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STAFF REPORT

Date: June 17, 2026

To: TRPA Governing Board

From: TRPA Staff

Subject: Release of El Dorado County Water Quality (WQ) Mitigation Funds ($50,000.00) towards the Fallen Leaf Road Rehabilitation Project

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Summary and Staff Recommendation:
Staff recommends that the Governing Board approve El Dorado County's request for the release of $50,000.00 in Water Quality Mitigation Funds toward the Fallen Leaf Road Rehabilitation Project (EIP Project No. 01.01.01.0203), subject to the conditions cited below.

This request is consistent with the Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) objectives, the TRPA Code of Ordinances, and the Governing Board's policy guidelines for the release of mitigation funds.

Required Motion:
To approve the 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 motion to pass, an affirmative vote of any eight Board members is required.

Project Description/Background:
The Fallen Leaf Road Rehabilitation Project is an Environmental Improvement Program project that will improve approximately five miles of Fallen Leaf Road extending from State Route 89 to Stanford Sierra Camp. The project is intended to improve roadway condition, address substandard roadway geometry, and install drainage improvements that will reduce stormwater runoff impacts and extend the service life of the roadway.

The project is planned in three phases. The current funding request will support planning, design, and implementation activities associated with Phase 1, which extends approximately 0.6 miles from State Route 89 to the Fallen Leaf Lake Campground. This section of roadway experiences high recreational use from passenger vehicles, recreational vehicles, and service vehicles accessing Fallen Leaf Lake Campground and surrounding public lands.

Due to the narrow roadway width and constrained geometry, vehicles often have difficulty passing one another, resulting in resource impacts adjacent to the roadway and contributing to water quality

concerns. Proposed improvements include roadway reconstruction, correction of substandard roadway geometry, installation of drainage infrastructure, and roadway widening from approximately 20 feet to 26 feet, including two 11-foot travel lanes and 2-foot shoulders. Safety improvements will include updated signage and pavement striping consistent with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

By improving drainage conveyance and reducing stormwater runoff impacts from the roadway, the project supports the goals of the Environmental Improvement Program and TRPA's Water Quality Threshold Standards.

The requested Water Quality Mitigation Funds will provide funding match for a Lake Tahoe Restoration Act award of $1,000,000, and will support planning, design, and implementation activities.

The unencumbered Water Quality (WQ) Mitigation Fund account balance for El Dorado County is $842,363.90, which is sufficient to cover this request.

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

1. The County 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 County agrees to follow all laws, codes, and regulations adopted by federal, state, and local authorities/agencies.

4. The County 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 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 reallocated to another project.

6. The County 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 during construction to identify TRPA as a funding source and shall include the EIP logo.

8. The County 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 tcampbell@trpa.gov, or by phone at (775) 589-5267.

Contributing Public Comment:

- Written**:** Please submit comments by 3 p.m. the day before the meeting.
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- You may also send by mail, fax to (775) 588-4527, or drop off in person at 128 Market Street.

Attachment:

A. EIP Project Fact Sheet

Attachment A

EIP Project Fact Sheet

Lake Tahoe
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Fallen Leaf Road Rehabilitation Project

Project Number	01.01.01.0203
Action Priority	Reduce Stormwater Pollution From: Roads and Highways, Forest Roads, Public and Pr Parcels
Implementers	El Dorado County, CA
Primary Contact	Donaldo Palaroan (donaldo.palaroan@edcgov.us)
Stage	Planning/Design
Duration	2025 - 2030

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

Fallen Leaf Road is ~5 miles in length from SR 89 to the south end of Fallen Leaf Lake at Stanford Sierra Camp. The proposed project will complete roadway improvements in three phases: 1) SR89 to the Campground (0.6 miles); the Campground to Tahoe Mtn (1.8 miles), and Tahoe Mtn to Stanford Sierra Camp (2.9 miles). Proposed improvements will include improving the pavement condition, eliminating substandard roadway geometry, and install drainage improvements to extend the service life of the roadway. Widening of the roadway from SR 89 to the campground will be evaluated along with paving the existing roadway pullouts from the campground to Tahoe Mountain to improve the safety for all users

Fallen Leaf Road with poor conveyance under roadway

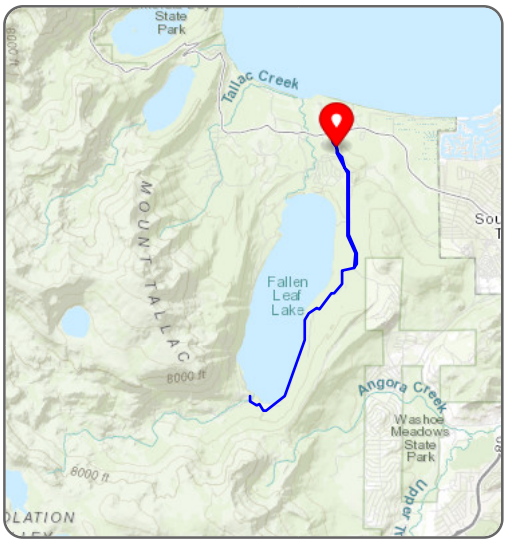
Key Accomplishments

Accomplishments to be provided upon completion of project

Threshold Categories

- Transportation and Sustainable Communities
- Water Quality

Location



Expenditures

No expenditures provided

Photos

Before

Fallen Leaf Road, near the first gate headed towards Tahoe Mountain

Fallen Leaf Road at Campground Entrance

Learn more at restoretahoe.org

Project Fact Sheet Data as of 06/16/