



OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT



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FUELS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

DATE: May 28, 2024

TO: District Board Members

FROM: Brad Chisholm, Fire Chief; Jessica Asher, Program Manager & Board Secretary

SUBJECT: Fuels Management Program – Update

BACKGROUND: The Board of Directors directed staff to provide progress reports regarding Fuels Management at its monthly meetings for items not otherwise addressed within the Board agenda. Information about the program can be found on the Department's Prevention website under the Wildfire Preparedness and Wildfire Prevention tabs. <https://www.ovpsd.org/ovfd/prevention>

DISCUSSION: OV-1: Olympic Valley Fuel Reduction Project
Cross Check Services resumed work on the OV-1 project in early May. By the end of last season, the road work was completed and 30% of the 120-acre project area had been addressed. Specifically, operations had taken place on approximately 50 acres, with 35 acres fully treated. As of May 15th, an additional 20 acres have been fully treated, bringing the total to 55 acres. Staff is planning to host a site visit to the project this summer, as conditions allow.

FISCAL/RESOURCE IMPACTS: The District has been awarded \$1,085,911 in grant funding to plan and implement fuels management projects, as summarized below.

Project	Grantor	Date Awarded	Funding	% Complete
Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)	CAL FIRE	Oct. 2021	\$31,898	100%
Fuels Reduction: North Ridge – OV-1 (120 acres)	CAL FIRE	Nov. 2022	\$539,888	45%
Fuels Reduction: Evacuation Corridor O.V. Road – OV-3 (3 acres)	Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation (TTCF)	July 2022	\$50,000	0%
	Trout Unlimited / Friends of Squaw Creek	Nov. 2021	\$19,000	100%
Fuels Reduction: Community Buffer – OV-4 (127 acres)	Design and Permitting - TTCF / CAL FIRE	July 2023	\$45,125	30%
	Implementation – Truckee Tahoe Airport District	April 2024	\$400,000	0%

The District has an on-call contract with Danielle Bradfield, a Registered Professional Forester and founder of Feather River Forestry, for grant writing and consulting services. This contract has a not-to-exceed amount of \$20,000 annually. Staff dedicate significant time to developing our Fuels Management Program and administering grant contracts.

Expenses related to the Green Waste Days (GWD) are funded through rates and the Garbage Fixed Asset Replacement Fund (FARF), which currently has a balance of approximately \$139,000. The estimated costs for this program include the Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal (TTSD) delivery, pick-up, and disposal of three 30-cubic yard containers per GWD, along with administration, and labor. These costs are expected to be approximately \$3,300 per event, assuming that Friends of Olympic Valley (FoOV) and the Firewise Community can provide volunteers for the six District-sponsored GWDs.

RECOMMENDATION: This report is informational only; no action is requested from the Board.

ATTACHMENTS: None.

DATE PREPARED: May 24, 2024