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STAFF REPORT

Date: July 15, 2020

To: TRPA Governing Board

From: TRPA Staff

Subject: Release of Placer County Water Quality Interest Mitigation Funds ($10,000), and Air Quality Interest Mitigation Funds ($50,000) for Phase 1 of the North Tahoe Recreational Access Plan

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Summary and Staff Recommendation:
Staff recommends that the Governing Board approve Placer County's request, subject to the conditions cited below. The request is consistent with the Environmental Improvement Program 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**
01.01.04.0088	North Tahoe Recreational Access Plan	WQI	$10,000.00
01.01.04.0088	North Tahoe Recreational Access Plan	AQI	$50,000.00
	Total Funding Requested		**$60,000.00**

Background:
Placer County is requesting $10,000 in Water Quality Interest Mitigation Funds, and $50,000 in Air Quality Interest Mitigation Funds, for Phase 1 of the North Tahoe Recreational Access Plan.

As the demand for recreation access to public lands increases, Placer County recognizes the need for improved infrastructure to handle the load and to minimize environmental impacts.

The intent of the North Tahoe Recreation Access Project is to improve access to active transportation networks, and address water quality issues at impacted trailheads. By improving local access to recreation amenities, users will be able to leave their personal vehicles and access recreation sites via trails on foot, or by bicycle.

Phase 1 of the North Tahoe Recreation Access Project will identify issues at existing recreational access points, and develop solutions for improved access and water quality. Project implementation is scheduled for 2022.

The requested funds will complement an OHV grant of $120,748 from California State Parks to create a package that will fund planning and design for the project.

Placer County – Project Funding – Phase 1 NTRA Plan			
	TRPA Mitigation	**Grant Funding**	**Total Budget**
Placer County Funds (Grant)			
OHV Grant		$120,748	$120,748
EIP Mitigation Funds			
WQI Mitigation Fund	$10,000		$10,000
AQI Mitigation Fund	$50,000		$50,000
Total	**$60,000**	**$120,748**	**$180,748**

As of July 2, 2020, the unencumbered account balances for Placer County, are $21,333.71 for the Water Quality Interest fund and $75,196.22 for Air Quality Interest, 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 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 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 County 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 County 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 Kimberly Caringer, Division Manager, Environmental Improvement Program at kcaringer@trpa.org or by phone at (775) 589-5263.

Attachment:

A. EIP Project Fact Sheet

Attachment A
North Tahoe Recreational Access Plan– Placer County
EIP Project Fact Sheet

North Tahoe Recreational Access Water Quality Improvements (Phase 1)

Project Number	01.01.04.0088
Action Priority	Retrofitting Public and Private Facilities With Best Management Practices
Implementers	Placer County, CA
Primary Contact	Kansas McGahan (kmcgahan@placer.ca.gov)
Stage	Planning/Design
Duration	2020 - 2022

Stormwater Management › Retrofitting Public and Private Facilities With Best Management Practices

As competing recreation access demands on public lands increase, the need to balance competing uses and interests is imperative. Placer County aims to better manage recreational opportunities so that they best suit recreation, while supporting social and environmental values, so that growing number of user conflicts and environmental impacts are minimized. This project will work with partners in the Basin to address water quality, user conflict and access issues at trailheads and backcountry access points in Placer County. Phase 1 of the North Tahoe Recreational Access Plan will identify water quality issues at recreational access points, develop a plan, and implement at recreation sites.

Brockway Summit User Conflicts & Water Quality Issues

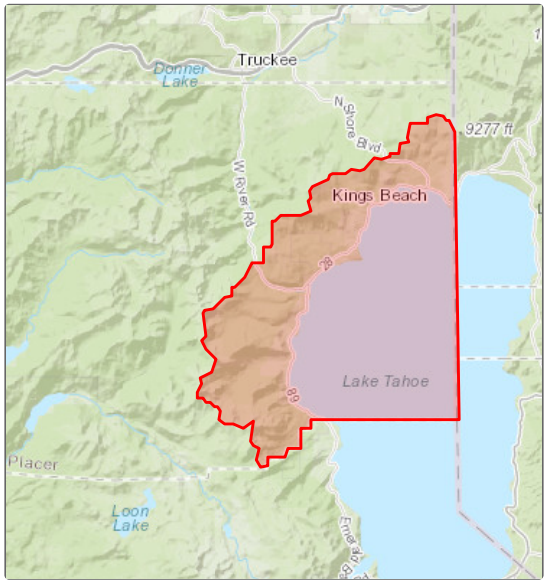
Key Accomplishments

Accomplishments to be provided upon completion of project

Threshold Categories

- Recreation
- Water Quality

Location



Expenditures

No expenditures provided