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STAFF REPORT

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DATE: February 2, 2026

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners to (1) approve the release of Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Mitigation funds for use on the Lower Rosewood Creek Aquatic Organism Passage Project [in the amount of \$40,000.00] and the Burnt Cedar Water Quality Improvement Project [in the amount of \$50,000.00] and to authorize distribution of the funds to the Nevada Tahoe Conservation District to support Washoe County's Lake Tahoe Lake Clarity Crediting Program, and (2) approve an interlocal agreement between Washoe County and Nevada Tahoe Conservation District for the Lower Rosewood Creek Aquatic Organism Passage Project authorizing work within Washoe County right-of-way. (Commission District 1.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

Washoe County Community Services Department (CSD) requests to notify the Board County Commissioners of the intent to use a portion of Washoe County's Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) Mitigation Funds to provide financial support to its partner, Nevada Tahoe Conservation District (NTCD), for the development of a Stream Environmental Zone improvement project and a Water Quality improvement project, both located within Incline Village. These projects directly benefit Washoe County's Lake Tahoe Lake Clarity Crediting Program and improve stream habitat within the Incline Village area of Washoe County.

TRPA collects mitigation funds on behalf of Washoe County from development projects within the Lake Tahoe Basin, enabling Washoe County to apply those funds to projects that mitigate the impacts of development in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

On February 25, 2026, TRPA Board of Directors will approve the release of \$40,000.00 from Washoe County's TRPA Stream Environmental Zone Mitigation Funds in support of the Lower Rosewood Creek Aquatic Organism Passage Project and the release of \$50,000.00 from Washoe County's TRPA Water Quality Mitigation Fund in support of the Burnt Cedar Water Quality Improvement Project. Both projects are located within the Lake Tahoe Basin and will be managed by Washoe County through NTCD.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

NTCD will be completing all work related to the Lower Rosewood Creek Aquatic Organism Passage Project, which includes culvert replacement and miscellaneous construction activities within Washoe County right-of-way. CSD requests the Board of County Commissioners to approve the an interlocal agreement between Washoe County and NTCD to allow NTCD to replace and construct stormwater features in Washoe County right-of-way under the Lower Rosewood Creek Aquatic Organism Passage Project.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Economic Impacts: Support a thriving community.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On August 28, 2024, the TRPA governing board authorized the use of \$40,080.00 of Washoe County's TRPA Water Quality and Operation and Maintenance Mitigation Funds by NTCD in support of Washoe County's compliance efforts for the Lake Tahoe Lake Clarity Crediting Program. The Board did not take action on this distribution of funds.

On September 20, 2022, the Board approved the authorization to use \$592,903.00 of TRPA Water Quality Mitigation funds to provide match funding for design and construction elements for the Lower Wood Creek Phase II water quality improvement Project.

BACKGROUND

The Lower Rosewood Creek Aquatic Organism Passage Project is being planned, designed, and managed by NTCD. Washoe County will submit invoices to TRPA requesting the release of funds to NTCD. This project will improve culvert crossings in Rosewood Creek in urbanized Incline Village to allow salmonids access to stream habitat along Rosewood Creek. The existing culverts and standpipes were installed in 2003 as part of water quality improvement projects to reduce the transport of fine sediment particles to Lake Tahoe. Since the installation of these culverts, upstream water quality projects have reduced fine sediment loading in the stream at the point of these culverts, rendering them redundant and not unnecessary. This project will remove the existing culverts and replace them with box culverts to allow the passage of aquatic species. In addition, this project will improve stream habitat which improves the aesthetic of the surrounding community, benefitting Washoe County. Washoe County and NTCD will be entering into an interlocal agreement to allow NTCD to conduct necessary work under this project within Washoe County's right-of-way in Incline Way.

The Burnt Cedar Water Quality Improvement Project is also being planned, designed, and managed by NTCD. Washoe County will submit invoices to TRPA requesting the release of funds to NTCD as well as provide operation and maintenance support during construction. This project will improve stormwater control facilities upstream of Burnt Cedar Beach in Incline Village, reducing the loading of fine sediment particles onto the facilities in Burnt Cedar Beach. This project will construct stormwater treatment facilities in Washoe County rights-of-way and Incline Village properties to reduce the burden of fine sediment particles in Burnt Cedar Beach stormwater facilities. Adding treatment

facilities improve lake clarity and increase Washoe County's contributions under the Lake Clarity Crediting Program.

FISCAL IMPACT

TRPA collects, and holds, mitigation funds on behalf of Washoe County from development projects within the Lake Tahoe Basin, enabling Washoe County to apply those funds to projects that mitigate the impacts of development in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

If release of \$40,000.00 in TRPA Mitigation Funds for the Lower Rosewood Creek Aquatic Organism Passage Project and release of \$50,000.00 in TRPA Mitigation Funds for the Burnt Cedar Water Quality Improvement Project are approved, NTCD will submit invoices to Washoe County for review, and if approved, Washoe County will forward the invoice to TRPA for payment to NTCD.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (1) approve the release of Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Mitigation funds for use on the Lower Rosewood Creek Aquatic Organism Passage Project [in the amount of \$40,000.00] and the Burnt Cedar Water Quality Improvement Project [in the amount of \$50,000.00] and to authorize distribution of the funds to the Nevada Tahoe Conservation District to support Washoe County's Lake Tahoe Lake Clarity Crediting Program, and (2) approve an interlocal agreement between Washoe County and Nevada Tahoe Conservation District for the Lower Rosewood Creek Aquatic Organism Passage Project authorizing work within Washoe County right-of-way .

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to (1) approve the release of Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Mitigation funds for use on the Lower Rosewood Creek Aquatic Organism Passage Project [in the amount of \$40,000.00] and the Burnt Cedar Water Quality Improvement Project [in the amount of \$50,000.00] and to authorize distribution of the funds to the Nevada Tahoe Conservation District to support Washoe County's Lake Tahoe Lake Clarity Crediting Program, and (2) approve an interlocal agreement between Washoe County and Nevada Tahoe Conservation District for the Lower Rosewood Creek Aquatic Organism Passage Project authorizing work within Washoe County right-of-way."