



STAFF REPORT

Date: July 21, 2021

To: TRPA Governing Board

From: TRPA Staff

Subject: Release of City of South Lake Tahoe Stream Environment Zone (SEZ) Mitigation Funds (\$225,000), Water Quality Mitigation Funds (\$200,000), and Water Quality Interest Mitigation Funds (\$50,000), towards acquisition of property and easements for the Tahoe Valley Greenbelt and Stormwater Improvement Project

Summary and Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Governing Board approve the City of South Lake Tahoe’s request, subject to the conditions cited below. The request is consistent with the Environmental Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan objectives, Chapter 60 of the TRPA Code of Ordinances, and the Governing Board’s policy guidelines for the release of mitigation funds.

Required Motion:

To approve the requested release, the Board must make the following motion:

- 1) A motion to approve the release subject to the conditions contained in this memorandum.

In order for the motion to pass, an affirmative vote of any eight Board members is required.

Proposed Funding Release			
EIP #	PROJECT	Fund	Amount
01.01.01.0033	Tahoe Valley Greenbelt and Stormwater Improvement Project	SEZ	\$225,000.00
01.01.01.0033	Tahoe Valley Greenbelt and Stormwater Improvement Project	AQ	\$200,000.00
01.01.01.0033	Tahoe Valley Greenbelt and Stormwater Improvement Project	AQI	\$50,000.00
	Total Funding Requested		\$475,000.00

Background:

The City of South Lake Tahoe is requesting the release of Stream Environment Zone (SEZ) Mitigation Funds (\$225,000), Water Quality Mitigation Funds (\$200,000), and Water Quality Interest Mitigation Funds (\$50,000), towards the acquisition of property and easements, necessary for the Tahoe Valley Greenbelt and Stormwater Improvement Project.

The project includes multi-benefit stormwater, SEZ, bicycle and pedestrian path improvements, and recreational amenities. Water quality and SEZ improvements, will include upgrading existing drainage ways and drainage systems to spread, treat, infiltrate, and retain flows from roadways, commercial areas, and other high priority, areas in accordance with the Lake Tahoe TMDL. Pedestrian and bicycle enhancements will include improving connectivity within the project area and to regional networks.

The requested Water Quality Mitigation Funds will be used to complete two property and easement acquisitions (near McDonald's and the CVS Pharmacy) deemed central to the project. The requested Water Quality Interest funds will be used to complete the design of a new water quality treatment facility.

CONCEPTUAL PLAN



DESIGNWORKSHOP
June 2018

The unencumbered account balances for the City of South Lake Tahoe as of May 19, 2021, are, \$272,365.69 for the SEZ fund, \$207,737.54 for the Water Quality fund, and \$205,111.91 for the Water Quality Interest fund, which are sufficient to cover this request.

Conditions:

Staff recommends approving the release of these funds subject to the following conditions of approval:

1. The City shall only use the funds for the project cited above and as approved by TRPA.
2. TRPA reserves the right to withhold funds to ensure project priorities, goals, and objectives are consistent with those of the Environmental Improvement Program and TRPA's Regional Plan.
3. The City agrees to follow all laws, codes, and regulations adopted by federal, state, and local authorities/agencies.
4. The City agrees to maintain a report detailing the use and expenditures of all funds used on the project. These records shall be made available for review and audit by TRPA within thirty (30) calendar days upon written request.
5. All mitigation funds not used as described above shall be returned to TRPA. Upon written approval from TRPA, these funds may be re-allocated to another project.
6. The City agrees to request from TRPA a final inspection no later than 30 days after completion of the project.
7. TRPA approved signage shall be used on all projects during construction to identify TRPA as a funding source and shall include the EIP logo.
8. The City agrees to report the applicable EIP Performance Measures achieved by this project.

Regional Plan Compliance: The proposed release complies with the TRPA Regional Plan and Code of Ordinances.

Contact Information: If you have any questions regarding this item please contact Tracy Campbell at tcampbell@trpa.gov or by phone at (775) 589-5267, or Kimberly Caringer, Division Manager, Environmental Improvement Program at kcaringer@trpa.gov or by phone at (775) 589-5263 .

Attachment:

- A. EIP Project Fact Sheet

Attachment A
EIP Project Fact Sheet


