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STAFF REPORT

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TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve the fiscal year 2019-2020 [payment of \$266,669], paid in quarterly installments beginning July 1, 2019, as Washoe County's share in annual funding for the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency pursuant to NRS 278.0264(7) and an adopted interlocal agreement. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

Washoe County is required by NRS 278.0264(7) and an adopted interlocal agreement to share, together with the Cities of Reno and Sparks, in the annual funding of the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA). Washoe County's share of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 funding is \$266,669. This amount will be paid in quarterly installments beginning on July 1, 2019.

Strategic Objective supported by this item: Regional and Community Leadership

PREVIOUS ACTION

Washoe County has paid its share of the annual funding for TMRPA since the agency was established in 1989. The County Commission authorizes payment of the fee, which enables staff to send the quarterly payments to TMRPA. The last eight years of payments and their amounts are shown below:

- FY 2018-2019 \$255,625
- FY 2017-2018 \$215,420
- FY 2016-2017 \$215,420
- FY 2015-2016 \$205,162
- FY 2014-2015 \$205,162
- FY 2013-2014 \$205,162
- FY 2012-2013 \$205,162

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- FY 2011-2012 \$250,596

BACKGROUND

Regional planning within Washoe County is regulated by NRS Sections 278.026 through 278.029. The Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency is intended to support comprehensive and innovative approaches for regional economic development and regional planning within Washoe County, to include the Cities of Reno and Sparks. In addition, TMRPA is intended to facilitate land-use, infrastructure provisions, and resource management conversations and decisions among the three jurisdictions and with other public and private decision makers.

NRS 278.0264(7) specifically provides that the local governments represented on the Regional Planning Governing Board (RPGB): Washoe County, City of Reno, and City of Sparks, shall enter into an agreement to share the costs associated with regional planning and the TMRPA. The current interlocal agreement is included as Exhibit A to this staff report. The cost sharing ratio outlined within the agreement for regional planning funding is 30% each for Washoe County and the City of Sparks, and 40% for the City of Reno (based on the number of representatives from each jurisdiction on the RPGB).

On April 25, 2019 the RPGB approved the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 jurisdictional allocations for the TMRPA budget (see Exhibit B). Washoe County's 30% share of this funding is \$266,669. This represents an \$11,044 increase from Washoe County's share of the FY 2018-2019 TMRPA budget. This increase represents additional costs associated with the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan update. This update is to be a major review and update of the entire regional plan, and the RPGB approved extending the time frame for the update earlier this year. That extension results in increased costs for the TMRPA, which are in turn reflected in the increased cost for Washoe County (and the two Cities) to support the regional planning agency.

FISCAL IMPACT

Washoe County's share of the TMRPA operating costs for FY 2019-2020 is \$266,669 and will be paid in quarterly installments starting on July 1, 2019. Budget authority for FY20 quarterly installments reside in TM Regional Planning (180280), Payments to Other Agencies (710400).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve the fiscal year 2019-2020 payment of \$266,669, paid in quarterly installments beginning July 1, 2019, as Washoe County's share in annual funding for the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency pursuant to NRS 278.0264(7) and an adopted interlocal agreement.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve the fiscal year 2019-2020 payment of \$266,669, paid in quarterly installments beginning July 1, 2019, as Washoe County's share in annual funding for the Truckee

Meadows Regional Planning Agency pursuant to NRS 278.0264(7) and an adopted interlocal agreement.”

Exhibit A Interlocal Agreement for Sharing Costs to Support the Activities of the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency

Exhibit B FY 19-20 TMRPA Jurisdiction Allocations Memo

cc: Kimberly H. Robinson, Executive Director, TMRPA