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STAFF REPORT
BOARD MEETING DATE: November 17, 2020

DATE: October 22, 2020

TO: Board of County Commissioners

THROUGH: Jamie Rodriguez, Government Affairs
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SUBJECT: Recommendation to appoint either Lane McQuatt or Terri Svetich as one of Washoe County's members to the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

The Truckee River Fund is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit agency that is operated by the Community Foundation of Western Nevada, funded by Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) rate payers and established for the sole purpose of funding projects that protect and enhance water quality or water resources of the Truckee River or its watershed.

A nine member Advisory Committee reviews and makes recommendations on project proposals. The cities of Reno and Sparks and Washoe County each appoint three members of the Committee. Members do not serve established terms, but rather "at the pleasure of their respective local governments." One of Washoe County's appointees, Sue Donaldson, has recently resigned. Other Washoe County appointees currently serving are Don Mahin (appointed in 2016) and Brian Bonnefant (appointed 2017).

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Stewardship of Our Community.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On May 9, 2017, the board appointed Brian Bonnefant to replace John Mosley on the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee.

On May 10, 2016, the Board appointed Don Mahin to replace Jerry Purdy on the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee.

On June 17, 2014, the Board appointed Susan Lynn to replace John Mosley on the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee.

April 14, 2009, the Board appointed Sue Donaldson to replace Susan Lynn on the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee.

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On June 10, 2008, the Board appointed John Mosley to replace Daryl Gardipe on the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee.

On September 14, 2004, the Board appointed Susan Lynn, Arlan Melendez, and Jerry Purdy to the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee.

BACKGROUND

The Truckee River Fund is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit agency that is operated by the Community Foundation of Western Nevada, funded by TMWA rate payers and established for the sole purpose of funding projects that protect and enhance water quality or water resources of the Truckee River or its watershed. General duties of the Advisory Committee are to make recommendations to the TMWA Board and Foundation Board regarding distributions of income and principal from the Fund to potential charitable beneficiaries and any other aspects of the administration of the Fund as considered appropriate by the Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee meets at least quarterly to conduct Fund business, review and update the requests for proposal and/or review project proposals prior to funding meetings and selects potential projects for funding. Projects must be in compliance with the exclusive purposes of the Fund and the Community Foundation's policies and has the responsibility of securing preliminary approval from the TMWA Board, has the responsibility of seeing final approval from the Foundation Board and reviews project reports and reports to the Advisory Committee on the progress of funded projects. The Advisory Committee reviews accountings for the Fund at least annually.

Applicants received were from Lane McQuatt and Terri Svetich

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with Washoe County's making appointments to or participating in the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners appoint either Lane McQuatt or Terri Svetich as one of Washoe County's members to the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to appoint (Lane McQuatt or Terri Svetich) as one of Washoe County's appointees to the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee."