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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 14, 2026

**DATE:** March 6, 2026

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve Resolution R26-20 calling a public hearing (to be set for May 12, 2026) on the amendment of the Service Area and Contaminant Boundaries (Program Boundaries) of District No. 24 (Remediation Program/Central Truckee Meadows Remediation District) in Washoe County, Nevada; providing for notice of hearing and for other matters properly related thereto. The Remediation Program monitor and remediate existing tetrachloroethene (PCE) contamination in groundwater in the central Truckee Meadows area, which requires updating the Program Boundaries annually. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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### **SUMMARY**

In accordance with NRS 540A.250-285 and Washoe County Ordinance 1000, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) administers the Central Truckee Meadows Remediation District program (Remediation Program) through the Community Services Department (CSD), Engineering and Capital Projects Division. In continued support of the Remediation Program, staff reviews and amends the Remediation Program boundaries annually. The two boundaries that are reviewed and amended are the Service Area Boundary and the Contaminant Boundary. Modifications to the Service Area boundary occur because the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) service area changes annually due to development changes and subsequent changes to potable water use. The Contaminant Boundary may change annually and may be updated appropriately to reflect changes to the extent and location of groundwater contamination, resulting in certain parcels being subject to increased or decreased remediation fees.

In general, modifications to the Service Area and Contaminant Boundaries are made annually and require Board action, including a resolution to establish the date for a public hearing and a first and second readings to amend the governing ordinance. Therefore, in

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accordance with NRS540A, staff recommends to the Board the approval of Resolution R26-20 (Attachment 1) to set a public hearing for May 12, 2026, to properly amend the Remediation Program boundaries.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Fiscal Sustainability

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

Resolutions by the Board to hold public hearings to consider changes to the Remediation Program boundaries have been adopted annually since the boundaries were first established in 1997.

### **BACKGROUND**

In 1997, in accordance with NRS 540A.250(1), the Board created, through the adoption of Ordinance 1000, District No. 24 (Groundwater Remediation), a project within Washoe County providing for the collection of the costs for possible remediation of PCE where found in groundwater. This was initiated upon certification that a condition existed within the area and that it was reasonable to physically remove the contaminant or alternatively, if the State of Nevada determined it to be below regulatory thresholds with no threat to the community, no further action may be recommended and approved. With the subsequent certification by the District Health Officer and the NDEP administrator, District No. 24 Remediation Program was created to address PCE contamination of groundwater in the central Truckee Meadows.

The Groundwater Remediation Program identified two boundaries. The Contaminant Boundary defines the areas within the Truckee Meadows where PCE contamination exists and can be effectively remediated. The Service Area boundary includes wholesale and retail service areas where the Truckee Meadows Water Authority owns municipal water supply wells located within the Contaminant Boundary. TMWA also provides wholesale water to Sun Valley General Improvement District and Parr-Reno Water Company and therefore those areas are subject to the Remediation Program fees. TMWA is the only municipal water purveyor that has water supply wells within the Contaminant Boundary.

Each year the Contaminant and Service Area boundaries may be amended to reflect any parcels added to or removed. These changes could include:

- 1) Service Area Boundary - Parcels added into or removed from the wholesale and retail service area of affected water purveyors, and to exclude properties that are federally owned, properties that are undeveloped, and properties that receive water service wholly independent from those purveyors; and
- 2) Contaminant Boundary - Parcels added into or removed from the area where the condition requiring remediation has been determined by the Board to be present, including any area to which the condition is expected to migrate unless remediation is carried out.

Attachment 2, Preliminary Fee and Parcel Boundaries, will be included in the April 14, 2026, public hearing, which identifies those parcels added into or removed from the

Service Area Boundary during calendar year 2025 and identifies those parcels that are excluded since they did not receive potable water from TMWA during 2025.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The annual costs associated with the amendment of the Service Area and Contaminant Boundaries are accounted for in the Remediation Program annual operation and maintenance programs budget under Fund 266. These boundary amendments provide accurate identification and enable subsequent collection of fees that supports the Remediation Program.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve Resolution R26-20 calling a public hearing (to be set for May 12, 2026) on the amendment of the Service Area and Contaminant Boundaries (Program Boundaries) of District No. 24 (Remediation Program/Central Truckee Meadows Remediation District) in Washoe County, Nevada; providing for notice of hearing and for other matters properly related thereto. The Remediation Program monitors and remediates existing tetrachloroethene (PCE) contamination of groundwater in the central Truckee Meadows area, which requires the Program Boundaries to be updated annually.

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with the staff recommendation, a possible motion would be: “Move to approve Resolution R26-20 calling a public hearing (to be set for May 12, 2026) on the amendment of the Service Area and Contaminant Boundaries (Program Boundaries) of District No. 24 (Remediation Program/Central Truckee Meadows Remediation District) in Washoe County, Nevada; providing for notice of hearing and for other matters properly related thereto. The Remediation Program monitors and remediates existing tetrachloroethene (PCE) contamination of groundwater in the central Truckee Meadows area, which requires the Program Boundaries to be updated annually.”

Attachment 1 Public Hearing Resolution

Attachment 2 Map showing the proposed amended 2026 Service Area boundary including areas annexed into or removed from the service area during calendar year 2025.