

Measure's diversity expected to help it at the polls

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When the 1989 Legislature was passing SB189, a \$47.2 million bond issue for parks and wildlife, bill sponsor Virgil Getto likened the process to decorating a Christmas tree, with legislators from every part of the state trying to hang their own park plums.

But that very diversity could help pass the measure when voters go to the polls in November 1990, he said. "It is distributed quite fairly."

Here is a breakdown of where the money would go:

■ A regional Washoe County park for northern county valleys, which would include sports fields for baseball, softball and soccer. The Washoe County Parks Department is looking for a centrally located site: **\$2 million.**

■ Development of the Bartley-Anderson regional park at Windy Hill, south of Reno, where Washoe County already has acquired 118 acres through purchase of the Bartley Ranch and a gift of the Henry Anderson Ranch from the estate of Dagmar Yoakum: **\$2 million.**

■ Expansion of a trail system

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Sen. Virgil Getto,
bill sponsor

at Galena Creek Park with the U.S. Forest Service and acquisition of a buffer zone at Davis Creek Park in Washoe Valley: **\$1 million.**

■ Development of wetlands and a regional park in the Las Vegas Wash in Clark County, adding a system of dams, ponds, erosion control projects and a museum and wetlands interpretive center: **\$13.3 million.**

■ Purchase of water rights for the Stillwater Wildlife Management Area and other Lahontan Valley wetlands: **\$5 million.**

■ Acquisition of ranches linking Fort Churchill State Park with Lahontan Reservoir: **\$4.2 million.**

■ Development of picnic areas, roads and a water system at South Fork Dam State Park in Elko County: **\$1.1 million.**

■ Acquisition of 263 acres and day use facilities at Washoe Lake State Park: **\$800,000.**

■ Picnic areas, office and shop at Ward Charcoal Ovens, south of Ely: **\$350,000.**

■ Acquisition of five acres, breakwater, restrooms and utilities at Walker Lake Recreation Area: **\$480,000.**

■ Acquisition of 2.75 acres, interpretive exhibits, archaeological excavations and landscaping at Old Las Vegas (Mormon) Fort: **\$1.9 million.**

■ Picnic area, water system and restrooms at Kershaw-Ryan State Park in Lincoln County: **\$820,000.**

■ Interpretive system, remodeling visitors center and an irrigation system at Spring Mountain Ranch State Park in Clark County: **\$730,000.**

■ Reconstruction of roads and parking area at Valley of Fire State Park in Clark County: **\$1.2 million.**

■ Campground, swimming beach, boat ramp and dock at the proposed Big Bend State Park on the Colorado River in Clark County: **\$2 million.**

■ Visitors center, historic area preservation and loop road at Floyd Lamb State Park in Clark County: **\$975,000.**

■ Road, parking area, visitor center and utilities at Cathedral Gorge State Park in Lincoln County: **\$650,000.**

■ Wetland enhancements at Kirch and Pittman Wildlife Management Areas in Nye County. **Completion of wetland purchases at Franklin Lake in Elko County: \$3.3 million.**

■ Repair of Cave Lake Dam in White Pine County, acquisition of water storage rights at Onion Valley Reservoir in Humboldt County and stream habitat acquisition: **\$2.2 million.**

■ Wildlife habitat acquisition, improvements and inventory of sensitive wildlife species at Scripps Wildlife Management Area, Desert tortoise natural area, Mason Valley Wildlife Management area and other wildlife areas: **\$1.8 million.**

■ Appraisals, title searches and other land acquisition costs: **\$478,000.**

■ Planning for potential new state parks in Clark, Elko and Douglas counties: **\$300,000.**