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DATE: December 4, 2025

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Chris Melton – General Manager

SUBJECT: Request by Washoe County Sheriff Office, in amount of up to \$25,000.00, to provide assistance with removal of abandoned vehicles in Sun Valley with possible action to approve request of donation from the Sun Valley General Improvement District's Garbage Fund for this 2025/2026 fiscal year.

Staff is recommending approval of Washoe County Sheriff Office request of additional funding to help support their Abandoned Vehicle Program. District's donation of \$25,000.00 would be paid from the District's 2025/2026 Garbage Fund. The funds would assist Washoe County Sheriff Office remove abandoned vehicles, motorhomes, boats and garbage within the Sun Valley community. The Sherriff's office will provide management with annual reports and progress regarding this program and use of funds.

The District has partnered with the Washoe County Sheriff's Office in the past with their Graffiti Abatement Program and continues to partner with its Abandoned Vehicle Program. The Washoe County Sherriff's Office has been a community partner of the District for years and Staff is requesting to continue this partnership.

I would be happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

Respectively submitted,

Chris Melton
SVGID, General Manager

Sun Valley General Improvement District Board Meeting – December 2025 Washoe County Sheriff's Office – Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program Funding Request FY 2025/2026

Presented by: Sergeant Sonia Butler, H.O.P.E. Team **Contact:** 775-433-7594 | SLButler@washoecounty.gov

Our Partnership – Quick History

- SVGID has been the primary funding partner for removing abandoned vehicles, RVs, boats, and associated trash in Sun Valley for many years
- 100 % of funds spent exclusively in Sun Valley
- Full annual reports and receipts provided every year

2024/2025 Fiscal Year Summary

- Funding received: \$10,000 + \$2,195 rollover
- Fully expended November 18, 2024
- Slight overage of \$305 to remove one high-hazard RV (immediate health/safety threat)
- Current average cost to fully render one motorhome: ≈ \$2,500
- At \$10,000 level → only ~4 major removals per year (far short of community need)

Great News – Costs Are Dropping Nevada Assembly Bill 415 (effective October 1, 2025)

- Raises junk-vehicle threshold from \$200 → \$500
- Allows tow operators to appraise vehicles
- Eliminates many notification & ownership-search requirements → Expected to reduce per-vehicle cost by several hundred dollars and speed removals

Request for FY 2025/2026 \$25,000 With AB 415 savings, this will allow:

- **10–12+ major RV/motorhome removals and large-scale encampment cleanups** (or significantly more as per-vehicle and per-cleanup costs decline)
- Much faster response to resident complaints
- Continued full transparency and detailed annual reporting

Long-Term Solution We Are Actively Pursuing 37 “orphaned” private parcels in Sun Valley created by 2017 rescission of Treasurer’s Tax Deeds

- Many original owners deceased or companies dissolved
- \$0 taxable value → cannot be sold at tax auction
- No responsible owner → code enforcement & deputies have almost no authority to abate chronic encampments and illegal dumping Actions already taken:
- Complete list of 37 APNs + photos compiled
- Formal request sent to Commissioner Garcia and County Assessor/Treasurer/Recorder offices
- Seeking quiet-title actions, correction deeds, or County reclamation so parcels return to tax rolls and become enforceable

Fixing these 37 sites = permanent elimination of many of the worst chronic hotspots

Your \$25,000 in 2025/2026 + fixing the 37 parcels = the cleanest, safest Sun Valley we’ve ever had.

We are happy to answer any questions tonight or at your convenience.

Thank you for your continued partnership and for everything you do for the Sun Valley community.



Dear Mr. Melton,

Please find below the expense report for the 2023/2024 fiscal year detailing the utilization of funds provided by the Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID) under the Abandoned Vehicle Program. This report reflects our ongoing commitment to transparency and stewardship of the allocated resources.

Expense Report - 2023/2024 Fiscal Year

Starting Balance (as of 7/1/2023): \$8,672.58

Total Expenditures: \$6,566.89

Remaining Balance (as of 6/30/2024): \$2,105.69

Expenditure Breakdown

10/23/2023	CARSON CITY TOWING, INC.	\$787.50	TOW BUS
10/28/2023	D & S TOW INC	\$463.00	92 TRAI
11/05/2023	D & S TOW INC	\$490.00	TOW
11/13/2023	D & S TOW INC	\$490.00	TOW MOTORHOME
11/05/2023	MILNE TOWING SERVICE	\$456.00	TOWING
12/02/2023	PAW CARSON CITY TOWING	\$419.63	TOW
12/02/2023	PAW CARSON CITY TOWING	\$279.75	TOW
10/01/2023	WASTE MANAGEMENT	\$481.62	DISPOSAL MOTORHOME
11/05/2023	WASTE MANAGEMENT	\$7.22	LATE FEE
11/13/2023	WASTE MANAGEMENT	\$2,692.17	DISPOSAL MOTORHOMES
Total		\$6,566.89	

Notes:

- All expenditures were directed toward the removal and disposal of abandoned vehicles and motorhomes within the Sun Valley area, aligning with the program's objectives.
- The remaining balance of \$2,105.69 carried forward into the 2024/2025 fiscal year was fully expended on November 18, 2024, for the removal of an RV at Big Knob Drive, Sun Valley, NV, due to health and safety concerns.

We remain dedicated to managing these funds responsibly and will continue to provide annual reports to demonstrate progress. Thank you for your ongoing support. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or for further details.

Washoe County Sheriff's Office

Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program in Sun Valley



Agenda

Tonight's Presentation

- Quick thank-you for your partnership
- Who we are – the H.O.P.E. Team
- 2024/2025 in review
- The growing need
- Good news: AB 415 lowers costs
- Funding request for 2025/2026
- Long-term solution: 37 orphaned parcels
- Accountability & closing
- Questions



Who We Are: WCSO HOPE Team



Homeless Outreach Proactive Engagement Team

What we do every day:

- Connect chronically homeless individuals to housing, mental health, and addiction services.
- Coordinate large multi-agency encampment closures and clean-ups with notice periods and offers of shelter.
- Partner with Code Enforcement, Public Works, NDOT, and non-profits for permanent resolutions
- Prevent tomorrow's abandoned RVs by helping people exit street living today.

→ The abandoned-vehicle program you fund is one piece of a much larger effort to create lasting community solutions rather than just moving problems around.

2024/2025 Fiscal Year in Review



- **Received: \$10,000 + \$2,195 rollover**
- **Fully expended November 18, 2024**
- **One slight overage (\$305) to remove a high-hazard RV on Big Knob Drive**
- **Current average cost to fully render one motorhome: ≈ \$2,500**
- **At \$10,000 → only about 4 major removals per year**

The Need Continues to Grow



Sun Valley remains a hotspot for abandoned RVs and junk vehicles.



Resident complaints and calls for service are still very high.



\$10,000 per year no longer keeps pace with the volume

Cost Relief Coming

Nevada Assembly Bill 415

(signed into law on October 1, 2025)

Key changes:

- Raises junk threshold \$200 → \$500
- Allows LE to post 7-day Junk vehicle notices
- Allows tow operators to appraise
- Cuts most notification requirements

Result: Faster removals + hundred dollars saved per case.

A.B. 415

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 415—ASSEMBLYMEMBERS
CARTER AND GOULDING

MARCH 12, 2025

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS TITUS, TAYLOR; AND LANGE

Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the towing of motor vehicles. (BDR 43-821)

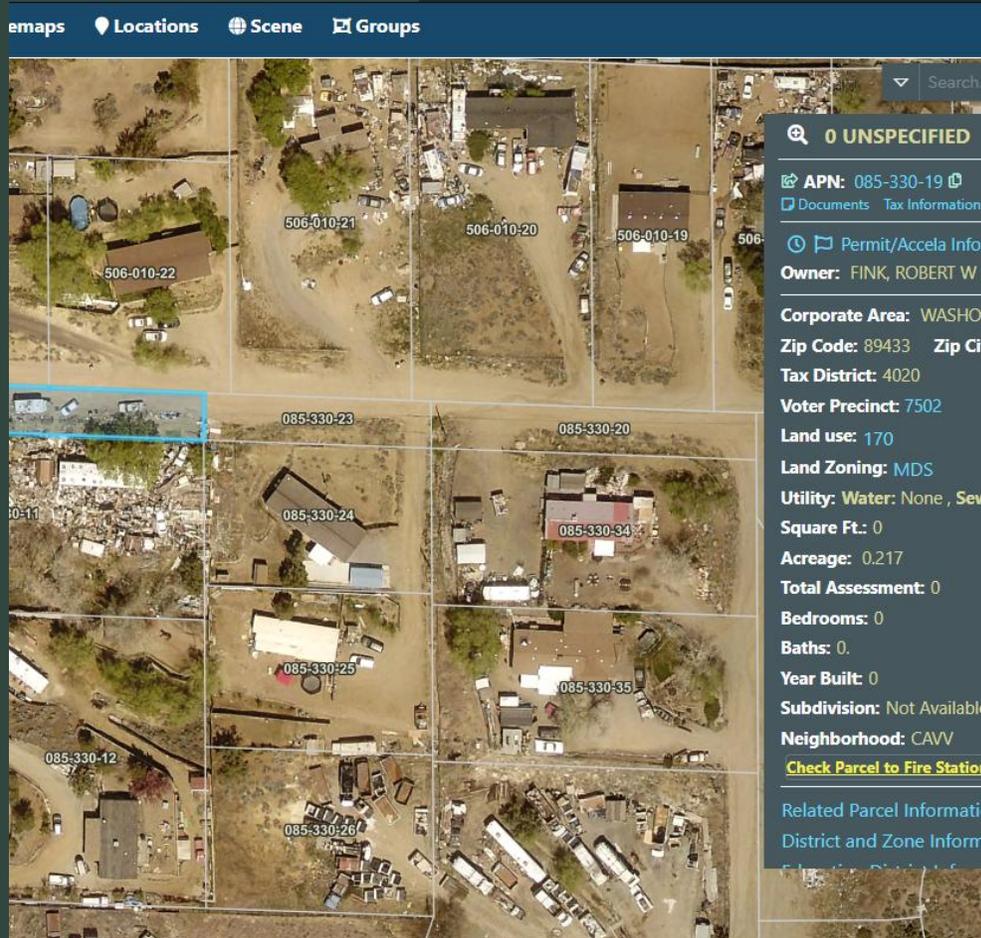
Funding Request for 2025/2026

- We respectfully request \$25,000
- With AB 415 savings this will allow:
- 10–12+ major RV removals and/or large-scale encampment cleanups (or significantly more as costs drop)

Before and After Cleanup



Root Cause of Many Chronic Hotspots



- 37 “orphaned” private parcels created by 2017 deed rescissions
- Owners deceased or companies dissolved.
- \$0 taxable value → cannot be auctioned
- No responsible owner = almost no code enforcement or law enforcement authority
- Result: Repeated illegal dumping and long-term encampments with little we can do

Long-Term Fix Already Underway

Actions already taken:

- Compiled full list of 37 APNs with current photos
- Formal request sent to Commissioner Mariluz Garcia
- Working with Assessor, Treasurer, and Recorder offices



Commissioner Garcia ride-along (October 2025) – key observations:

- Toured Slope, Quartz, Stella, Lupin, and 175 W 5th Ave
- Personally saw squatters, multiple trailers, vehicles, and debris
- Expressed frustration with private-property restrictions

Commissioner Garcia is actively supporting the resolution of these parcels and keeping our team updated.

Accountability & Our Commitment to Long-Term Solutions

100 % of SVGID funds are spent exclusively in Sun Valley – never anywhere else

Detailed annual reports are provided every single year

We are not just cleaning up today — we are actively building lasting change



- Connecting people living in RVs/encampments to permanent housing, mental-health treatment, and support services through the HOPE Team.
- Cleaning up large encampments and coordinated multi-agency cleanups.
- Partnering with Commissioner Garcia and County departments to permanently fix the 37 orphaned parcels.
- Preventing tomorrow's abandoned vehicles by helping people exit the streets today.
- Your partnership doesn't just move problems — it helps solve them for good.

What We Will Deliver Together



\$25,000 in 2025/2026 + fixing the 37 parcels



= Breakthrough year of cleanups



Permanent elimination of many worst hotspots

Thank You & Questions



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