



## TRUCKEE TAHOE AIRPORT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTOR STAFF REPORT

**AGENDA TITLE:** Strategic Initiatives – Wildfire Mitigation – 2025 Projects

**MEETING DATE:** March 26, 2025

**PREPARED BY:** Robb Etnyre, General Manager

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve 2025 funding for identified priority strategic initiatives - wildfire mitigation projects which were collaboratively developed by CalFire Truckee-North Tahoe Battalion, Northstar Fire Department, Truckee Fire Protection District, Olympic Valley Fire Department, California State Parks, and North Tahoe Fire Protection District as part of each jurisdiction Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP) and CalFire Burn Plan.

**Background:**

1. The Truckee Tahoe Airport District (“District”) has established a recent history, over the past ~8 years, of utilizing tax revenue to support community programs.
2. In 2023, the District updated the underlying Board Policy Instruction (PI311) to better define the use of tax revenue related to the “Purpose of an Airport”.
3. In 2023, the District adopted a new strategic plan, which identified the following focus area goals related to the use of tax revenue.
  - a. 1.D. Give Back: Develop a community investment strategy that aligns directly to airport vision, mission, values, and public purpose.
    - i. 1.D.1. Define budget allocation of community investments.
    - ii. 1.D.2. Review existing community investments to prioritize major projects that benefit the region and align with airport purpose and mission.
4. The District approved a budget for 2024, which included \$2M for Wildfire Mitigation Projects as a Strategic Initiative to benefit the entire airport district. Proposed projects were reviewed



and approved by the Board of Directors on April 24, 2024, which included 8 projects covering 739 Acres for \$1,935,055, as depicted in the attached graphic (Attachment 1). Of those projects, which have 18 months to complete, \$649,963 has been reimbursed, with the remaining work expect to be completed in summer 2025.

5. The TTAD Board approved \$2M for Strategic Initiative – Wildfire Mitigation Projects for 2025. Proposed projects for 2025 are detailed below.

**DISCUSSION:** On February 3, and March 3, 2025, The District met with CalFire Truckee-North Tahoe Battalion, Northstar Fire Department, Truckee Fire Protection District, Olympic Valley Fire Department, California State Parks, and North Tahoe Fire Protection District to review established Community Wildfire Protection Plans and the CalFire Burn Plan to identify priority projects which were ready for implementation and without identified funding. The below listed projects were identified as the priority projects within District funding levels for 2025 to accelerate community wildfire mitigation across the entire District around the built environment.

In addition to 2025 projects, there is a collaborative desire to begin the planning process for 2026 projects that encompass multi-jurisdictional large landscapes within the airport district. While planning funding is identified in the table below for 2026, a separate briefing is expected to the board after a more detailed planning process to identify a large landscape project for 2026.

**2025 Proposed Projects Fiscal Impact:**

1. Truckee Fire Protection District	
a. Glenshire to Hirschdale Egress Project, 414 Acres:	\$800,000
2. Northstar Fire Department, Northstar Community Service District	
a. Fuel Reduction Project, 111 Acres:	\$400,000
3. Olympic Valley Fire Department, Olympic Community Service District	
a. OV-2 & OV-3 North Slope & Evacuation Routes, 120 Acres:	\$650,000
4. North Tahoe Fire District	
a. Alpine Meadows Fire Adaptative Communities Project:	\$20,000
5. Large Landscape, Multi-Jurisdictional Project Planning for 2026:	\$100,000
<b>Total of 5 projects, ~645 Acres:</b>	<b><u>\$1,970,000</u></b>
<b><u>2025 District Budgeted Item:</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,000,000</u></b>



**Recommended Motion:** I move to (approve, deny) the five individual Community Wildfire Mitigation Projects presented above in the amount of \$1,970,000, as presented in this staff report, and authorize the General Manager to enter into professional service agreements for each project for duration not to exceed 18 months.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**1. 2024 Community Wildfire Mitigation Projects Graphic**

**2. 2025 Community Wildfire Mitigation Projects Graphic**

**3. Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Project Presentation Slides**

