




# 2013/14 State of the County Report



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**ABOUT WASHOE COUNTY**

Washoe County is located along the eastern slopes of the majestic Sierra Nevada Mountains in northwestern Nevada. The county covers an area of 6,600 square miles and has a population of approximately 434,000. The county seat is the City of Reno, the third largest city in Nevada. It's also home to the City of Sparks, the state's fifth largest city, and Incline Village at Lake Tahoe. The population base for Washoe County is split with nearly half the population in the incorporated City of Reno (225,221), one quarter in Sparks (90,264) and one quarter in the unincorporated areas.


**WASHOE COUNTY QUICK FACTS<sup>2</sup>**

Population	434,120
Total Washoe County Full-Time Employees	2,630
Washoe County Employees Per Capita	6.06
Bond Ratings - S&P/Moody's	AA/Aa2
Total Property Assessed Value	\$12,290,109,000
General Fund Property Tax Revenues	\$136,104,692
General Fund Consolidated Tax Revenues	\$75,489,073

\*As of 6/30/2013

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# 2013 Accomplishments

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Health District: 3,425 food permits
- Medical Examiner/Coroner's Office: 3,499 death investigations
- District Attorney's Criminal Division won 87% of trials
- Public Defender: 46,128 court appearances
- Animal Services: 33,000 calls for service; Increased Micro-chipped pets by 351%



# 2013 Accomplishments

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Sheriff's Office: 20,377 detention bookings
- Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District: 7,913 emergency response calls



# 2013 Accomplishments

## PARKS AND LIBRARIES

- Washoe County Library: over 2 million items loaned
- Washoe County parks: 4.75 million visitations





# 2013 Accomplishments

## HUMAN SERVICES

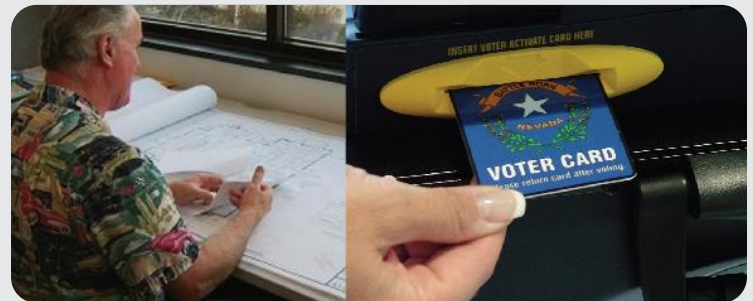
- Over 213,000 meals to seniors
- Washoe County Social Services named Agency of the Year by the Human Services Network
- Public Guardian: 288 cases, managing over \$6m of ward assets monthly



# 2013 Accomplishments

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- 215,714 registered/active voters
- New single family homes building permits: up 93% over 2012
- Clerk's Office: 8,316 marriage licenses
- 6,836 Volunteers; 62,223 service hours (value= \$1,180,381)



# Collaboration

- **Permits Plus/Business Licensing**
- **School Capital Funding Discussion**
- **Emergency Medical Services**
- **Smarter Regions**
- **Shared Federal Framework**



# Budget Message: “Hold the Line”

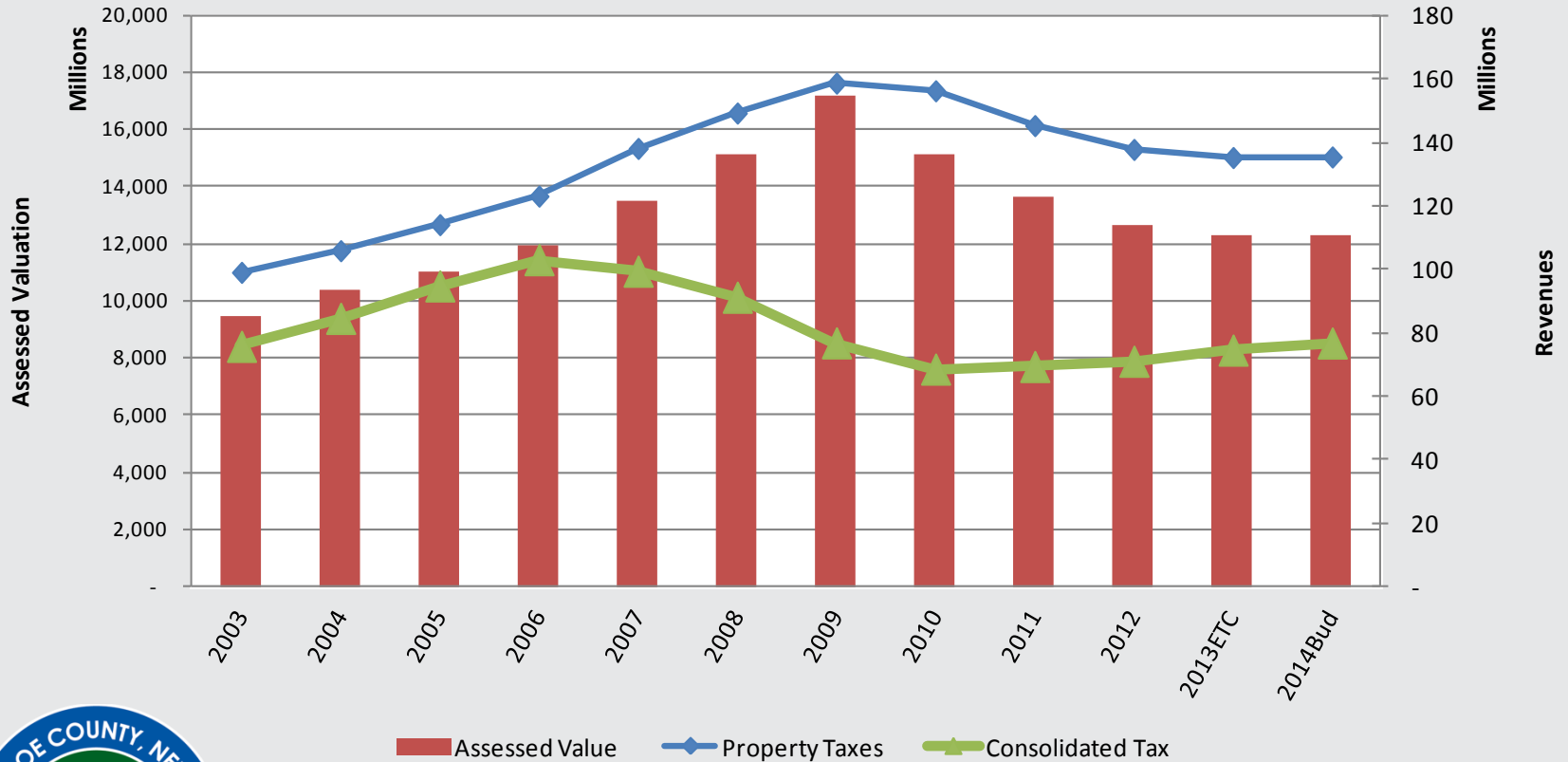
- **FY 14/15 forecast: encouraging signs for increased sales taxes**
- **Other revenue sources meeting budget expectations**
- **Standard and Poor’s affirmed Washoe County’s AA bond rating with a stable outlook**





# Budget Message: "Hold the Line"

## Washoe County Major Revenue Sources and Assessed Values



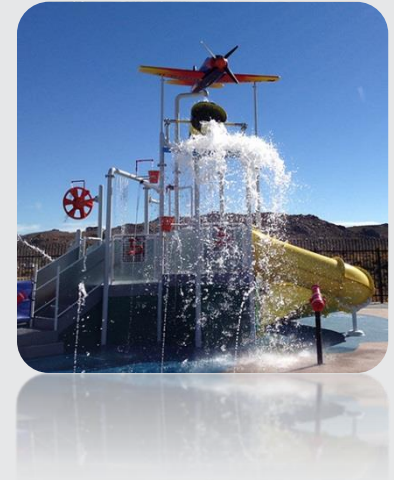
# Challenges and Opportunities

- **3% and 8% property tax abatement**
- **2014 Interim and 2015 Legislative Session**
- **Employee turnover and training needs**
- **Delayed capital improvements**
- **Resource needs as economic activity increases**



# A Look Ahead for 2014

- Opening of Child Advocacy Center
- North Valleys Splash Park opening
- Conducting 2014 Primary and General Elections
- Human Services Agency integration
- New website
- Community clean-up projects
- Planning for 2015 Legislative Session



# A Look Ahead for 2014

- Reinstating resident deputies in Incline Village
- Emergency Medical Services oversight
- Animal Services transition
- Community Services Department
- Washoe County/TMWA Merger
- Citizen Advisory Boards
- WCSD collaboration with 5 schools/Partner in Ed



# Strategic Objectives

- **Sustainability of our financial, social and natural resources**
- **Economic development and diversification**
- **Safe, secure and healthy communities**
- **Development of our employee workforce**
- **Public participation and transparent communication**



# Manager's Focus Areas

## 1) Focus on citizens and those we impact daily

- Internet/new website
- Single point of contact
- Constituent Services Program

## 2) Support effective, open decision making

- Streamlining agenda protocols
- Increasing Board meeting support

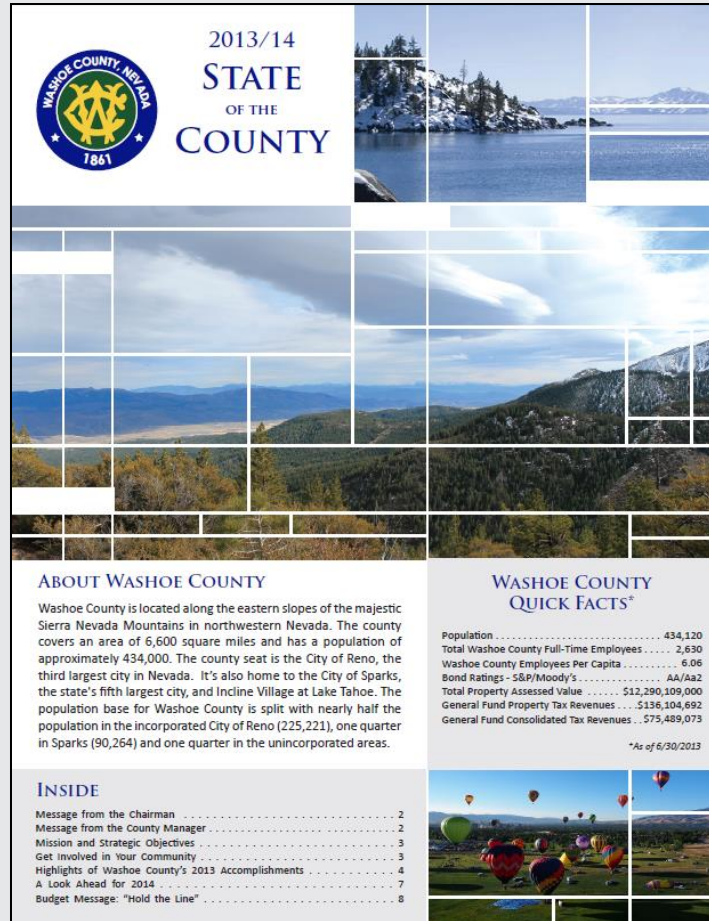
## 3) Supporting Washoe County Employees

- Employee recognition
- Succession planning
- Identify/meet additional training needs





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