

TRUCKEE TAHOE AIRPORT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Topic: Waddle Ranch

Purpose	Information:	Guidance:	Decision: XX
Recommendation	Approve the attached request for funding		
Last Action	The Board of Directors approved the Waddle Ranch Forest Management Program July 7, 2010		
Discussion	<p>On July 25, 2010 staff hosted a Waddle Ranch field trip with Maria Pickett of the Sugar Pine Foundation and UC Davis Professor Malcolm North. One objective of this meeting was to further describe and inspect the work of the District on the property for academic planning purposes as it relates to the curriculum for the upcoming UC Davis study work. Another objective was to insure the viability of a planting project for the fall of 2011 and verify the compatibility of the planting and the UC Davis study work.</p> <p>Areas of high Sugar Pine concentrations were identified. Areas that have had previous disturbance and impact were identified. Staff described priority areas in need of legacy impact mitigation. These areas consisted of roads, trails, and landings. It was agreed that planting is a viable mitigation option and rates of mortality would be commensurate with successful projects on the west slope of the Sierra Nevada range.</p> <p>The adopted objective approved July 7, 2010 states, <i>“For District-owned forest lands, our primary objective is to improve forest health and reduce the risk of catastrophic fires while preserving wildlife habitat, protecting cultural resources and maintaining water quality”</i>.</p> <p>The adopted strategy approved July 7, 2010 states, <i>“The forest will be managed with a goal of establishing a variety of age classes and replicating a more natural variety of stand densities”</i>.</p> <p>In staffs opinion both activities, the UC Davis study work, and the Sugar Pine Foundation planting support the adopted objectives and strategy for Waddle Ranch.</p> <p>Upon completion of the field visit it was agreed by all parties that the two activities would be mutually beneficial and offer a unique opportunity to the academic community and the community at large.</p>		
Fiscal Impact	A cost to the District of \$4000.00		
Communication	Opportunity exists to leverage this event and include the community in our efforts to improve the environment, water quality, and Waddle		

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Strategy

Ranch specially.

Attachments

- A. Forest Management Strategic Plan
- B. Forest Management Program July 7, 2010
- C. Sugar Pine Foundation proposal

**Map present at meeting