

WASHOE COUNTY

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DATE: July 24, 2020
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Eric Crump, Operations Division Director Community Services Dept., 328-3625, ecrump@washoecounty.us
THROUGH: Dave Solaro, Assistant County Manager
SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve a License for Access and Staging of Snow Removal Equipment between Washoe County and Truckee Meadows Water Authority [\$700 annual cost, plus a one-time cost reimbursement to TMWA for electrical improvements, not to exceed \$5,000]. (Commission District 2.)

SUMMARY

Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) owns a parcel of property, commonly known as the Shawna BPS Property, APN: 045-582-13, in Reno, Nevada. This property is located near Shawna Lane and Millie Lane in the Callahan Ranch area. Washoe County Roads has historically staged snow removal equipment at this location to serve the Callahan Ranch area during winter. The location has access to electricity, so the snow removal equipment can be plugged in and provides for quicker response to snow removal in this area. The license would allow for continued use of the parcel for staging snow removal equipment between October 1 through May 1 each year, as well as a dedicated access to an electrical source.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

None

BACKGROUND

Washoe County Roads stages snow removal equipment in certain areas of Washoe County to quickly and more effectively respond to snow removal during the winter. The Callahan Ranch area typically gets more snow during the winter than the valley floor and having snow removal equipment staged in this area provides for a better response to snow removal during winter storms. Historically, Washoe County Roads has staged a loader plow at this location, as the loader can be plugged in to electricity, to keep the loader's battery charged and the diesel motor from freezing.

This parcel was owned by Washoe County as part of the previous Washoe County Water Resources Department. During the merger of Washoe County Water Resources and TMWA, this parcel was transferred to TMWA. The license agreement allows for some electrical site improvements specifically, to provide a dedicated electrical service for snow removal equipment. Washoe County will reimburse TMWA actual costs of the improvement not to exceed \$5,000. Additionally, Washoe County will pay \$700 annually for the use of the parcel and to cover electrical expenses incurred by TMWA.

FISCAL IMPACT

FY21 budget authority for the one-time reimbursement expense, not to exceed \$5,000, plus an annual fee of \$700 exists in the Roads Fund (216), Roads Maintenance (216002), Payments to Other Agencies (710400) and Other Expense (710500).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve a License for Access and Staging of Snow Removal Equipment between Washoe County and Truckee Meadows Water Authority [\$700 annual cost, plus a one-time cost reimbursement to TMWA for electrical improvements, not to exceed \$5,000].

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve a License for Access and Staging of Snow Removal Equipment between Washoe County and Truckee Meadows Water Authority [\$700 annual cost, plus a one-time cost reimbursement to TMWA for electrical improvements, not to exceed \$5,000]."