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STAFF REPORT

Date: February 19, 2020

To: TRPA Governing Board

From: TRPA Staff

Subject: Transfer of previously released Water Quality Interest Mitigation funds in the amount of \$12,392 from Phase One (complete) to Phase Three (active) of the Lake Clarity Crediting Program Support Services Project

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Summary and Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Governing Board approve the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) 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 transfer, the Board must make the following motion:

- 1) A motion to approve the transfer 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.

Background:

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) is requesting the transfer of the remaining balance of \$12,392 in Water Quality Interest Mitigation Funds from phase one (complete) to phase three (active) of the Lake Clarity Crediting Program Support Services Project.

The original fund release was approved by the TRPA Governing Board in 2010. Washoe County, Douglas County and the City of South Lake Tahoe all contributed Water Quality Interest Mitigation Funds to the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP), who managed the Crediting Program Project. The balance of \$12,392 is the unused portion of these funds.

Phase one of the project provided water quality planning assistance to help local jurisdictions learn the protocols, tools, and methods of the Lake Clarity Crediting Program. Phase three of the project will complete improvements to the Lake Tahoe Info Stormwater Tools online platform.

The project goal for phase three is consistent with the original intent to assist local jurisdictions with their participation in the Lake Clarity Crediting Program.

The reallocation redistributes previously released funds and does not impact current fund balances.

Conditions:

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

1. The recipient shall only use the funds for the projects 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 Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) agrees to follow all laws, codes, and regulations adopted by federal, state, and local authorities/agencies.
4. The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) 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. These funds may not be used for design studies, environmental documents, application costs, or other pre-design tasks.
7. The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) agrees to report the applicable EIP Performance Measures achieved by this project.

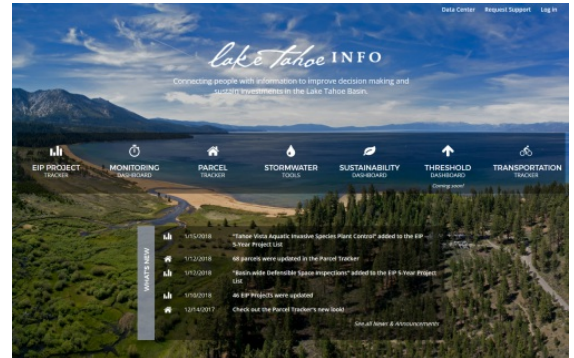
Regional Plan Compliance: The proposed release complies with the TRPA Regional Plan and Code of Ordinances.

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Attachment:

- A. EIP Project Fact Sheet – LT INFO Program Oversight and Tracking

Attachment A  
LT INFO Program Oversight and Tracking



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