



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

**AGENDA TITLE: GHG Emissions Reduction Coalition MOU Review and Consideration of Approval**

**MEETING DATE: August 25, 2021**

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

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Review and consider approval of the attached Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Reduction Coalition Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Truckee Tahoe Airport District (TTAD), Truckee Donner Public Utility District (TDPUD), and Town of Truckee, establishing a formal commitment from the parties to define and create an on-going agency and community collaboration focused on reducing regional GHG emissions and speeding the ability of the community to address the impacts of climate change and achieve carbon neutrality.

**DISCUSSION:** Director Diamond with some assistance from General Manager Kevin Smith have been working with representatives of the Town of Truckee, the TDPUD, and the Sierra Business Council to create the framework for a GHG Emissions Reduction Coalition similar in function and organization to the Mountain Housing Council. The focus of this new coalition would be to gather interested agencies to participate in information sharing, collaboration, and planning to address the impacts of climate change and achieve carbon neutrality for our region. Most local agencies have GHG reduction goals and are working on solutions but currently there is no specific forum or structure for these agencies to gather, share, and discuss common goals, strategies, current projects and programs underway, as well as collaborate on future endeavors together.

This MOU establishes a framework for founding partners (TTAD, TDPUD, Town) to create the Coalition assisted by Sierra Business Council (SBC) as the Project Manager and Facilitator of the Coalition. The Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation (TTCF) will also assist as the Fiscal

Sponsor where all funds contributed to the Coalition will be deposited and managed. SBC will work as a contractor under the TTCF umbrella.

After the Coalition is established, the goal will be to grow the Coalition much like the Mountain Housing Council and attract more members. We do know there is interest from other agencies to participate in the Coalition.

The Purpose Statement of the GHG Emissions Reduction Coalition is as follows:

*To obtain a formal commitment from the parties to define and create an on-going agency and community collaboration focused on reducing regional GHG emissions and speeding the ability of the community to address the impacts of climate change and achieve carbon neutrality.*

Staff recommends moving forward with approval of the attached MOU. Proceeding and participating actively in the Coalition will assist the District in achieving one of our Goals for 2021 which is to *“Research and implement achievable greenhouse gas emissions reduction programs and projects including significant education and outreach to local pilots, passenger, and corporate operators. Continue to follow Carbon Reduction Strategies in District Green House Gas Reduction Plan.”*

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The current financial commitment to implement the MOU is \$50,000. This commitment would initially be shared by the founding members. As other members join, there would be a membership cost for participation. The ultimate goal would be to use membership contributions to fund GHG initiatives and programs.

**MOTION:** I move to accept and approve TTAD participation in the GHG Emissions Reduction Coalition per the attached MOU with a funding commitment not to exceed \$17,000 or 1/3 of program costs as outlined in MOU.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

GHG Emissions Reduction Coalition MOU