

Appellate court to hear Washoe State Park case

Oral arguments concerning the lawsuit involving Washoe Meadows State Park will be heard Nov. 25 in the 1st District Court of Appeal in San Francisco.

“We continue to fight to protect Washoe Meadows State Park and ensure that the appointed officials who are entrusted with the care of our state parks will act with accountability and transparency and comply with California’s environmental laws,” Lynne Paulson, with Friends of Washoe Meadows State Park, told *Lake Tahoe News*.

State Parks is appealing a lower court’s decision that said the agency could not move the golf course without a supporting mitigation plan or CEQA findings.

Cyndie Walke with State Parks is out of town and not available for comment.

A second lawsuit relating to the South Shore park is still pending.

At issue is reconfiguring Lake Tahoe Golf Course, changing the boundaries of the state park and the state recreation area, and what the environmental and economic impacts would be. The lawsuit was first filed in 2011.

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