



**TRUCKEE TAHOE AIRPORT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR STAFF REPORT**

AGENDA TITLE: Truckee Meadows Restoration Project – Airport District Land Management Program Funding Request from Truckee River Watershed Council

MEETING DATE: Oct. 25, 2017

PREPARED BY: Kevin Smith, General Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the Agreement between the Truckee Tahoe Airport District and the Truckee River Watershed Council (TRWC) for land management and watershed improvements to District owned properties.

DISCUSSION: District staff has been working with TRWC for the past 6 year in preparation for a land management and watershed improvement project on District owned properties. The Truckee Meadows Restoration Project will have a substantial improvement to the watershed, water quality, habitat, and land management of this property. The District currently owns the Ponderosa Golf Course and the property commonly referred to as the “L shaped” property where a major portion of the project improvements are to take place. (see attached map) The TRWC proposed this restoration project and solicited District support and participation as well as other local agencies. The Board of Directors discussed this project and set funding aside in the FY2017 Budget Extension which was approved on Sept. 27, 2017.

Due to seasonal construction timing, the TRWC began construction on this project in September 2017 in hopes of having it complete before winter. They have used TRWC funds to move the project along, as well as other funding and grants received from the State of California, Lahontan Community Foundation, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Truckee Sanitary District, Truckee Donner PUD, and Truckee Donner Parks and Recreation District (under consideration).

Staff concludes after review that there is substantial benefit and improvement to District property and that the project meets or exceeds District land and forest management goals and objectives as described in the District Strategic Plan. Staff recommends approval of the request.

It should be noted that staff considers this a District land management project which falls within the parameters of our Forest and Land Management Plan and strategic goals.

FISCAL IMPACT: The request from TRWC is for \$253,000. The total project budget is \$1,354,344.28. The TRWC advertised the Request for Bids (RFB) on their website and distributed the listing to 2,000 individuals via their E-Currents newsletter and sent it to 60 consulting and construction firms. The RFP was posted from May 3, 2017 to May 26, 2017 with a mandatory pre-bid tour on May 15, 2017. Due to a competitive bidding environment as well as the technical nature of habitat restoration work, they received a single bid from Habitat Restoration Sciences, Inc. for \$1,354,344.28. After a thorough review of their Bid the TRWC determined the bid to be qualified and responsive and awarded the contract to HRS.

The construction funding for this project comes from several public and private grants as well as cost share contributions from a number of the project partners. Those amounts are:

- \$1,122,694.00 - California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- \$3,500.00 - Lahontan Community Foundation
- \$174,885.00 - National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (amount approximate, this is 2018 construction funding and still being finalized)
- \$253,000.00 - Truckee Tahoe Airport District cost share (under Board consideration)
- \$10,600.00 - Truckee Donner Public Utility District. Cash cost share, also provided in-kind cost share in form of construction materials (logs and water)—estimated cost savings \$21,000.00 (i.e. excluded from construction contract).
- \$7,000.00 - Truckee Sanitary District (cash cost share)
- Truckee Donner Recreation and Park District. Cash cost share currently being negotiated.

This funding provides for the full contract amount with HRS plus contingency for construction and the first several years of management post-construction.

The District sets aside funding each year to complete land and forest management projects. The FY2017 Budget included \$331,300. This funding has been primarily used on Waddle Ranch forest management projects. The Board programed an additional \$390,000 for additional work on Waddle Ranch as well as to fund the Truckee Meadows Restoration Project if the final agreement is approved by the Board. It is important to note that TTAD is the largest land owner in the project.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: If approved, the District will work closely with the TRWC to assure the District's support and contribution is noted. There has been ample public notice of this project as well as the project being located on a busy public street next to the Regional Park. The District will also include additional information through its public relations and communication

channels. This program also fits in to the Districts sustainability and green initiatives program. Staff is working on a new communication and branding initiative centered on these growing programs.

SAMPLE MOTION(S): By Consent – I move to approve the Agreement between the Truckee Tahoe Airport District and the Truckee River Watershed Council for the Truckee Meadows Restoration Project for \$253,000 and authorize the Board Vice President to sign contract Documents.

ATTACHMENTS:

Truckee Meadows Restoration Agreement between TTAD & TRWC

Project Plan Set

TTAD Property Map

Project Pictures