



OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT



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FUELS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

DATE: October 29, 2024

TO: District Board Members

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

SUBJECT: Fuels Management Program – Update

BACKGROUND: Comprehensive 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-3 Olympic Valley Road Fuel Reduction Project Update

The OV-3 Project is a 3-acre hazardous fuel reduction project, primarily located on privately owned lands in Olympic Valley near the “S-Turn” on Olympic Valley Road. The Contractor expects the project to take approximately one week and be completed in November.

OV-4 Community Buffer Fuel Reduction Project

The OV-4 project aims to reduce wildfire risk by establishing a minimum 150-foot-wide shaded fuel break around residential areas in the Valley. It is funded by the District, the Truckee Tahoe Airport District, and the Truckee North Tahoe Fire Management Program (through Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation and CAL FIRE).

The Phase 1 project was reduced to 70 acres, and the request for proposals was advertised on October 18th, with bids due November 11th. The intention is to enter into a contract this calendar year and start the work in the spring once soil conditions allow.

Green Waste Days

The Friends of Olympic Valley (FoOV), the OV Firewise Community, and the District teamed up to host five green waste disposal days this summer, offering residents a free way to dispose of green waste from their properties. The District has received positive feedback about this initiative and is grateful to our partners for their efforts in building a more fire-resilient community.

	GREEN WASTE COLLECTED (CU. YD)	
Event	2023	2024
June	210	150
July	150	90
August	120	120
September	120	60
October	60	60
	660	480

Green Waste-Only Dumpster Rebate Program

In July 2021, following the termination of curbside green-waste collection by TTSD, the PSD Board approved a rebate program to fully reimburse the expense of renting a six-cubic-yard green-waste-only dumpster. This program has been continued through FY '24. The program is first-come, first-served and has a cap of \$10,000 for FY '24, allowing one rebate per garbage customer per year. The funds are primarily from the Garbage Fixed Asset Replacement Fund (FARF) and property tax for non-garbage customers.

	FY '21-22	FY '22-23	FY '23-24	FY '24-25
Rate	\$128.93	\$136.67	\$146.03	\$154.76
Number of rebates	18	29	36	7
Reimbursed Expense	Valley	\$1,524	\$3,006	\$4,844
	River Rd.	\$523	\$950	\$438
	Total	\$2,046	\$3,956	\$5,282

Since the rebate was introduced in 2021, **90 rebates** have been provided for a total expense of **\$12,368**.

Defensible Space Inspections (DSI):

Crews continue to conduct DSI on residential, STR and commercial occupancies. Placer County is mandating all STR permits be updated by November 1st. This has resulted in a significant increase in demand for STR DSI inspections which OVFD, with help from Nicole Whiteman, have so far been able to accommodate. OVFD will enforce PRC 4291 and note Zone Zero deficiencies and Home Hardening opportunities. OVFD is near completion of inspection of 100% of all single-family residences in Olympic Valley.

FISCAL/RESOURCE IMPACTS: The District has been awarded almost \$1.4M 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	99%
Fuels Reduction: Evacuation Corridor O.V. Road – OV-3 (3 acres)	Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation (TTCF)	July 2022	\$50,000	10%
	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	55%
	Implementation – Truckee Tahoe Airport District	April 2024	\$400,000	0%
	Implementation - TTCF / CAL FIRE	August 2024	\$350,000	0%

The District has an on-call contract with Danielle Bradfield, a Registered Professional Forester and Owner 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. 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 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: October 21, 2024