



## **STAFF REPORT**

**DATE: October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**TITLE:** Purchase a new compact tracked loader masticator to be used for defensible space fuel reduction and land management work.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

#### **By Motion:**

The Board of Directors to approve the following:

1. Purchase a new 2023 Takeuchi TL12R 2 Track Loader with masticator attachment with purchase price not to exceed \$148,734.42

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Forestry Department was awarded the 2023 Measure T grant for \$118,987.54 to help purchase a compact tracked loader masticator. This equipment will be used to execute mastication projects on over 660 acres of Tahoe Donner land, detailed in our Forest Management 5-year plan. It will allow for more acres to be treated each year for less money, which will make additional fuel reduction work possible. It will allow our in-house Forestry workers to treat areas that we have historically hired contractors to complete. Eliminating the need for a third-party contractor will provide greater efficiency and flexibility in project management and scope.

### **ANALYSIS:**

In accordance with procedures, staff procured two estimates. Please note, heavy equipment purchases must be made through specific regional dealerships. The Northern California Takeuchi regional dealership is Global Machinery in Sacramento. The new excavator masticator is in stock and will be delivered to Tahoe Donner within a week of purchase.

The quotes are as follows:

Recommended equipment highlighted

Make	Dealer	Total
Takeuchi TL12R 2	Global Machinery	\$148,734.42
Cat 299D3	Empire, Cashman	\$202,101.10

- These prices include sales tax, (\$11,335.42 on the recommended Takeuchi TL12R 2)
- Measure T grant will reimburse \$118,987.54 and Tahoe Donner will fund the remaining \$29,746.88.

Staff recommendation is to purchase the Takeuchi TL12R 2 compact tracked loader masticator from Global equipment for a total of \$148,734.42. This will include delivery. The awarded 2023 Measure T grant will reimburse \$118,987.54 of this purchase.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

TDA will purchase the equipment from the Operating Fund as normal, on receipt of the Measure T grant the funds will be deposited into the Operating Fund off setting \$118,987.54 of the total purchase price. This will leave a Receivable balance due from the New Equipment Fund of \$29,746.88. This receivable will remain on the Operating Fund balance sheet until January 2024 when sufficient funds are available to true up the Due To / From funds from the New Equipment Fund.

**ALTERNATIVE:**

Staff does not propose any alternative for the Board to consider as this is a critical piece of equipment for fuel reduction and forestry operations.

**EXHIBITS:**

Estimate for TL12R 2 from Global Machinery and Measure T grant award are attached.

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Reviewed by Todd Martyn-Jones, Director of Finance, Accounting and Business Support\_\_\_\_\_

Board Meeting Date: October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Interim General Manager Approval to Place on the Agenda:

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