

Truckee River Watershed Council and Tahoe Donner Association Recreation and Restoration Improvement Partnership Agreements

April 25, 2025

TODAY'S OUTCOMES

The Board will consider moving forward with partnership agreements with the Truckee River Watershed Council and moving into the construction phase of the Euer Valley Phase 1 Project

By Motion:

Approve Administrative Resolution 2025-##.

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1. Memorandum of Understanding between Tahoe Donner Association and the Truckee River Watershed Council for Recreation and Restoration Improvements
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TDA - TRWC PARTNERSHIP

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING:

- TDA and TRWC have had a long-standing relationship based on a shared vision of stewardship for local watersheds, including Euer Valley
- The two entities have collaborated for many years on projects and have recognized a need for a long-standing formal agreement
- The *Partnership Memorandum of Understanding* (“MOU”) defines and establishes a long-term partnership based upon mutually agreeable parameters and a shared vision for recreation enhancement, environmental improvement, and restoration



BACKGROUND – EUER VALLEY PHASE 1 "COYOTE CROSSING"

WHY THIS PROJECT?

- TDA, TRWC, and many other entities consider Euer Valley a priority for conservation and restoration. Restoring the meadow and streambed on this property would significantly benefit habitat and water quality.

WHAT IS THIS PROJECT?

The Project will reduce and minimize existing recreational impacts to the meadow and wetland areas through Euer Valley by:

- Replacing the existing singletrack trail (Coyote Trail) through the wet meadow with an elevated boardwalk
- Installing a permanent bridge feature where the existing trail crosses the South Fork of Prosser Creek (Coyote Crossing) for winter and summer use
- Stabilizing an equestrian crossing of the creek
- Repairing rutting, erosion, and drainage crossings along South Euer Valley Road
- Restoring hydrologic functions and riparian features along ½ mile of South Fork Prosser Creek downstream of Coyote Crossing.



TDA – TRWC COLLABORATIVE APPROACH

TDA and TRWC will be working in collaboration on the project through a Non-Exclusive License Agreement and Reimbursement Agreement

NON-EXCLUSIVE LICENSE AGREEMENT:

- TRWC will be utilizing its restoration expertise and will manage and construct all restoration improvements
- The proposed Non-Exclusive License Agreement allows TRWC to perform this work on TDA property
- TRWC takes full responsibility for all restoration components and shall bear all costs, expenses, and overages (for example, change orders) of any kind or nature in connection with its use of the area identified in the License Agreement



TDA – TRWC COLLABORATIVE APPROACH (CONT.)

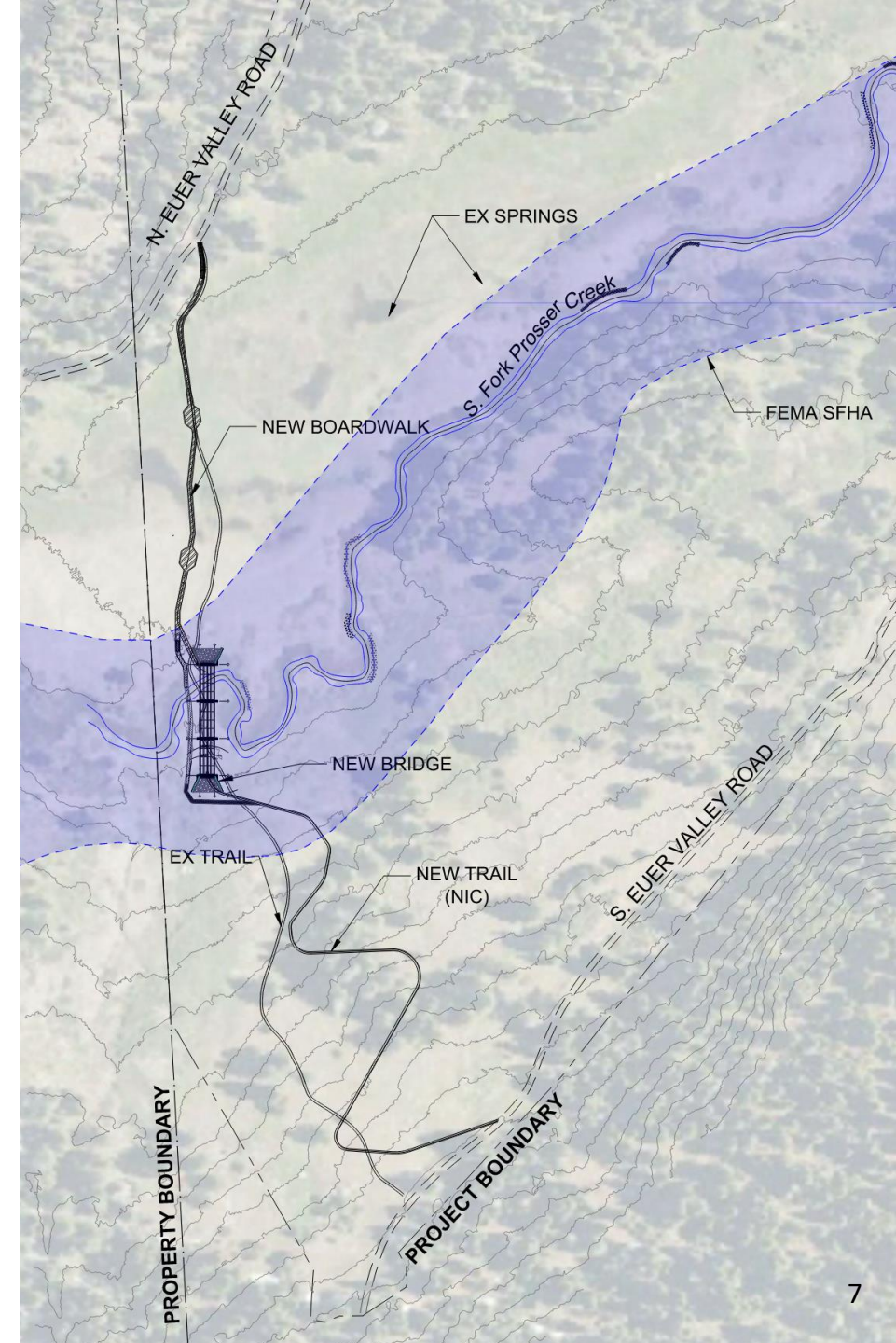
REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT:

- TDA will be utilizing its expertise in bridge and boardwalk construction on TDA property to implement the infrastructure components of The Project, including the construction of a 150' bridge crossing and 512' of boardwalk
- TDA will perform this work under the terms of the proposed Reimbursement Agreement between TDA and TRWC
- TRWC shall bear all costs, expenses, and overages (for example, change orders) of any kind or nature in connection with the work outlined in the Reimbursement Agreement, with the exception of TDA's matching grant fund agreement, not to exceed \$475,000



TDA CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

- TRWC initially bid the project in October 2022. Bid results came in significantly over budget, and all bids were rejected
- TRWC and TDA collaborated to negotiate with qualified contractors to build a team to successfully implement the project
- TDA is proposing to utilize Madole Construction Co., Inc. for the infrastructure improvements
 - Lowest qualified bid for the infrastructure improvements during the bidding process
 - Long-standing relationship with TDA, successfully implementing similar projects at the Nature Loop Trail and the Alder Creek Trail boardwalk at the Alder Creek Adventure Center



FISCAL IMPACT

| Funder | Total Funding | Spent to Date | Funds Remaining | Funds Allocated for Other Expenses | Funds Allocated for Construction |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| State Water Board | 800,000 | 220,740 | 579,260 | 51,912 | 527,348 |
| State Water Board (Additional/Pending) | 200,000 | - | 200,000 | 20,000 | 180,000 |
| SNC | 468,000 | 24,000 | 444,000 | 34,000 | 410,000 |
| Sierra Meadows Partnership | 434,800 | 8,600 | 426,200 | 30,200 | 396,000 |
| Truckee River Fund | 151,000 | 1,500 | 149,500 | 1,500 | 148,000 |
| Nevada County | 40,000 | - | 40,000 | 2,000 | 38,000 |
| TDA | 475,000 | - | 475,000 | - | 475,000 |
| Wildlife Conservation Board | 890,000 | - | 890,000 | 50,000 | 840,000 |
| | \$ 3,458,800 | \$ 254,840 | \$ 3,203,960 | \$ 189,612 | \$ 3,014,348 |

- The total project cost, including an approximate 15% contingency, is \$3,014,348. The secured grant funding from TRWC and the required TDA match funding breakdown are above
- TDA's required match funding of \$475,000 will be funded from the following two components in the Reserve Study:
 - Trail – South Euer Valley Road Repair – Construction Costs – \$124,383
 - Trail – Coyote Crossing Bridge – Construction \$359,124
- Total 2025 budgeted RRF expenditure is \$483,506
- TDA match for grant funds is \$475,000
- The remaining \$8,508 will be used for the trail reroute connection from South Euer Valley Road to the new bridge

NEXT STEPS

AGREEMENTS WITH TRWC:

- Execute MOU, License Agreement, and Reimbursement Agreement with TRWC

CONSTRUCTION:

- Contract with Madole NOW to secure the contractor, pricing, and materials (steel, lumber)
- Construction schedule approximately two and a half months, starting in mid to late summer

COMMUNITY PROJECT IMPACT COMMUNICATION:

- The Project will be heavily noticed in the coming months through a comprehensive communication plan
- Impacts will include both singletrack and doubletrack trail closures



RECOMMENDED ACTION

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