



# OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT BOARD REPORT



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**SUBJECT:** Contract Approval – OV-3 Fuel Reduction

**EXHIBIT:** F-5, 5 Pages

Charley Miller, General Manager;

**AUTHOR:** Brad Chisholm, Fire Chief;

**MEETING DATE:** July 29, 2025

Jessica Asher, Program Manager

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Authorize the General Manager to execute contract documents with Cross Check Services for an amount not-to-exceed \$70,000 to complete the OV-3 Forest Fuels Reduction Project.

**DISCUSSION:** The OV-3 project targets a 2.7-acre area adjacent to Olympic Valley Road at the S-Turn, where young-growth Lodgepole Pine exceeds 1,800 stems per acre, although appropriate stand density should range between 25-50 trees per acre. This excessive density contributes to meadow drying, conifer encroachment, and increased hazardous fuel continuity next to a critical evacuation route.

Project benefits include reducing hazardous fuel loading adjacent to the community's evacuation route and within close proximity to homes, protecting the meadow system from conifer encroachment, improving access to the meadow, and increasing sun exposure on a historically shady and icy area, resulting in safer conditions on the bike path and Olympic Valley Road.

Though initiated in 2021, implementation has been delayed due to short access windows as meadow soils remain saturated most of the year, and the need to avoid summer bike trail closures. Scheduling has also been difficult in fall, when contractors are busy, and the project size is modest.

In July 2024, the Board approved a \$50,000 contract with Cross Check Services. Since then, staff have worked with Cross Check Services to finalize a scope of work within that budget. However, additional traffic control requirements to reroute the bike trail and comply with Placer County's encroachment permit exceed the original cost estimate. Staff have worked to secure additional funding, provided by the Truckee Tahoe Airport District, and recommend increasing the contract to \$70,000 to complete the work.

Cross Check Services is well-qualified and equipped with low-impact machinery that complies with the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board's Category 4 Timber Waiver. Mechanical thinning will be used where possible, with some hand work required. All trees under 16" DBH will be cut, chipped, and removed, with slash managed to leave no more than 2 inches of residual chips. The project must adhere to the best management practices for environmental protection and fire suppression within the Project's specifications. The contractor will handle all required traffic control. Bike trail rerouting is expected, while vehicular traffic impacts are not anticipated. The project is expected to be completed within one week.

**FISCAL/RESOURCE IMPACTS:** \$50,000 grant from Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation's Forest Futures Program and \$20,000 from the Truckee Tahoe Airport District will fund the cost of the contract.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Cross Check Services Proposal

**DATE PREPARED:** July 17, 2025



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**Re: OV-4 S turns Fuel Reduction Project**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with a proposal to complete the meadow restoration thinning and fuel reduction. I have made an effort to address each of the stated bid parameters below:

-This price is contingent on CCS retaining ownership of all timber removed from the project and will pay associated timber tax.

- 1) **Price:** \$40,000\* to cut trees by description, chip and remove slash, remove all possible wood material, and limit residual chip and slash to 3".

**\*Traffic Control is Not included in the base project price**

- Traffic control is required for one-lane traffic control on Olympic Valley Road and closure of the adjacent bike trail
- CCS will coordinate all traffic control operations and obtain necessary permits from Placer County
- Services will be billed on a time-and-materials basis, with a not-to-exceed amount of \$30,000
- Traffic control will be provided in accordance with Placer County Department of Public Works requirements and reimbursed by OVPSD

This total proposed price includes the costs of:

- Falling trees using a CTL wheeled harvester or power saws as required.

- Forwarding and removal of marked and prescribed timber, and chipping over **98%** of material including slash and non-embedded ground fuels on the project area.
- Chipping and removing material
- Any necessary post harvest cleanup, ripping and sub-soiling landings and forwarder trails, BMP's, and/or any follow-up hand treatment.

**2) Start Date:** To be determined depending on soil conditions

**3) Projected Number of Work Days:** 7 days.

**4) Equipment List:**

- Valmet 931 wheeled timber harvester: This machine has over 30' reach that allows us to maximize the distance between harvesting trails, it is equipped with GIS tracking that permits project boundary verification and any necessary post-harvest analysis.
- Valmet 890 or 895 wheeled timber forwarder: This machine is capable of carrying 18-22 tons of material per trip, lessening the number of trips and any associated ground impact consequent to extracting material.
- Valmet 890 wheeled forwarder with rear mounted chipper: This machine is used to pick up and chip all non-merchantable material in the woods up to a 26" diameter and load that chip into chip trucks.
- 600-gallon water fire safety trailer with state required hand tools and backpack pumps.
- Trimax 30 fire extinguishers
- Service vehicles.

**5) Description of Methodology:** Cross Check Services (CCS) would plan to move our equipment to the job site as soon as possible and prepare to commence operations. CCS personnel would post signs to warn the public of the forestry operations and caution them to stay out of the operating area. Our hours of operation would be from 6am to 6pm, Monday through Saturday, truck traffic will not start until 7am to lessen disturbance to adjacent home owners.

Following transport to the site; and equipment staging, safety actions, and any other necessary job readiness tasks, CCS would begin timber falling and Chipping at the site and continue this procedure five or six days a week until the project is complete.

**6) Contract Information:**

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CCS has made every effort to solicitously address each aspect of this bid proposal, including all of the project specifications and parameters. I believe CCS is particularly well suited to complete this project based on our history of close and successful cooperation with all of the local fire districts and state and local agencies in the Truckee Tahoe area, local private and public land owners including the Olympic Valley Public Service District, Truckee Airport District, the Truckee Donner Land Trust, California State Parks, and the US Forest Service. Additionally, our flexible and job-specific methodology ensures we would be able to efficiently complete the project while employing the sensitivity and responsiveness required to work within your project area. If you have any questions, or need more information about our company or policies, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

David Mercer

Accepted by: \_\_\_\_\_