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Issue:

The Board of Directors will consider taking action to accept grant funds from CalFire and award the 2018 Forestry Mastication, Thinning and Pruning contract on the CalFire Forest Improvement Program (CFIP) Agreement Amendment 8GT15366, 15-CNR-NEV-004 Grant Award Funds, and 2018 Mastication Reserve Replacement Funds and Operational Funds.

Background:

In the spring of 2018 CalFire awarded Tahoe Donner a forest improvement grant of \$64,969 from the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund. These funds must be utilized by April 30, 2019. The grant project submitted for the funds is a plantation/fuel break established in 1996 in Sunrise Bowl.

To accomplish the work described in the grant project a combination of budgeted Reserve Replacement Funds and forestry operational budget funds will be utilized. The 2018 Large Machine Mastication Reserve Replacement funds in the amount of \$33,395 were approved by the Board of Directors during the budget approval process. The remaining balance of the required 25% company match will come from forestry department operational budget.

A Request for Proposal for forestry mastication, thinning and and pruning was sent to 29 companies. Management received three valid bids with a range of prices and approaches. Bids for the contract work all exceed the \$50,000 signing authority of the General Manager, thus the Board of Directors is to review and approve the contract award.

Management believes completing the fuel break along the western Sunrise Bowl area is important to the overall fuels reduction and fire hazard mitigation plan for the association. Management is recommending contracting with Sierra Land Improvement to complete the CFIP Grant project. Additionally, management is recommending the Board approve a change order on the contract to include 11.5 acres located in 3 plantation/utilizing remaining budgeted Reserve Replacement and Operational Funds as identified above.

Options:

1.
 - a. Complete the CAL FIRE grant and receive the award of \$64,969.
 - b. Contract with Sierra Land Improvement to complete the grant project and additional 11.5 acres of plantation/fuelbreak. Funding sources include the CalFire

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- grant, 2018 Large Machine Mastication Reserves Replacement Funds budget and forestry operational budget.
2.
 - a. Complete the CalFire grant and receive the award of \$64,969.
 - b. Contract with Sierra Land Improvement to complete the grant project utilizing grant and 2018 Large Machine Mastication Reserves Replacement Funds and not perform work on additional 11.5 acres of plantation/fuelbreak.
 3. Do not complete the CalFire grant and return the funding of \$64,969.

Recommendation:

Management recommends the Board of Directors consider approving Option 1:

- a. Complete the CAL FIRE grant and receive the award of \$64,969.
- b. Contract with Sierra Land Improvement to complete the grant project and additional 11.5 acres of plantation/fuelbreak. Funding sources include the CalFire grant, 2018 Large Machine Mastication Reserves Replacement Funds budget and forestry operational budget.

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General Manager Approval: _____

Date: _____