



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 18, 2020

**DATE:** January 15, 2020

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**THROUGH:** Dave Solaro, Assistant County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursements in the amount of [\$3,000] for Fiscal Year 2019-2020; District 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$1,500] grant to the Vya Conservation District to support the group's mission to foster and support natural resource conservation, a [\$1,500] grant to the Washoe Storey Conservation District to support invasive weed eradication and wildfire prevention programming; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds. (Commission District 5)

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### **SUMMARY**

This item requests the Board to approve a Resolution and disburse district funds in the total amount of [\$3,000] for Commission District 5 to the Vya and Washoe Storey Conservation Districts.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities.

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

No previous action taken during Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

### **BACKGROUND**

Modification of guidelines and adoption of resolution for County Commission District Special Funding on February 10, 2015 created Commission District Special Funds for each Commission District. On May 21, 2019 the Board of County Commissioners approved the 2019-2020 Fiscal year budget with special district funds allocated per Commission District in the amount of \$20,000. The monies appropriated are to support needs for all Washoe County residents.

**AGENDA ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_**

Funds appropriated through the Commission District Special Funds must provide substantial benefit to the inhabitants of the County. The recipient must be a non-profit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes, or a government entity. Funds shall not provide any personal or private benefit for the Commissioners, directly or indirectly benefit any campaign efforts by a commissioner, violate Ethics in Government law, or be used to purchase tickets to special events.

Commissioner Berkgigler has elected to support the following organization in fiscal year 2019-20:

- [\$1,500] to the Vya Conservation District (VCD) to support the group's mission to foster and support natural resource conservation. The groups specifically works for contiguous management and eradication of invasive and non-native weeds influencing valuable rangelands and agricultural lands within the Vya District. The VCD also provides cost-sharing on private lands for water conservation, soil protection, native plan enhancement, and habitat protection.
- [\$1,500] to the Washoe Storey Conservation District to support a traveling invasive weed workshop on the containment of the Medusa head weed, the purchase of a pesticide approved for Nevada to be used on study plots to showcase the effectiveness of the pesticide in eradicating the Medusa Head weed, and for wildfire prevention programming.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Sufficient FY20 budget authority exists within the Cost Center District 5 Constituents (C100105) and account Payments to other Agencies (710400). This action requests approval and distribution of a total [\$3,000] to the Vya and Washoe Storey Conservation Districts.

Expense Disbursements are required as follows:

- Vya Conservation District- \$1,500
- Washoe Storey Conservation District- \$1,500

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursements in the amount of [\$3,000] for Fiscal Year 2019-2020; District 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$1,500] grant to the Vya Conservation District to support the group's mission to foster and support natural resource conservation, a [\$1,500] grant to the Washoe Storey Conservation District to support invasive weed eradication and wildfire prevention programming; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds.

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: *"Move to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursements in the amount of [\$3,000] for Fiscal Year 2019-2020; District 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$1,500] grant to the Vya Conservation District to support the group's mission to foster and support natural resource conservation, a [\$1,500] grant to the Washoe Storey Conservation District to support invasive weed eradication and wildfire prevention programming; approve*

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