



OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT



EXHIBIT F-1
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FUELS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

DATE: July 25, 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: Since November 2020, the District has worked to expand the Fire Department's Fuels Management Program. The Board of Directors directed staff to provide progress reports at its monthly meetings for items not otherwise addressed within the Board agenda. A comprehensive update was provided at the November 2021 Board Meeting and is here:
https://www.ovpsd.org/sites/default/files/F-1_2021-11-16_Fuels%20Management%20Program%20Board%20Mtg%20-%20Compiled-Rev.pdf

DISCUSSION: Green Waste Disposal Days
The District will host 5 green waste disposal days in 2023 scheduled for the second Sunday of each month, June – October. The Friends of Olympic Valley (FoOV) and OV Firewise Community have committed to staffing the site with volunteers on the day of the event, and Palisades Tahoe has agreed to staging the event on Olympic Valley Road, across from the Fire Station. District staff works with the FoSV/Firewise Community to publicize the events and provides the labor and equipment necessary to clean-up and load the green waste into dumpsters on the Monday following each event.

EVENT	GREEN WASTE COLLECTED (CU. YD)	
	2023	2022
1. May	0 – Canceled, Snow	150
2. June	210	150
3. July	150	60
4. August		90
5. September		120
6. October		60
TOTAL	360	660

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 to rent 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. One rebate per garbage customer per year is allowed. The funds are primarily from the Garbage Fixed Asset Replacement Fund (FARF). For non-garbage customers, the source of funds is property tax revenue.

	FY '21-'22	FY '22-'23	FY '23-'24	TOTAL
Rate	\$128.93	136.67	\$146.03	
Number of rebates	18	29	1	37
Total Reimbursed (Valley)	\$1,523.83	\$3,006.79	\$146.03	\$4,676.65
Total Reimbursed (River Rd.)	\$522.51	\$950.18	\$0	\$1,472.69
Total Reimbursed To-Date				\$6,149.34

Placer County Chipper Days

The first of six residential chipping service days are scheduled with Placer County for Tuesday, July 25th and Wednesday, July 26th. As of the date of this report, no property owners have reserved the service.

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 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 - OV-1 (120 acres)	CAL FIRE	Nov. 2022	\$539,888	5%
Fuels Reduction – S-Turns (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	0%

The District has an on-call contract with Danielle Bradfield (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 preparing and managing grant funds.

Expenses related to the Green Waste Events are paid from the Garbage Fixed Asset Replacement Fund, the current balance of the Garbage FARF is \$148,842. 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: None.

DATE PREPARED: July 18, 2023