



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

AGENDA TITLE: Professional Service Agreement with Ascent Environmental

MEETING DATE: February 22, 2023

PREPARED BY: Dave Hoffman, Director of Operations and Maintenance

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize the General Manager to enter into contract with Ascent Environmental to produce a documented Project-Specific Analysis (PSA) for the Waddle Ranch Vegetation Treatment Plan (VTP).

DISCUSSION: The TTAD has interest to purposefully continue the transition of the Waddle Ranch back to a healthy pre-European settlement forest. The proposed VTP will include an environmental evaluation, an archaeological component, and recommendations to apply alternate beneficial fuel reduction methods. The VTP will serve as the master environmental permit for all fuel reduction activities on the property and is based on a master EIR that covers fuels management in California, which expounds upon the potential ecological effects to wildlife, water and cultural resources that require protection under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This VTP will serve as a useful management tool to restore the natural ecosystem processes that sustain the various habitat types found within the Waddle Ranch.

WHAT'S NEXT: Upon approval from the Board, staff will work with Ascent Environmental to complete the PSA document for the Waddle Ranch.

FISCAL IMPACT: Cost of the PSA document preparation is \$56,265.00 and could be recoupable through the Cal Fire Grant we are applying for as a separate agenda item.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: None.

SAMPLE MOTION(S): I move to (approve, deny, continue) the request for the General Manager to enter into a professional service agreement with Ascent Environmental for the Waddle Ranch PSA.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Ascent Environmental Contract with TTAD.