



# OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT



EXHIBIT F-2  
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## FUELS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

**DATE:** December 12, 2023

**TO:** District Board Members

**FROM:** Brad Chisholm, Fire Chief; Mike Geary, General Manager; and Jessica Asher, Program Manager

**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  
Niel Kasper provided drone images and video of the site on November 25, 2023. In coordination with Danielle Bradfield staff have notation of some images, attached.

### Nevada County Wildfire Stakeholder Meeting

The Nevada Wildfire Stakeholder Meeting was held virtually on December 1, 2023. The meeting was hosted by Nevada County Office of Emergency Services. The meeting included a report by CAL FIRE for Station 50 (Truckee airport) and Station 55 (Carnelian Bay), and information on the Nevada County Evaluation Study and Communication Evaluation Analysis and a related break-out activity and concluded with local cooperators sharing information about the many projects underway. The meeting was well attended by local and regional cooperators representing public and private agencies and provided an excellent opportunity to network and better understand regional Fuels Management efforts.

Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation / Forest Futures Salon

On November 29<sup>th</sup>, Forest Futures Salon hosted a virtual presentation to share the merits of prescribed fires. Three presenters provided very detailed information, most notably from North Tahoe Fire Protection District’s Forester, April Shackelford, who took the viewers on a very deep historical dive into what is forest health, as well as the effects of the elimination of prescribed fires and land managers’ policies of aggressively extinguishing all fire. The presentation concluded by sharing mitigation options, combinations, timeframes, and education efforts.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-wz4kvpfLiA>

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

**FISCAL/RESOURCE IMPACTS:** The District has been awarded \$685,911 in grant funding dedicated to planning and implementation of fuel 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 - OV-1 (120 acres)                         | CAL FIRE                                  | Nov. 2022    | \$539,888 | 30%        |
| Fuels Reduction – Evacuation Corridor- O.V. Road (3 acres) | Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation (TTCF) | July 2022    | \$50,000  | 0%         |
|  | Trout Unlimited / Friends of Squaw Creek  | Nov. 2021    | \$19,000  | 100%       |
| Design and Permitting OV-4 (100 acres)                     | TTCF / CAL FIRE                           | July 2023    | \$45,125  | 10%        |

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

Expenses related to the Green Waste Days are paid from rates and the Garbage Fixed Asset Replacement Fund, the current balance of the Garbage FARF is \$139,165. The costs estimated for this program include TTSD's delivery, pick-up, and disposal of three (3) 30-cubic yard containers per GWD, administration, and labor and expected to be approximately \$3,300/event if FoSV and the Firewise Community can provide volunteers on the five District-sponsored GWDs.

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

**ATTACHMENTS:** OV-1 Drone Imagery with Progress Notation.

**DATE PREPARED:** December 8, 2023



Olympic Valley Fire Department  
OV-1 Fuel Reduction Project (North Ridge)  
Season 1 Progress  
Drone Imagery from Niel Kasper 10/25/23



