



STAFF REPORT

Date: April 26, 2024

TITLE: Herbicidal Spray Contract

RECOMMENDATION:

By Motion:

The Board of Directors,

1. Approves the 2024 Hand Herbicide Spray project, costs not to exceed \$52,297.50 utilizing Forestry Department operational funds.
2. Authorizes the General Manager, on behalf of Tahoe Donner Association, enter into a Hand Herbicide Spray Professional Services Agreement for a total amount of \$52,297.50.

BACKGROUND:

Where applicable, herbicide application is part of Tahoe Donner's standard vegetation management plan. The order of operation for a typical fuel reduction project is,

Year One

- Cut and remove trees for 15-20ft crown, canopy spacing.
- Limb remaining tree limbs 10-15ft above ground.
- Masticate remaining understory brush and ground fuel.

Year Two

- Where applicable, apply herbicide to new understory brush growth which significantly extends the time before mastication reentry is needed.

ANALYSIS:

In accordance with procedure, Forestry staff annually issues several project RFP's for the variety of contract necessary for land management activities. Over the last 14 years Menig Weed Control has been the only qualified bidder to meet all stringent requirements to complete the work outlined in the Request for Proposals for Hand Herbicide Spray.

- Menig Weed Control holds a license for category "E" Forest Pest Control through California Department of Pesticide Regulation
- Menig Weed control visited the proposed project areas in fall of 2023 and delivered a bid price in line with past work considering access and increased cost of materials.
- Menig Weed Control has worked for Tahoe Donner with high quality work in the past.
- Menig Weed control maintains outstanding equipment and has an excellent safety record.

The quote is as follows:

Treatment of 110.1 acres of hand herbicide application at \$475.00 per acre for a total of \$52,297.50





FISCAL IMPACT:

Herbicidal spray cost is budgeted within the Forestry operating budget. The proposed contract is within the 2024 approved budget.

A combination of funds from the Forestry department operational fund 57522 Def Space-TDA (Fuel

Note that applying herbicide at \$475 per acre extends the timeframe for mastication reentry by 5-10yrs at an average cost of \$1500 per acre. In general, where feasible, herbicide application saves the Association significant amounts of money.

ALTERNATIVE:

Staff does not propose any alternative for the Board to consider as this is a critical component in the rotational vegetation maintenance management plan for the Association.

EXHIBITS:

2024 Treatment Map "Spray Areas"

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Board Meeting Date: April 26, 2024

