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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 16, 2026

**DATE:** April 24, 2026

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve: (1) release of Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Mitigation Funds for use on the Upper Third and Rosewood Creeks Water Quality Improvement Phase I Project [in the amount of \$202,346.75]; (2) compensate the Nevada Tahoe Conservation District (NTCD) for engineering and technical support to Washoe County for the Lake Clarity Crediting Program [in the amount of \$33,311.00]; and (3) award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the Upper Third and Rosewood Creeks Water Quality Improvement Phase I Project, PWP-WA-2026-301 [staff recommends FW Carson Co. in the amount of \$809,387.00]. This project is funded by grants from the Nevada Division of State Lands and the subject Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Mitigation Funds. This is for the retroactive grant term of June 1, 2026, through November 30, 2027, and if approved, direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. (Commission District 1.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION.

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### 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 for the development of the Upper Third and Rosewood Creeks Water Quality Improvement Phase I Project (Project), located within Incline Village, and also to provide financial support to Nevada Tahoe Conservation District (NTCD) for its assistance to Washoe County in the Lake Clarity Crediting Program through engineering and technical support services.

In addition, the CSD also requests approval of the bid award and Agreement to FW Carson Co., the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the same project.

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.

AGENDA ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_

On May 27, 2026, TRPA Board of Directors approved the release of \$202,346.75 from Washoe County’s TRPA Water Quality Mitigation Funds to support the Project. At the same TRPA board meeting, the release of \$33,311.00 was approved by TRPA from Washoe County’s Operation and Maintenance Mitigation Funds to fund Washoe County’s ongoing agreement with NTCD for the Lake Tahoe Crediting Program (LCCP) in support of Washoe County’s Lake Tahoe Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) through September 30, 2027 via engineering and technical support services. Since 2015, Washoe County has partnered with NTCD to implement the first years of the Crediting Program in support of the Lake Tahoe TMDL. The next phase of this project (2020-2021) will assist Washoe County in meeting the 2021 load reduction milestone by registering pollutant controls such as stormwater treatment best management practices (BMPs), private parcel BMPs, and road operations. NTCD will support Washoe County by reviewing and creating models, performing rapid assessment methodology (RAMs), helping determine inspection and maintenance frequency for treatment BMPs, and registering catchments in the Lake Tahoe Information Stormwater Tools.

The Project is the next project on the TMDL priority list and is being implemented in accordance with Washoe County’s Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP). Washoe County also participates in the TRPA Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) in the Lake Tahoe Basin, and this is the next project on Washoe County’s 5-year list of EIP water quality improvement projects (EIP No 01.01.01.0176).

The Nevada Division of State Lands (NDSL) has awarded funding to Washoe County in the amount of \$4,000,000.00 for all portions of the Project through the Nevada Division of State Lands and the Fund to Protect Lake Tahoe funding agreement.

In accordance with the NDSL grant guidelines, Washoe County must provide a minimum match of 25% of the total project funding. As part of the match, the County will use TRPA Mitigation Funds in the amount of \$202,346.75 (25%), which was approved for release by the TRPA Board on May 27, 2026.

Sealed bids for the Upper Third and Rosewood Creeks Water Quality Improvement Project Phase I were opened on April 23, 2026. The list of bids received for the project is as follows:

| <b>Upper Third and Rosewood Creeks Water Quality Improvement Project Phase I</b> |                       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Bidder</b>                                                                    | <b>Amount</b>         |
| FW Carson Co.                                                                    | \$809,387.00          |
| KP Construction                                                                  | \$967,898.00          |
| MKD Construction, Inc.                                                           | \$988,173.00          |
| RaPiD Construction                                                               | \$932,239.00          |
| <b>Engineer’s Estimate</b>                                                       | <b>\$1,190,000.00</b> |

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

Economic Impacts: Meet the needs of our growing community.

Fiscal Sustainability: Long-term sustainability.

Staff has verified in the System for Award Management Exclusions that no bidder is excluded from receiving federal government contracts as a result of being debarred; thus, none of the bidders is prohibited by NRS 338.017(2) from being awarded a public works contract.

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

March 10, 2026 – The Board accepted Water Quality Mitigation Funds from the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency to Washoe County for 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.

May 23, 2023 – The Board of County Commissioners awarded the bid and approved of the construction Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the Lower Wood Creek Water Quality Improvement Phase II Project. CSD recommended McCuen Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$3,058,679.96. This project was funded by the awards approved by the Board in previous meetings, as described below.

April 25, 2023 - The Board accepted Subgrant Agreement Control #DEPS 23-019 from the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Protection for the Lower Wood Creek Phase II Water Quality Improvement Project [in the amount of \$153,000] for the Lower Wood Creek Phase II Water Quality Project.

February 28, 2023 - The Board accepted Amendment #1 to the Nevada Division of State Lands Fund to Protect Lake Tahoe Project Funding Agreement for the Lower Wood Creek Phase II Water Quality Improvement Project which increases the award amount by \$478,743.00; reduces the Washoe County cost share by \$48,753.00; and extends the agreement through March 31, 2024

September 20, 2022 – The Board of County Commissioners (Board) accepted Water Quality Mitigation Funds from the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency to Washoe County [in the amount of \$592,903.00] for the Lower Wood Creek Phase II Water Quality Project.

December 14, 2021 – The Board of County Commissioners (Board) accepted the Nevada Department of State Lands and the Fund to Protect Lake Tahoe funding agreement in the amount of \$2,021,257.00 with a Washoe County cash/in-kind match in the amount of \$673,753.00 for the purpose of planning, design, and construction of the second phase of a Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) in Incline Village to improve water quality and aid Washoe County in achieving Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) load reductions. The project is an extension of Lower Wood Creek WQIP Phase I, and has a design, planning, and

construction component. Water quality design and construction elements for the Lower Wood Creek Phase II WQIP may include storm drainpipes and manholes, concrete curb and gutter, shoulder stabilization, channel improvements, infiltration chambers, catch basins, water quality treatment basins, culvert improvements, rock slope protection and revegetation to control erosion and improve water quality; and approved the funding agreement with a grant period retroactive from October 18, 2021 through March 31, 2023; and, directed the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

February 25, 2020– The Board accepted and approved a Nonpoint Source Grant Program 319(h) subgrant agreement from the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection for the Lower Wood Creek Phase I Water Quality Improvement Project [in the amount of \$200,000] with match [in the amount of \$280,000] for the period the date the subgrant agreement is approved by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection through March 31, 2022, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

### **BACKGROUND**

CSD continues its efforts to meet the Lake Tahoe TMDL requirements established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The goal of the TMDL is to reduce the pollutant load in urban stormwater runoff that reaches Lake Tahoe. Within Nevada, the TMDL is implemented through an agreement approach and in 2016 Washoe County updated an ILA with NDEP to comply with obligations and commitments towards achieving the identified load reduction milestones and associated credit targets.

Specifically, one of the requirements of the ILA is to maintain a five-year list of priority pollutant control projects to reduce sediment loading and to implement those projects. Additionally, the County commits to “oversee and coordinate financing for all aspects of pollutant control implementation including planning and design, construction, and activities related to Crediting Program participation. The County, as an implementing entity, will pursue self-funded and external funding sources to implement the [projects].”

In further efforts to improve the water quality and transparency of Lake Tahoe, Washoe County has participated in the TRPA EIP in the Lake Tahoe Basin since the inception of the program. This has been done through the implementation of erosion control and water quality improvement projects and enhanced road maintenance practices within the County right-of-way to improve the water quality of urban storm runoff discharging to Lake Tahoe.

The possibility exists for the County to pursue future federal funding for this project. If awarded, any and all federal funds will be applied only to the construction phase of the project.

### **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Mitigation Funds

**Scope of the Project:** This funding will be used to install stormwater control facilities that capture fine sediment particles in urbanized areas in Incline Village, specifically the Incline Village 1 neighborhood.

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** The Project will improve water quality entering Lake Tahoe by reducing fine sediment and stormwater pollutants originating from developed areas within Incline Village. The installation of stormwater treatment and erosion control infrastructure will help protect Lake Tahoe’s clarity, support environmental sustainability, and assist Washoe County in meeting federally mandated Lake Tahoe Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements.

In addition, the Project will improve drainage infrastructure, reduce localized erosion and roadway runoff impacts, and enhance the long-term resiliency of public infrastructure within the community. These improvements help preserve the environmental, recreational, and economic value of Lake Tahoe for residents and visitors alike.

**On-Going Program Support:** Grant funds will not be used to support costs of ongoing programs.

**Award Amount:** \$202,346.75

**Grant Period:** June 1, 2026, through November 30, 2027

**Funding Source:** TRPA

**Pass Through Entity:** N/A

**Assistance Listing #/ N/A**

**Grant ID Number:** Project EIP 06.01.03.004

**Match Amount and Type:** \$0.00

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** None

**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 \$33,311.00 in TRPA Mitigation Funds for continued support of NTCD for the Lake Clarity Crediting Program is 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.

If release of \$202,346.75 in TRPA Mitigation Funds for use on the Upper Third and Rosewood Creeks Water Quality Improvement Phase I Project is approved, CSD adopted budget will be increased by \$202,346.75 in both revenues and expenditures. Finance will be directed to make the necessary budget amendments upon approval.

Should the Board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY26 Washoe County adopted budget will be increased by \$202,346.75 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

| <b>Cost Object &amp; Description</b>        | <b>G/L Account &amp; Description</b> | <b>Amount</b>  |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| IO12677 - Upper Third TRPA Mitigation Funds | 431100 - Federal Grants              | (\$202,346.75) |

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|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| IO12677 - Upper Third TRPA Mitigation Funds | 818000 – Transfer to Intrafund | \$202,346.75   |
| PW925004 – Upper Third Rosewood Creek WQIP  | 781001 – Land Imprv Capital    | \$202,346.75   |
| PW925004 – Upper Third Rosewood Creek WQIP  | 818000 – Transfer to Intrafund | (\$202,346.75) |

Total grant funds amount to \$202,346.75. No ongoing and future expenditures are associated with this grant.

Sufficient budget authority for this bid award and contingency is available in the FY26 budget in the Capital Improvement Fund (402), Upper Third and Rosewood Creeks Water Quality Improvement Project (PW925004), Construction Contracts (781080).

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners approve: (1) release of Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Mitigation Funds for use on the Upper Third and Rosewood Creeks Water Quality Improvement Phase I Project [in the amount of \$202,346.75]; (2) compensate the Nevada Tahoe Conservation District (NTCD) for engineering and technical support to Washoe County for the Lake Clarity Crediting Program [in the amount of \$33,311.00]; and (3) award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the Upper Third and Rosewood Creeks Water Quality Improvement Phase I Project, PWP-WA-2026-301 [staff recommends FW Carson Co. in the amount of \$809,387.00]. This project is funded by grants from the Nevada Division of State Lands and the subject Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Mitigation Funds. This is for the retroactive grant term of June 1, 2026, through November 30, 2027, and if approved, direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: “Move to approve: (1) release of Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Mitigation Funds for use on the Upper Third and Rosewood Creeks Water Quality Improvement Phase I Project [in the amount of \$202,346.75]; (2) compensate the Nevada Tahoe Conservation District (NTCD) for engineering and technical support to Washoe County for the Lake Clarity Crediting Program [in the amount of \$33,311.00]; and (3) award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the Upper Third and Rosewood Creeks Water Quality Improvement Phase I Project, PWP-WA-2026-301 [staff recommends FW Carson Co. in the amount of \$809,387.00]. This project is funded by grants from the Nevada Division of State Lands and the subject Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Mitigation Funds. This is for the retroactive grant term of June 1, 2026, through November 30, 2027, and if approved, direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.”

