

TOS Dog Management Subcommittee Purpose Statement and Charter

Purpose:

The TOS Dog Management Subcommittee (“Subcommittee”) is established for the following purposes:

1. As recommended by the 2023 Trails Master Plan, and in support of staff’s Trails Management Plan, support the development, maintenance, and implementation of a responsible and effective staff-developed dog management plan, which may include policies, rules, and practices (e.g. etiquette education) that will provide safe, sustainable, enjoyable, and varied experiences for all trail system users. This work should include consideration of the following:
 - a. TOS Guiding Principles: The Guiding Principles specified in the Trails and Open Space Committee Charter, including and especially legal compliance and environmental stewardship considerations.
 - b. Risk Management: The relevant risk management factors.
 - c. Comparative Benchmarking: The written dog management policies, rules, and practices in the region (including Washoe County) and at comparable open-space districts (e.g. Marin County, East Bay Regional Parks) and trail systems, particularly in California.
2. Recommend dog management related social and educational efforts to foster fellowship, mutual understanding, and a positive culture of enjoyment and shared stewardship among the diversity of trail users.

Administration:

The Subcommittee shall consist of no more than 8 members, no more than 4 of whom may be sitting members of the Trails and Open Space Committee (“Committee”). The subcommittee shall endeavor to include a balanced and representative variety of dog management perspectives in its membership. All subcommittee members must be approved by the Committee.

The range of tasks assigned to the Subcommittee is at the discretion of the Committee. The Subcommittee shall not engage in any tasks that have not been approved or requested by the Committee.

The Committee will assign a reasonable task list to the Subcommittee. This list may be changed as circumstances require at the discretion of the Committee. The Subcommittee’s overall task list should be consistent with its chartered purpose(s) and the Committee’s annual task list.

The Subcommittee may recommend to the Committee additional tasks, provided that no significant Subcommittee work shall occur without Committee approval.

A quorum of at least a majority (i.e. more than 50%) of the subcommittee members shall be required to conduct business. If a meeting fails to achieve quorum, the meeting is canceled but may be rescheduled.

Assigned Tasks:

1. In alignment with the Trails Master Plan, in support of staff's Trails Management Plan, and referencing the considerations specified in Purpose, Section 1 (a,b, and c) above, research and report to the Committee on the factors relevant to developing a responsible, balanced, and effective dog management policy. This report shall include a comparative matrix of written policies at a range of comparable open-space districts and trail systems.

Membership:

TOS Members (4)

1. Carol Lindsay (TOS)
2. Livia Quan (TOS)
3. Ellen Raynor (TOS)
4. Julie Thornton (TOS)

Non-TOS Members (4)

1. Nan Meek (Giving Fund, EM, EQ)
2. Cathy Ravano (FC)
3. Laura Lindgren (LRPC)
4. Carla Brown (Giving Fund)