



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

**AGENDA TITLE: Board Approval of Letter of Support for Truckee Fire Protection District (TFPD) Ballot Measure T**

**MEETING DATE: May 26, 2021**

**PREPARED BY: Kevin Smith, General Manager**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve by consent. Staff recommends the Board approve the attached Letter of Support for the TFPD Measure T for the August 31, 2021 Special Election.

**DISCUSSION:** At the April 28, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting, the Board requested staff to include consideration of a Letter of Support for Measure T on the May 26th Agenda. Staff has included a draft Letter of Support for Measure T for Board review (See Attached).

The TFPD website provided the following information regarding Measure T:

*As wildfires continue to get larger, faster, and more destructive, fire prevention and protection services are more important than ever and additional resources are needed to clear dry brush, remove fire hazards and better protect against wildfire emergencies.*

*Our forests are now experiencing a 100-year buildup of dry brush and dead trees. Removing these materials in an environmentally responsible way would help reduce our risk of wildfires and improve the health of our forests and watersheds by restoring a more natural balance.*

*The Truckee and Donner Summit areas' scenic forests and lush vegetation make it a desirable place to live, work and visit, but also makes our residents, businesses and natural environment vulnerable to wildfire. Investing more in early fire detection, emergency warning systems and fire-safe evacuation routes would help ensure residents are notified quickly and have safe ways to escape danger if a wildfire does break out.*

*Measure T: Wildfire Protection Measure*

*In 2016, the Truckee Fire Protection District collaborated with the community to develop the first Truckee area Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). The District has already been able to complete some of the priority projects identified in the CWPP, however, the full scope of needs cannot be addressed without an additional funding source.*

*That's why the Truckee Fire Protection District Board unanimously voted to place Measure T, a Wildfire Protection Measure, on the August 31 special election ballot. If approved by two-thirds of local voters, Measure T would cost property owners \$179 per parcel, per year to provide a stable, dedicated source of local funding for wildfire prevention and mitigation. Measure T could address the following needs:*

- *Removing dry brush, dead trees and fire hazards.*
- *Improving emergency evacuation routes and procedures.*
- *Adding firebreaks where needed to help prevent or slow the spread of wildfire.*
- *Improving early fire detection and emergency warning systems.*
- *Supporting defensible space and hardening around homes, neighborhoods and critical infrastructure.*
- *Providing homeowners with easy and inexpensive disposal options for trimmings and green waste.*

For more information on Measure T, please visit:

<https://www.truckeefire.org/wildfireprotectionmeasure>

**CONSENT MOTION:** (approved by consent) I move to approve the attached Letter of Support for the TFPD Measure T for the August 31, 2021 Special Election and authorize staff to distribute letter.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Letter of Support for Measure T