



## TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting Date: May 5, 2026

**DATE:** April 12, 2026

**TO:** Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Board of Fire Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve the purchase of seventy-one (71) KNG-M150 mobile wildland radios and miscellaneous wildland radio accessories, in an amount not to exceed \$295,500.00 from BlackPoint L.L.C., located at 1407 Arlen Lane, Gardnerville, NV 89410, utilizing Nevada Purchasing's Statewide Contract #99SWC-NV22-10244 pricing (All Commission Districts). FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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### SUMMARY

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### PREVIOUS ACTION

December 16, 2025, The Board of Fire Commissioners accepted a grant from The William N. Pennington Foundation in the amount of \$3,213,727 with a grant match component of \$1,377,311 for the Priority Needs Capital Equipment and Apparatus project that included the purchase of three new Type I fire engines and corresponding loose equipment, mobile data computers (MDCs) and parts for district wide mobile computer upgrades, VHF portable and mobile radios replacement, and self-contained breathing apparatus ("SCBA") upgrades and replacements.

### BACKGROUND

Over the last few years, staff have consistently focused their radio equipment purchases on upgrading the 800 MHz system to the P25 system. As a result, the District's VHF wildland radio inventory is aging and becoming antiquated. These radios are no longer produced by manufacturers, causing parts to become scarce and repair costs to rise. All federal and state

firefighting agencies continue to use the VHF radio system exclusively. The District must maintain an inventory of VHF radios to ensure interoperability at the state and national levels.

These radios will meet the federal interoperability requirements of the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC), enhancing first responders' ability to communicate with all neighboring jurisdictions and operate more safely and effectively within the National Response Framework.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

This purchase was included in the District's application for a grant, subsequently awarded by the William N. Pennington Foundation. There are sufficient funds in the District's capital fund with the Board's previous acceptance of this grant.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board approve the purchase of seventy-one (71) KNG-M150 mobile wildland radios and miscellaneous wildland radio accessories, in an amount not to exceed \$295,500.00 from BlackPoint L.L.C., utilizing Nevada Purchasing's Statewide Contract #99SWC-NV22-10244 pricing.

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board/s agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion could be:

*"I move to approve the purchase of seventy-one (71) KNG-M150 mobile wildland radios and miscellaneous wildland radio accessories, in an amount not to exceed \$295,500.00 from BlackPoint L.L.C. utilizing Nevada Purchasing's Statewide Contract #99SWC-NV22-10244 pricing."*