



STAFF REPORT

DATE: July 19, 2023

TITLE:

Trails - Trout Creek Trailhead Remodel Construction Project

RECOMMENDATION:

By Motion:

1. Approve the Trails - Trout Creek Trailhead Remodel Construction Project for a total of \$55,373 under the 2023 approved budget utilizing Replacement Reserve Funds.

BACKGROUND:

The Nature Loop trail is one of Tahoe Donner's oldest and most visited trails. The existing trailhead just below the Trout Creek Recreation Center is a steep and gravel landing pad that needs to be closed and restored to allow vegetation growth and water drainage to reach the meadow and flow into Trout Creek.

Staff has determined that although the current trailhead parking works and allows access to the gate for the driving range, it is erosive and not suitable for average vehicles. A 2-wheel drive vehicle will often spin its tires from loose gravel and steep access onto Northwoods Boulevard. The parking spaces are insufficient for the influx of trail users and the water runoff from Northwoods Blvd. has begun to erode this portion of the trail and parking.

ANALYSIS:

The staff recommendation is to restore the current gravel parking to its natural state, gate off the entrance keeping it accessible only to TDA staff to access the lower portion of the driving range, improve drainage to existing parking, and repair the tread surface to the Nature Loop trail by adding aggregate base and decomposed granite to the trail surface leading up to the footbridge. Specific tasks to complete the project include:

1. Move the new trailhead to the existing southern end of the Trout Creek Recreation Center lot. Relocate the existing kiosk, and place rocks for erosion control measures.
2. Finish the Nature Loop trail in sections that were impacted by the dead tree removal project by the forestry crew this past Spring.
3. Realign a small portion of the trail closer to the driving range netting to keep members away from Northwoods Blvd. The new alignment will be safer by moving further away from roadway traffic.
4. Storm Water Control Improvement Measures: continue with restoring the meadow and trailhead,
5. Install a new gate to block off access to manage access to the lower part of the driving range.



FISCAL IMPACT:

The Trout Creek Trailhead Remodel – Construction costs were included in the 2023 board-approved Replacement Reserve Fund budget. Total construction costs utilizing the Replacement Reserve Funds of \$55,373 will be used for this project.

ALTERNATIVE:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Project schematic

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General Manager Approval to Place on the Agenda: _____	