



OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT BOARD REPORT



SUBJECT: Contract Approval – OV-5 Fuel Reduction

EXHIBIT: F-1, 12 Pages

AUTHOR: Jessica Asher, Program Manager

MEETING DATE: June 30, 2026

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize the General Manager to execute contract documents with Cross Check Services for an amount not to exceed \$400,000 with an additional 10% contingency (\$40,000), to complete the OV-5 Forest Fuels Reduction Project.

DISCUSSION: The OV-5 project is one of five hazardous fuel reduction projects identified in the 2022 Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). The project will reduce wildfire risk by creating a 100-acre shaded fuel break along the south ridge of Olympic Valley. The area contains native forest land with a high degree of vertical and horizontal fuel continuity, posing a significant wildfire risk to the community.

Treatment activities will include mechanical cutting, processing, and forwarding, followed by mastication of surface fuels. This project will operate under the jurisdiction of Forest Resilience Exemption 14 CCR 1038(i). The treatment prescription is similar to the OV-1 North Ridge Fuel Reduction Project, completed by Cross Check Services in 2024. As outlined in the technical proposal, improvements to the access road are anticipated to begin in summer 2026; forestry work will be completed in 2027 and will require approximately 45 working days.

The primary objective of the Project is to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire within the wildland-urban interface by reducing both the horizontal and vertical fuel continuity. The project will improve opportunities for safe and effective fire suppression and increase protection of life, property, and natural resources. Additional benefits include improved forest health through reduced stand density, resulting in increased vigor of residual trees and reduced vulnerability to insects and disease. Roadway improvements will also enhance access to the south ridge from Olympic Valley.

This project was advertised on May 21, 2026 with bids due June 18, 2026. Six contractors attended the mandatory site tour, and four submitted proposals. The results are listed below.

Contractor	Cost/Ac	Total Cost
Cross Check Services	\$4,000	\$400,000
Northwoods Tree and Land Service	\$5,495	\$549,500
Arbor Pros, LLC	\$6,750	\$675,000
White Oak Land Management	\$7,400	\$740,000
<i>*Cost based on RFP Option 1- Olympic Valley Access Only</i>		

Cross Check Services submitted the lowest responsive bid at \$4,000 per acre, totaling \$400,000. All bids met the required experience and technical qualifications. Cross Check Services is recommended based on cost, experience, and ability to complete the work within the project timeline. Cross Check Services is well-qualified and has successfully completed similar work in the region and for the District, including the OV-1 “North Ridge” and OV-3 “S-Turns” hazardous fuel reduction projects. Additionally, Cross Check Services is contracted to implement the OV-2 “North Slope” project this summer.

FISCAL/RESOURCE IMPACTS: This project is funded by a grant from the Truckee Tahoe Airport District. The District is continuing to collaborate with Placer County and CAL FIRE in anticipation of an approximately \$100,000 funding award to support project implementation. The District anticipates that sufficient grant funding will be available to complete the project regardless of the final award amount.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

Focus Area: Stewardship | **Goal:** Grow Investment in Wildfire Prevention and Resilience

ATTACHMENTS: Cross Check Services Proposal, Slideshow

DATE PREPARED: June 22, 2026



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June 18, 2026

ATTN:
Jessica Asher

OVPSD
305 Olympic Valley Road
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jasher@ovpsd.org

Re: OV-5 Fuel Reduction Project

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with a proposal to complete the 100 acres of mechanical forest 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 and any biomass removed from the project and will pay associated timber tax.

- 1) **Price Option 1:** \$4000.00 per acre (100 acres = \$400,000) to access via the Olympic Valley access off of Sierra Crest Road, rehabilitate the road to an operable standard, maintain the road during the forestry operations, and install all necessary drainage features per Cal-fire and RPF guidelines and recommendations.
- 2) **Price Option 2:** \$3900.00 per acre (100 acres = \$390,000) to access via the Juniper Mountain Road and Forest Service Road, rehabilitate the road to an operable standard, and leave it in a condition acceptable to the USFS with all drainage features installed.
- 3) Both options include the felling of trees by description/prescription, and tree mark, chip tops and treat slash, masticate material where necessary, remove all possible merchantable saw logs, fuel wood material, and limit residual chip and slash to 6”.

This total price includes the cost of all aspects of your project description:

- Improving the access roads to the site
- Falling trees using a CTL wheeled harvester or power saws as required.

- Forwarding and removal of marked and prescribed timber
- Chipping or masticating over **98%** of material including slash and non-embedded ground fuels on the project area.
- Watering landings and bare soil roads if and where needed, getting water from the OVPSD if accessing from the OV side, or water from the Alpine Springs water district from the alpine side.
- Chipping and broadcasting or mastication of material to less than 6”.
- Any necessary post harvest cleanup, ripping and sub-soiling landings and forwarder trails, BMP’s, and/or any follow-up hand treatment.

4) Start Date: Approximately summer 2026 for road reconstruction, 2027 for forestry work.

5) Projected Number of Work Days: 45 days.

6) Equipment List:

- Valmet 941 or 931XC 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 broadcast that chip.
- 600-gallon water fire safety trailer with state required hand tools and backpack pumps.
- Water truck
- Cat Skidder or dozer used for fire protection
- Trimax 30 fire extinguishers
- Volvo EC220D excavator mulcher Fecon RTM-230 wheeled mulcher if needed
- Wheel Loader for loading chips if needed

- Service vehicles.

7) Description of Methodology: Cross Check Services (CCS) would plan to move equipment in summer of 2026 to rehabilitate the road from Sierra Crest Road to the project site. Summer of 2027 we would move our logging equipment to the job site as soon as practical 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, we would take extra precautions to sign the trails in the area to advise the public of the operations, we would also not operate in vicinity to the trails during the major summer events and be sure that any operations that have occurred have not compromised the functionality of the trails, we would also rehabilitate any trails affected by our operations back to their original condition.

Our hours of operation would be from 6am to 7pm, Monday through Saturday, depending on fire danger restrictions and safety concerns operations may need to start earlier in the day and finish earlier, 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 and masticating material where necessary and continue this procedure five or six days a week until the project is complete. We would plan to start masticating directly behind the chipping operation in order to complete the whole project and reduce the ground fuel load as quickly as possible.

8) 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 long history of close and successful cooperation with the OVPSD on multiple projects, our local connection to the community, our past work with all of

the local fire districts, state and local agencies in the Truckee Tahoe area, local private and public land owners including the 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 all the sensitivity and responsiveness required to work within your project area, and the needs to provide a finished project that has been done with utmost care and consideration of the community. 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: _____

Cross Check Services – Project Examples / References

Project Name	OV-1 North Ridge Fuel Reduction Project
Description	A 120-acre shaded fuel break on the ridgeline directly north of the Olympic Valley community. The fuel break was completed using primarily mechanical thinning and mastication methods.
Date / Duration	September 2023 – July 2024
Client Name/Agency	Olympic Valley Public Service District
Contact Person (Name Phone Number, Email Address)	Jessica Asher 530-583-4692 jasher@ovpsd.org

Project Name	Sugar Pine State Park
Description	48 acres of mechanical forest restoration and fuels reduction adjacent to the north fire road at Sugar Pine State Park
Date / Duration	10/1/2025-11/15/2025
Client Name/Agency	California State Parks
Contact Person (Name Phone Number, Email Address)	Rich Adams 530-525-1222 rich.adams@parks.ca.gov

Project Name	Martis Camp THP
Description	421 acres of mechanical forest thinning and fuels reduction
Date / Duration	2025-2028
Client Name/Agency	Martis Camp HOA
Contact Person (Name Phone Number, Email Address)	Scott Bower 530-386-2034 ScottB@MartisCamp.com

Project Name	Webber Lake Forest Thinning and Meadow Restoration Project
Description	478 acres of mechanical forest thinning and meadow restoration on the north and west side of Webber lake
Date / Duration	2019 - 2025
Client Name/Agency	Truckee Donner Land Trust
Contact Person (Name Phone Number, Email Address)	Danele Johanus 414-731-4177 daniel@tdlandtrust.org

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BID

Proposal of Cross Check Services LLC

(hereinafter called "BIDDER"), organized and existing under the laws of the State of California _____, doing business as (an individual), or (a partnership), or (a corporation), to the Olympic Valley Public Service District (hereinafter called "OWNER"):

BIDDER hereby proposes to perform all WORK required for the OWNER, in strict accordance with the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, within the time set forth therein, and at the prices stated below.

By submission of this BID, each BIDDER certifies, and in the case of a joint BID, each party thereto certifies as to his own organization, that this BID has been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement as to any matter relating to this BID with any other BIDDER or with any competitor.

BIDDER hereby agrees to commence work under the AGREEMENT in accordance with the NOTICE OF AWARD, and to fully complete the WORK within the number of calendar days specified in the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

BIDDER further agrees to pay the amount specified in the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS as liquidated damages, for each consecutive calendar day thereafter, as provided for in the AGREEMENT.

BIDDER acknowledges receipt of the following ADDENDA:

No. 1, dated 06/14, 2026

No. 2, dated 06/14, 2026

No. _____, dated _____, 20____

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INFORMATION REQUIRED OF BIDDER

List of Subcontractors

The BIDDER shall herein set forth the name, location of the place of business and the California Contractor license number of each subcontractor who will perform work or labor or render services to the CONTRACTOR in or about the construction of the WORK, or a subcontractor licensed by the State of California who, under subcontract to the CONTRACTOR, specially fabricates and installs a portion of the WORK according to detailed drawings contained in the plans and specifications, in an amount in excess of one-half of one percent of the CONTRACTOR'S total BID, and the portion of the WORK which will be done by each subcontractor. The BIDDER shall list only one subcontractor for each portion of the WORK as may be defined by the. Attach additional sheets, if necessary.

<u>Name of Subcontractor</u>	<u>California Contractor License Number</u>	<u>Portion of Work to be Done</u>	<u>Place of Business</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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List of References

The BIDDER shall list at least three references of previous clients, at least one of which is a public agency, for which the Contractor has performed work similar to that contemplated in the Project. Not more than one reference may be the Olympic Valley Public Service District. Listings shall include name of project, date of project, client name, contact person, and telephone number.

<u>Project Name and Date</u>	<u>Client Name</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>Telephone Number</u>
1. OV1	OVPSD	Danelle Bradfield	530-927-7095
2. Sugar Pine SP	CA State Parks	Rich Adams	530-525-1222
3. Martis Camp THP	Martis Camp HOA	Scott Bower	530-386-2034
4. Webber Lake	Truckee Donner Land Trust	Danele Johanus	414-731-4177
5. _____	_____	_____	_____

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BID PROVISIONS

The undersigned BIDDER agrees to enter into an Agreement within ten (10) days after receipt of notification of acceptance of this BID, and further agrees to complete all WORK in accordance with specified requirements by the date specified thereof.

BIDDERS ADDRESS

Business Address PO Box 3713 Olympic Valley CA 96146

Telephone (530) 412-0622

BIDDERS LICENSE

Contractors License No. A-10575

Class LTO-A

Expiration Date 2028

The representations made within this Bidders License section are made under penalty of perjury. Any BID not containing all information requested within this Bidders License section, or a BID containing information within this Bidders License section, which is subsequently proven false, shall be considered non-responsive and shall be rejected by Olympic Valley Public Service District.

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SIGNATURE OF BIDDER

Dated in Olympic Valley, CA this 14th day of June, 2026

If an Individual: David Mercer, doing business as
Cross CHeck Services LLC.

If a Partnership: _____

By _____, partner,

Naming the following persons as partners in the firm,

David J C Mercer

If a Corporation: _____

By _____

Title _____

Naming the following officers:

President _____

Secretary _____

Treasurer _____

OLYMPIC VALLEY FUEL REDUCTION PROJECTS

Priority Projects: Five projects identified in 2022 CWPP:

- OV-1 Completed 2024
- OV-2 Implementation 2026
- OV-3 Completed 2025
- OV-4 Completed 2026
- OV-5 Implementation 2026/2027

Landscape Approach: Projects complement community Defensible Space efforts and adjacent USFS Projects to our north and south.

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OV-5 SOUTH RIDGE – PROJECT OVERVIEW

The OV-5 project is a 100-acre fuel reduction project located along the south ridge of Olympic Valley (between Olympic Valley and Alpine Meadows). It is located fully on private property and wholly within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone.

Key Benefits:

- Reduces flame length, intensity, rate of spread, and potential duration of wildfire
- Creates a fuel break on the ridge to protect Olympic Valley from fires in the prevailing wind direction
- Provides protection for the structures in Olympic Valley and Alpine Meadows
- Improves safety along State Route 89, Olympic Valley Road, and Alpine Meadows Road- all critical evacuation routes
- Adjacent to USFS/NFF Alpine Meadows Hazardous Fuel Reduction Project and close to OV-4 community buffer project, resulting in increased landscape scale impact

Approach: Mechanical/commercial thinning, masticating

Project Size: 100 acres (1 property owner - Everline/Resort at Squaw Creek)

Project Cost: ~\$500,000; Funding by Truckee Tahoe Airport District and possibly Placer County and CAL FIRE

Anticipated Project Schedule: Contract award - June 30, 2026. Road reconstruction work summer 2026, with forestry operations scheduled for summer 2027. Forestry operations projected at 45 working days. Project completion by September 15, 2027.

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PRE-TREATMENT CONDITION, JUNE 2026

- High stand density (180-220 sq. ft. basal area per acre).
- Approximately 60% White Fir, 30% Jeffrey Pine, 6% Sugar Pine, and 4% Red Fir.
- Average of 240 trees per acre (>8" DBH)
- Cumulative quadratic mean diameter of 13" DBH.
- Openings are dominated by native shrubs (manzanita and whitethorn) and dense young White Fir regeneration (<3" DBH).

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TREATMENT PRESCRIPTION

OV-1 BEFORE

Prescription similar to OV-1 (North Ridge).

- No tree >30" DBH may be removed.
- Preferred species: Sugar Pine > Jeffrey Pine > White fir > Lodgepole Pine
- Tree spacing: 18-20" (<12" DBH); 25-35" (>12" DBH).
- Clearances: 8' vertical (or 3x post-harvest fuel height); 3-6x horizontal based on slope.
- Masticate ~75% of brush >12" tall.
- Stumps: <8" on uphill side.
- Chips/slash depth: 56".

Prescription is generalized; specific requirements and exclusions are available in the construction documents

OV-1 AFTER

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EXAMPLE OPERATIONS (FROM OV-1)

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HIGHLIGHTED CONTRACT PROVISIONS

Public Safety is the Contractor's Responsibility:
The Project site will be closed to the public during project work. Warning signage around the 300' equipment operating zone will be posted as well as informational signage as key intersections.

Western States Trail:
The Western States Trail shall be treated as a heritage asset, with the contractor responsible for limiting adverse impacts to all established trails and repairing all trails to their original condition. No operations will be allowed during known events (Tevis Cup, Broken Arrow Skyrace, and Western States Endurance Run).

Quiet Hours/Limited Operating Hours:
Contractor access to the project site shall be permitted only between 0600 and 1900 hours.

Operations from Olympic Valley:
The project will utilize access solely through Olympic Valley via the Sierra Crest Trail or the Everline Ski Hill/Summer Road.

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