



OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT



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FUELS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

DATE: November 18, 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-2/Additional OV-4 Phase Two Project Area

Registered Professional Forester Danielle Bradfield is evaluating a different approach that would look at the merits of combining OV-2 with the northern portion of the OV-4 Community Buffer Project (Phase 2). OV-2 is a large area adjacent to OV-1 (along the northern ridgeline); and OV-4. By combining OV-2 and OV-4, mechanical treatment may be feasible on a more significant portion of OV-4, potentially lowering costs and improving effectiveness. Bradfield plans to conduct a field evaluation this fall and prepare updated permit documents to make the area shovel-ready should future grant funding be awarded.

Defensible Space Inspections (DSI):

With Placer County's November 30th deadline approaching for all short term rentals complete DSI, our crews and administration have been extremely busy accommodating the many last-minute requests. OVFD has successfully completed DSI inspections on 100% of residences in Olympic Valley – a notable achievement and unmatched by any other local Fire District. Even more remarkable is that our line firefighters perform this work. OVFD will continue to

enforce PRC 4291 (code that covers CA Defensible Space laws) and note Zone Zero deficiencies and Home Hardening opportunities.

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: November 12, 2024