



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

**AGENDA TITLE: Waddle Ranch Land Management Plan – Resolution 2023- 07
Cal Fire Forest Fire Prevention Grant Application**

MEETING DATE: November 29,2023

PREPARED BY: Dave Hoffman, Director of Operations and Maintenance

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve Resolution 2023-07: Cal Fire Forest Fire Prevention Grant Application as presented.

STRATEGIC PLAN:
4.C.2 Ensure lands management plans address sustainable, fire safety and biodiversity priorities.
4.D.2 Maintain District property with proactive forest management practices.

PRESENTATION: Jeff Dowling, Consultant, and retired Forester with CalFire, will provide a presentation on our planned application for a Forest Fire Prevention Grant and land management work on Waddle Ranch. Jeff is a retired CalFire register Professional Forester and is assisting TTAD in navigate the grant application process and development of a vegetation management plan for Waddle Ranch.

The Cal Fire Tahoe Forest Fire Prevention Grant application is aligned with the Ascent Environmental contract to purposefully continue the transition of the Waddle Ranch back to a healthy pre-European settlement forest. The Airport District will be seeking a \$1,500,000 grant from CalFire. The proposed grant will include an environmental evaluation, an archaeological component, and recommendations to apply alternate beneficial fuel reduction methods.

WHAT’S NEXT: Grant applications are due 1/10/2024, we will monitor the Cal Fire Tahoe Forest Fire Prevention Grant Application and should know if we were successful by 4/1/2024. We will be simultaneously conducting environmental review work with Ascent Environmental on this project area.

FISCAL IMPACT: In accordance with grant application.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: Normal Board Public Meeting Process.

SAMPLE MOTION(S): I move to (approve, deny, continue) Resolution 2023-07: Tahoe Forest Fire Prevention Grant Application.