



TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

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DATE: April 1, 2024
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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve and accept a Community Wildfire Protection Plan developed by the Reserve at Monte Rosa Homeowners Association. (Commission District 2) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

This item is to approve and accept a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) developed by the Reserve at Monte Rosa Homeowners Association (TRMR).

PREVIOUS ACTION

None

BACKGROUND

A wildfire event can be a costly and devastating event within a community. More homes are at risk from wildland fires as people continue to move into and build within the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI). The Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HFRA) of 2003 was established to provide assistance to communities to prevent the impacts of wildfire events within the community. The HFRA defines the minimum requirements for a CWPP to mitigate the wildfire risk to a community. Vegetation management and wildfire protection within the Wildland-Urban Interface areas can help reduce or eliminate the negative impact of a wildfire event. The HFRA, through the CWPP, encourages and empowers communities to take action to ensure that their homes are prepared and protected during a wildfire event, as staffing and resources may prevent the fire agencies from being able to put fire engines at every home for protection.

A CWPP can be an effective tool to encourage vegetation management and wildfire protection within a community situated in a Wildland-Urban Interface area. Development and implementation of a CWPP can reduce the risk of wildfire by creating defensible and survivable spaces while maintaining aesthetic enjoyment of natural vegetation and features of the land

within the WUI. The CWPP will also create compliance with the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code, as adopted by Washoe County Code 60, NRS 472, 473, 474, 477, NAC 477 and SB-94 for the Lake Tahoe Basin.

The CWPP provides a mechanism for collaboration within a community and with local emergency response agencies for strategies and resources to establish and maintain healthy land management and fuel mitigation. This collaborative process encourages and clarifies the priorities of the community to protect life, property, critical infrastructure and valued resources. The CWPP allows the community to prioritize and implement what it feels is a plan for mitigation and management of vegetation and create survivable space for the community should a wildfire event occur.

The homeowners within TRMR have developed a CWPP for their community. They have consulted Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and Nevada Division of Forestry to develop this plan. This plan outlines what risk reduction strategies TRMR will enact to manage wildland vegetation and reduce wildfire risk. Their collaboration as a community and with local emergency response agencies has produced a document they will use to implement wildfire mitigation strategies to provide defensible and survivable space within the community should a wildfire event occur. This CWPP will also enable TRMR to apply for state and federal funding to support their goals for vegetation management and wildfire protection and continue their efforts as a Fire Adapted Community within the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact on the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District with the acceptance of this CWPP.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board of Fire Commissioners approve and accept a Community Wildfire Protection Plan developed by the Reserve at Monte Rosa Homeowners Association.

POSSIBLE MOTION

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

"I move to approve and accept a Community Wildfire Protection Plan developed by the Reserve at Monte Rosa Homeowners Association."