



**STAFF REPORT:** Truckee Fire Protection District Collection Agreement – Cal Fire Forest Health Grant

**BOARD ACTION:**

**By Motion:**

The Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager to enter into a Collection Agreement between the Tahoe Donner Association and the Truckee Fire Protection District.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Tahoe Donner Association Forestry Department has been working with Truckee Fire Protection District to support a collective application for funding from CAL FIRE’s Forest Health Grant Program since 2023.

The project's initial submittal was not funded, but it was resubmitted and, after gaining a federal partner, was funded in 2024. Seven partners are involved: Sierra Pacific Industries, United States Forest Service-Tahoe National Forest (USFS), Truckee Donner Land Trust, Northstar, Vail, the National Forest Foundation, North Tahoe Fire, and Tahoe Donner. The Nevada and Placer County Cooperative Resilience project proposes collectively treating 2,627 unique footprint acres in various locations between North Tahoe and the greater Truckee Area.

The sub-project for Tahoe Donner will treat 354 acres (including some adjacent USFS property) for fuel reduction (thinning, mastication, chipping, and pruning) and reforestation (site preparation, follow up herbicide application, and tree planting). The grant funding apportionment for the sub-project is \$586,850.

This staff report is prepared for the board of directors to consider authorizing the General Manager to execute a Collection Agreement between Tahoe Donner and the Truckee Fire Protection District to receive the apportioned grant funds for the sub-project implementation in 2025 and 2026.

**OUTREACH:**

Letters of participation by Tahoe Donner Association to California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection:

- Grant Participation letter 2023
- Grant Participation letter 2024



**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None. Truckee Fire Protection District will reimburse Tahoe Donner \$586,850 as identified in the Collective Agreement. Tahoe Donner Association will match \$328,798 with budgeted funds in 2025 and 2026.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The recommended board action is as follows:

By Motion:

The Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager to enter into a Collection Agreement between the Tahoe Donner Association and the Truckee Fire Protection District.

Alternative(s) the Board may consider:

Not authorizing the General Manager to sign the Collection Agreement between Tahoe Donner Association and Truckee Fire Protection District for the Nevada and Placer County Cooperative Landscape Resilience Project Grant. This is not advisable. By not agreeing, Tahoe Donner would forfeit its portion of the grant award, thus requiring identifying additional operating funds to complete the expedited work and slow down the amplified pace of treatment to the highest risk zone of open space.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Exhibit A: Grant participation letter 2023

Exhibit B: Grant participation letter 2024

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Board of Directors Meeting: February 28, 2025