) are attending the TMSWPCC meetings to provide a monthly progress update. We will be working closely with NCE, the TMSWPCC's consultant, as they update their 2003 Watershed Management and Protection Plan for Tributaries to the Truckee River.
- We are coordinating regularly with Nevada Land Trust's OTR watershed coordinator, Iris Jehle-Peppard.

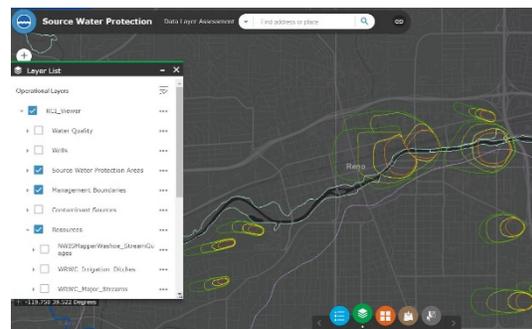


Coordination with Reno Zoning Code RENOVation

Wellhead/Source Water Protection is a proposed Reno zoning district on page 19 of the [City of Reno, Nevada Annexation and Land Development Targeted Assessment Report \(March 2018\)](#). Our Source Water Protection planning efforts will help to inform this new district.

On-Line GIS Tool

The on-line GIS tool was demonstrated at the September 27th TMSWPCC meeting and is available to stakeholders for their use. It contains sensitive information so please contact RCI for the username and password.



Groundwater Focus Group Meetings

The Groundwater Focus Group has 9 active members and has met every month since March. Over the course of these seven meetings, we have:

- Evaluated aquifer vulnerability assessment methods and ways to communicate key concepts to planners and decision makers.
- Adopted the DRASTIC model to characterize aquifer vulnerability and to ultimately shape the Source Water Protection Areas. We are using Spanish Springs as a test area.
- Identified “potential contaminant” or “contributory action” risk groups and ranks for use in existing regulatory frameworks.

Surface Water Focus Group Meetings

The Surface Water Focus Group has 8 active members and has met twice this summer. The focus area is the watershed upstream of TMWA’s drinking water intake structures on the Truckee River. We are reviewing:

- Costs to the public if a well or intake structure is contaminated.
- Standards regarding setbacks and buffers around intake structures.
- Communication and data sharing needs regarding spills.
- Existing frameworks to identify potential contaminants.

Moving Forward

Small focus group meetings will move the technical components of the plan forward. We will keep you apprised of our progress and will reach out to you for help in areas of your expertise. Your time and effort to participate are essential and appreciated.
