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STAFF REPORT

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve the resolution to augment the Capital Improvements Fund in the amount of [\$484,017] to increase expenditure authority for capital projects from the January and February 2017 flood events for fiscal year 2017-18; and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget amendments. Manager. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

Approval of the attached resolution to augment the Capital Improvements Fund in the amount of \$484,017 is requested. This request is needed to appropriate the proceeds from the sale of water rights that were committed by the Board of County Commissioners in FY16-17 to be used for costs associated with the January and February 2017 flooding events. The proceeds from the sale of water rights reside in the Capital Improvements Fund unappropriated fund balance in the amount of \$2,895,600.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

On May 23, 2017, the BCC approved and adopted the County Manager's recommended Capital Improvements Plan for Fiscal Years 2018-2022.

On June 27, 2017, the BCC approved the commitment of proceeds received from the sale of water rights in Fiscal Year 2016-17 totaling \$2,895,600 in the Capital Improvements Fund to be used for costs associated with the January and February 2017 flooding events.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

On October 24, 2017, the BCC approved a resolution to augment the Capital Improvements fund in the amount of \$391,865.90 for carry over funding for projects not completed in FY16-17.

On April 24, 2018, the BCC is being asked to award bids in the Capital Improvement Fund for three parks and trails projects that will make various repairs from the January and February 2017 flooding events.

BACKGROUND

Washoe County experienced two federally declared disasters in January and February of 2017. Both disasters were floods and many of Washoe County's parks, trails, and facilities were affected. Staff began a rapid assessment of damage immediately after the floods to determine if there was enough damage to be declared a federal disaster. Once the federal disasters were declared (January was 4303 and February was 4307), Washoe County officials began working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). FEMA representatives were assigned to specific project areas. Once assigned, Washoe County staff provided tours for FEMA representatives of the damaged areas to further assess and create project work orders for the specific areas. Once a project work order is assigned, Washoe County has the ability to receive 75% reimbursement from FEMA for the total cost of repairs.

FEMA has a standardized form, and each damaged area must apply to a specific category: A. debris removal, B. emergency protective measures, C. roads and bridges, D. water control facility, E. buildings and equipment, F. utilities, and G. parks, recreational facilities, other. There were two projects that were under the building and equipment category during the January flood (WASHE03 and WASHE13), and three parks/trails related projects (WASHG10, WASHG11, WASHG12). There was one park project from the February flood (4307) that was WASHG57.

Washoe County has 18 months from the time the disaster was declared to completion. For the January flood (4303), all work must be completed by August 17, 2018. For the February flood (4307), all work must be completed by September 27, 2018. Depending on the circumstances, Washoe County can apply for extensions on the completion date.

Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 354.598005 and Nevada Administrative Code 354.410 set for the requirements for budgetary augmentations. Available resources for a mid-year budget augmentation are:

- An opening balance which is larger than anticipated;
- Revenues in excess of those budgeted;
- Revenues generated from previously unbudgeted sources; or
- An unappropriated ending balance of a fund for capital projects.

In this case, since these are capital projects, the County can augment any of the unappropriated ending Fiscal Year 2016-17 fund balance from the Capital Improvements Fund.

FISCAL IMPACT

If approved, \$484,017 of the \$2,895,600 proceeds from the water rights that were committed for the costs associated with the January and February 2017 flooding events are available in fiscal year 2017-18 unappropriated fund balance of the Capital Improvements Fund that will result in an increase in expenditure appropriation for the following capital projects:

Cost Object	G/L Account	Amount
Source of Funds:		
Unappropriated Fund Balance		\$484,017
Expenditures:		
FL021702.870 WASHG57-Swan Lake Nature Area Trails/Dock	781080	\$115,680
FL011702.841 WASHG10-Parks Flood Damage Repair	781004	\$166,286
FL011702.853 – WASHG11-County Trails and Reconstruction	781009	\$202,051

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended to approve the resolution to augment the Capital Improvements Fund in the amount of [\$484,017] to increase expenditure authority for capital projects from the January and February 2017 flood events for fiscal year 2017-18; and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve the resolution to augment the Capital Improvements Fund in the amount of [\$484,017] to increase expenditure authority for capital projects from the January and February 2017 flood events for fiscal year 2017-18; and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget amendments."