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STAFF REPORT

Date: July 15, 2026

To: TRPA Governing Board

From: TRPA Staff

Subject: Release of City of South Lake Tahoe Stream Environment Zone Mitigation Funds ($31,779), Water Quality Interest Mitigation Funds ($11,092), and Water Quality Mitigation Funds ($53,369) for the Upper Bijou Park Creek Restoration Project.

Summary and Staff Recommendation:
Staff recommends that the Governing Board approve the City of South Lake Tahoe's (the City) request for the release of $96,240 in Mitigation Funds toward the Upper Bijou Park Creek Restoration Project (EIP Project No. 01.01.01.0184), subject to the conditions cited below.

The request is consistent with the Environmental Improvement Program, 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 staff report

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

Background:
The Upper Bijou Park Creek Restoration Project is a watershed-scale effort that addresses water quality degradation and flooding within the Upper Bijou Park Creek watershed, one of the most urbanized watersheds in the Lake Tahoe Basin. The project restores stream environment zones (SEZs), improves stormwater infrastructure, reduces sediment and nutrient loading, and enhances watershed resilience through natural treatment systems.

In August 2024, the TRPA Governing Board approved the release of $400,000 in mitigation funds to support implementation of Phase 2 of the project. Since that time, the City has continued construction and implementation activities across multiple project components. The current request is for an additional $96,240 in mitigation funds to support ongoing construction and associated implementation activities.

During the 2025 construction season, the City completed two components of the overall restoration project: the Rockwood to Blackwood Drainage Improvements and the Aloha Basin.

During the 2026 construction season, the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) will enhance SEZ within the project area, while the City will complete the Tamarack culvert within the City right-of-way. Implementation of the Needle Peak Localized Treatment project component is planned for the 2027 construction season. The requested mitigation funds will support construction and implementation of the City's project components.

As of May 31, 2026, the unencumbered balances in the City of South Lake Tahoe's mitigation fund accounts were $31,779.54 for Stream Environment Zone, $11,092.70 for Water Quality Interest, and $53,369.22 for Water Quality. These balances are sufficient to cover the requested release.

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 comply with all applicable laws, codes, and regulations adopted by federal, state, and local governmental authorities.

4. The City agrees to maintain a report detailing the use and expenditure of all funds used on the project. These records shall be made available for review and audit by TRPA within 30 calendar days of a 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 EIP signage shall be used on all projects 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 in the EIP Tracker.

Contact Information:
For questions regarding this agenda item, please contact Tracy Campbell at (775) 589-5257 or tcampbell@trpa.gov.

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Attachment:

A. EIP Project Fact Sheet

Attachment A

Upper Bijou Park Creek Restoration Project
EIP Project Fact Sheet

Lake Tahoe
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Upper Bijou Park Creek Restoration Project

Project Number	01.01.01.0184
Action Priority	Reduce Stormwater Pollution From: Roads and Highways, Forest Roads, Public and Pr Parcels
Implementers	City of South Lake Tahoe
Primary Contact	Brianna Greenlaw (bgreenlaw@cityofslt.us)
Stage	Implementation
Duration	2016 - 2030

Stormwater Management Program > Reduce Stormwater Pollution From: Roads and Highways, Forest Roads, Publ and Private Parcels

The Upper Bijou Park Creek Restoration Project is a watershed-scale project seeking to address water quality & flooding issues in a phased approach to provide treatment for urban runoff in an approximately 850-acre watershed that discharges to Lake Tahoe via Ski Run Marina. The City completed Phase 1 in 2018 with the Knights Inn redevelopment, replacing the failing storm drain with new treatment basins and conveyance system. The City is currently finishing Phase 2 of the project (design), focused on the large upper watershed that includes 8 separate projects. Phase 3 (construction) begins with one of the projects, Rockwood to Blackwood, in May 2025. The other projects are currently unfunded.

2/7/2017 Flooding on Shirley Ave (3593 Shirley)

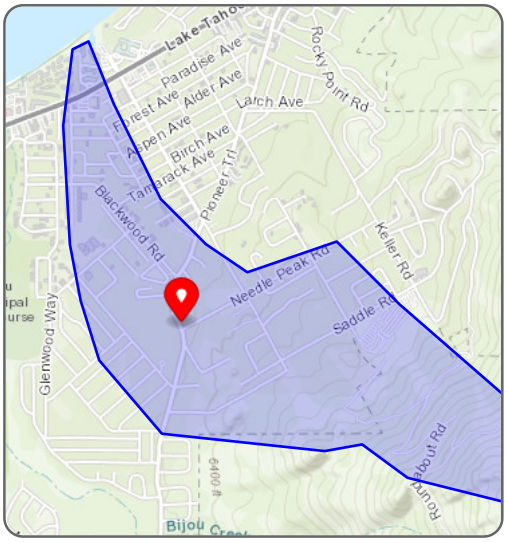
Key Accomplishments

Accomplishments to be provided upon completion of project

Threshold Categories

- Soil Conservation
- Water Quality

Location



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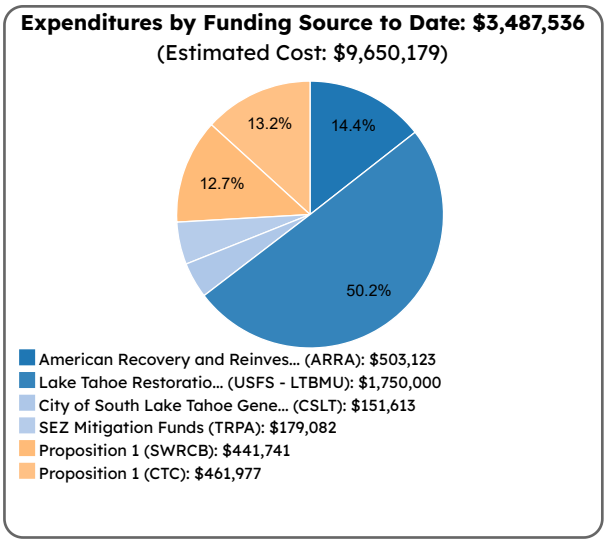


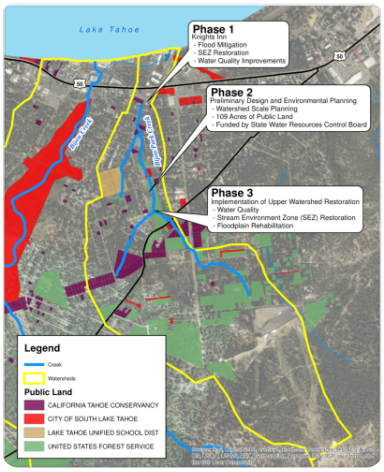
Photos

Before

3/10/2016 -Flooding of Heavenly Valley Mobile Home Park

3/10/2016 - Flooding of 3747 Woodbine

During



Project Map

After

3755 Rockwood - After acquisition and demolition funded by CTC Prop. 1

3755 Rockwood - After acquisition and demolition using CTC Prop. 1 funding

Learn more at restoretahoe.org

Project Fact Sheet Data as of 07/15/