



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

AGENDA TITLE: Strategic Initiatives – Wildfire Mitigation – 2026 Projects

MEETING DATE: March 25, 2026

PREPARED BY: Robb Etnyre, General Manager

Strategic Plan: 4.C. RESTORE: Continue to preserve and restore high-value natural areas within Airport District boundaries.

4.C.1. Evaluate opportunities to contribute to protecting key areas/land within the District.

4.C.1.a. Continue to engage with local fire districts and Cal Fire to prioritize opportunities to build upon the success of the Wildfire Mitigation Strategic Initiative. Provide prioritized recommendations for collaborative projects for board consideration which fall within annual strategic initiative budget funding guidance.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve 2026 funding for identified priority strategic initiatives - wildfire mitigation projects which were collaboratively developed by CAL FIRE Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit (NEU), 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 CAL FIRE Burn Plan.

Background:

1. The Truckee Tahoe Airport District (“District”) has established a recent history, over the past ~10 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 & Update in 2025, the District adopted a new strategic plan, which identified the following focus area goals related to the use of tax revenue.
 - a. 4.C. RESTORE: Continue to preserve and restore high-value natural areas within Airport District boundaries.
 - b. 4.C.1. Evaluate opportunities to contribute to protecting key areas/land within the District.
 - c. 4.C.1.a. Continue to engage with local fire districts and Cal Fire to prioritize opportunities to build upon the success of the Wildfire Mitigation Strategic Initiative. Provide prioritized recommendations for collaborative projects for board consideration which fall within annual strategic initiative budget funding guidance.
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.
5. The TTAD Board approved \$2M for Strategic Initiative – Wildfire Mitigation Projects for 2025. The 2025 projects totaled 5 projects, ~645 Acres for \$1,970,000.

DISCUSSION: On February 20, 2026, The District met with CAL FIRE Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit (NEU), Northstar Fire Department, Truckee Fire Protection District, Olympic Valley Fire Department, California State Parks, and North Tahoe Fire Protection District, reviewing 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 for 2026.

In addition to 2026 projects, there is a collaborative desire to begin the planning process for future 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 – currently drafted as a CAL FIRE project.

2026 Proposed Projects Fiscal Impact:

1. Olympic Valley Fire Department:	100 acres	\$400,000
2. North Tahoe Fire Protection District:	10 acres	\$400,000
3. Northstar Fire Department:	181 acres	\$400,000
4. State Parks:	101 acres	\$303,000
5. CAL FIRE:	205 acres	\$500,000

Total of 5 projects, ~597 Acres:

\$2,003,000

2026 District Budgeted Item:

\$2,000,000

Recommended Motion: I move to (approve, deny) the five individual Community Wildfire Mitigation Projects presented above in the amount of \$2,003,000, 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. Wildfire Mitigation Projects Presentation Slides - 2026

