

# ***TRUCKEE MEADOWS REGIONAL PLANNING - FACT SHEET***



## **Settlement Agreement – Regional Plan Lawsuit**

### **Overview**

Shortly after the 2002 Truckee Meadows Regional Plan was adopted by the Regional Planning Governing Board (May 9, 2002), the Board of Washoe County Commissioners and the Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID) filed a writ of mandamus in the Second Judicial District Court against the Regional Planning Governing Board, to prohibit the implementation of the Regional Plan.

The case of *Washoe County and the Sun Valley General Improvement District vs. the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Governing Board* is commonly referred to as the Regional Plan lawsuit.

The case was assigned to Chief Judge James W. Hardesty, Second Judicial District Court. In September, 2002, Judge Hardesty sought agreement from all of the parties to the case to participate in a mediated settlement. The settlement negotiations took place in the fall of 2002 and after approximately four weeks of discussions, all parties agreed to abide by the Regional Plan lawsuit Settlement Agreement (Settlement Agreement).

The Settlement Agreement is effective as of October 17, 2002, and calls for a number of tasks to be completed by the parties within 120 days of settlement (February 14, 2003) or 240 days from settlement (June 13, 2003).

### **Parties To The Settlement Agreement**

The parties to the case include Washoe County (petitioner), the Sun Valley General Improvement District (petitioner), the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Governing Board (respondent), City of Reno (intervener), City of Sparks (intervener), and a number of Verdi property owners (interveners).

### **Summary Of The Settlement Agreement**

In broad terms, the Settlement Agreement calls for the following:

- Rollback of the City of Reno and City of Sparks spheres of influence in a number of areas around the region;
- Rollback of the Truckee Meadows Service Areas (the area where municipal services will be provided over the next 20 years) from Washoe Valley;
- Agreement on a cooperative planning approach for areas of common planning concern including the newly expanded city spheres of influence and unincorporated Washoe County areas that the cities have a planning interest in;
- Identification of cooperative planning areas and development of cooperative planning criteria; and
- A number of Regional Plan amendments.

