



## **TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STAFF REPORT**

**Board Meeting Date: October 7, 2025**

**DATE:** September 17, 2025

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

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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve the release of a surplus 2007 Morbark Chipper Trailer VIN#4S8SZ161X7W070952, FD5060 in "as is" condition from Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District to Washoe County Parks and Open Space Department, in the amount of \$0.00. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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### **SUMMARY**

This item is a recommendation to approve the release of a surplus 2007 Morbark Chipper Trailer VIN#4S8SZ161X7W070952, FD5060 in "as is" condition from Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) to Washoe County Parks and Open Space Department (WC Parks), in the amount of \$0.00.

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

None

### **BACKGROUND**

On March 13, 2007, the BOFC for the Sierra Fire Protection District (SFPD) approved a funding request to jointly purchase a 2007 Morbark Drum Chipper Trailer in cooperation with WC Parks. While WC Parks had been awarded a \$15,000 grant from the Washoe County Air Quality Division (Air Quality) to partially fund the purchase, the SFPD funded the remaining \$11,435 matching cost from budgeted funds. Together the agencies had shared the use of the chipper trailer on various fuels reduction projects throughout Washoe County, grinding up large quantities of vegetation piles, with the goal of reducing the wildfire threat to the overall community.

Over the years, the SFPD, and subsequently the TMFPD wildfire and fuels reduction program have evolved. During this time the TMFPD's use of the 2007 Morbark Chipper declined significantly as other more modern and capable chipping equipment took over the role.

TMFPD now has a fleet of chippers of the same make and model, that are easily maintained by staff, who are trained on a fleet of like machines, and can complete their assigned projects without having to schedule the use of the equipment shared with WC Parks. In turn, WC Parks has been solely using the 2007 Morbark Chipper for close to a decade now, providing for 100% funding of its operation and maintenance in order to maintain our community's parks. The chipper plays a huge part in the WC Parks Christmas Tree Recycling efforts each winter as well as other fuels reduction efforts that their staff manages.

TMFPD would like to relinquish full control, ownership, and responsibility of the 2007 Morbark Chipper Trailer FD5060 to WC Parks at a cost of \$0.00. The equipment has served its purpose with the District, has been replaced by more appropriate pieces of equipment, and still has the mechanical capabilities to serve in a valuable role with WC Parks programs fuels reduction efforts. As WC Parks will continue to operate and maintain the equipment, which they have already been doing for several years now, there should be little to no financial or operational impacts to either agency. Rather, WC Parks will now become the legal sole owner/operator of the equipment.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The 2007 Morbark Chipper Trailer is fully depreciated and therefore has a \$0 book value. There is not a fiscal impact for the transfer, and the asset and accumulated depreciation will be removed from the District's FY25/26 Government Wide financial statements. The District will not recognize either a gain or loss.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Board approve the release of a surplus 2007 Morbark Chipper Trailer VIN#4S8SZ161X7W070952, FD5060 in "as is" condition from Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) to Washoe County Parks and Open Space Department (WC Parks), in the amount of \$0.00.

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

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

*"I move to approve the release of a surplus 2007 Morbark Chipper Trailer VIN#4S8SZ161X7W070952, FD5060 in "as is" condition from Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District to Washoe County Parks and Open Space Department, in the amount of \$0.00."*