

DECISION PAPER

**Issue:****Date: 01/17/19**

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) has grant funds available under the California Climate Investments (CCI) for the Forest Health Program and is accepting applications for grant funds with a deadline of January 29, 2019. The application requires inclusion of Resolution by Tahoe Donner for application and capability to manage grant funds should they be awarded.

Background:

The Forest Health Program is part of California Climate Investments (CCI), a state wide program that puts billions of Cap-and Trade dollars to work reducing Green House Gas emissions. From the Budget Act of 2018 up to \$155 million will be awarded to eligible grant applicants. Funding towards the Forest Health Program under the California Climate Investments (CCI) include the following eligible activities; Forest Fuels Reduction; Prescribed Fire; Pest Management; Reforestation; Biomass Utilization; Conservation and Research.

The grant application requires:

- a minimum of 1,000 acres of treatment
- a minimum \$750,000 grant award
- project must be completed by March 2022
- environmental paperwork must be completed and accepted before the project begins

This grant and submission cycle was announced this fall and staff began reviewing the grant details in mid-December quickly realizing the potential and favorable chances of being awarded grant funds. Forestry management quickly moved to coordinate and lead discussions with the Truckee Donner Land Trust, Northstar Fire Department, Truckee Fire Protection District, Northstar California and Martis Camp to meet the minimum 1,000 acres needed to apply for this grant. Tahoe Donner Forestry has lead the effort towards this grant which will greatly benefit the association and other land owners in Truckee at the same time.

Tahoe Donner Forestry is proposing to conduct fuel reduction activities on 395 acres for this grant application. The sum total of the grant application will be approximately \$5,000,000, of which \$1,200,000 is to be applied to the Tahoe Donner projects in excess of already planned operational projects established in the operating and capital budget.

Typically in grant applications, a resolution for the application is not required to be delivered until after the grant funds are awarded; however, this grant requires a resolution for grant application to be included in the grant application which is due January 29, 2019.

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The resolution agrees to the following:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Forest Health Program funds.
2. Certifies that the Association understands the agreement being entered.
3. Certifies that the Association will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project as outlined in the applications and agreements.
4. Appoints Robb Etnyre, Assistant Secretary of the Association, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, and payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the Project.

Even if Tahoe Donner is awarded this grant, Tahoe Donner can still decline the grant funds if it so chooses, although this is not a recommended action given the benefits gained by obtaining these grant funds.

Proposed Resolution 2019-2 is included with this decision paper.

Options:

1. Not approve Resolution 2019-2 Grant Application apply for other grant funds in the future;
2. Approve Resolution 2019-2 Grant Application.

Recommendation:

Management recommends the Board of Directors consider approving Option 2: Resolution 2019-2 Grant Application.

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General Manager Approval: _____

Date: _____



**TAHOE DONNER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

CORPORATE RESOLUTION 2019-2

APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Forest Health Program Grants - California Climate Investments (CCI) administered by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) has made available grant funds; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the "CAL FIRE" require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the Applicants Governing Board before approval of said application(s) to "CAL FIRE"; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Tahoe Donner Association has applied to and agreed to participate in the aforementioned program and enter into an agreement with "CAL FIRE" if approved, for the forest improvement projects on property owned by Tahoe Donner Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Tahoe Donner Board of Directors hereby agrees and approves the following:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the forest improvement projects cost sharing funds.
2. Certifies that the Association understands the agreement being entered into.
3. Certifies that the Association will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project as outlined in the applications and agreements.
4. Appoints Robb Etnyre, Assistant Secretary of the Association, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, and payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned Project.

ACCEPTED AND DATED: January 26, 2019

Jennifer Jennings, President

Michael Fajans, Director

Don Koenes, Secretary

Jeff Connors, Treasurer

Suzy Knisley, Director

SECRETARY’S CERTIFICATE

I, Courtney Murrell, do hereby certify that the above Authorization is a true copy of the resolution of Tahoe Donner Association, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of California (“TDA”) duly adopted by Unanimous Consent by the Board of Directors of TDA On January 26, 2019, and duly entered in the records of TDA, and that the Authorization is in conformity with applicable law and regulation, the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of TDA and is now in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my name as Secretary and also certify that the above are the names and genuine specimen signatures of the officers of TDA.

Dated: January 26, 2019

Don Koenes, Secretary
Tahoe Donner Association