OLYMPIC VALLEY
PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT
BOARD REPORT

SUBJECT:	Use of Funds and Reimbursement Agreement with County of Placer for OV-5 Project	**EXHIBIT:**	F-3, 7 Pages
AUTHOR:	Jessica Asher, Program Manager	**MEETING DATE:**	Nov. 17, 2026

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize the General Manager to execute the Use of Funds and Reimbursement Agreement for the OV-5 "South Ridge" Fuel Reduction Project in an amount not-to-exceed $120,000.

DISCUSSION: The OV-5 South Ridge Fuel Reduction Project (OV-5) is an approximately 100-acre forest health and wildfire risk reduction project located along the ridge between Olympic Valley and Alpine Meadows. Additional project information is provided in the attached fact sheet.

The District solicited bids for the project in May 2026 and awarded the contract to the lowest responsive bidder, Cross Check Services, in June 2026. Following approval of the Forest Resilience Exemption Permit by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), project work commenced in October 2026. The project is scheduled for completion by October 2027.

The total project budget is estimated at approximately $500,000 and includes the licensed timber operator contract, forestry services, and OVPSD staff labor. The Truckee Tahoe Airport District (TTAD) awarded $400,000 toward project implementation and authorized the use of remaining funds from previous grant awards to fully fund the project.

Over the past several months, District staff have been working with Placer County to secure additional reimbursement funding for eligible project costs, as the County has remaining funds from a CAL FIRE grant agreement for the Cabin Creek Fuels Reduction and Community Safety Project, which supported fuel reduction work on approximately 144 acres of County-owned land surrounding the Cabin Creek Eastern Regional Landfill and Waste Transfer Station. In coordination with CAL FIRE, the County has worked to make the remaining grant funds available for OV-5, a nearby project that advances similar wildfire prevention and community safety objectives.

The proposed Use of Funds and Reimbursement Agreement between Placer County and OVPSD will provide up to $120,000 in reimbursement for eligible OV-5 timber operations. Acceptance of these funds will allow the District to cover the anticipated project costs while preserving a portion of the TTAD grant for other eligible projects.

Depending on final project costs, a balance will likely remain from the TTAD grant award. District staff will work with TTAD and regional partners to identify another eligible wildfire prevention or forest health project in Olympic Valley for the remaining funds. Alternatively, any unspent funds will remain with TTAD to support another regional project priority.

FISCAL/RESOURCE IMPACTS: The agreement will provide up to $120,000 in reimbursement for eligible OV-5 timber operations. Combined with the TTAD grant, available funding is sufficient to cover anticipated project costs, with no additional District funding expected. Any remaining TTAD grant funds would be addressed in coordination with TTAD.

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

ATTACHMENTS: OV-5 Fact Sheet, Use of Funds and Reimbursement Agreement (OV-5 Project)

DATE PREPARED: November 10, 2026

OV-5 SOUTH RIDGE FUEL REDUCTION PROJECT FACT SHEET



PROJECT AREA

100 acres along the South Ridge between Olympic Valley and Alpine Meadows, wholly within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone and fully within property owned by Everline Resort.

TREATMENT PRESCRIPTION

Mechanical thinning and mastication. The prescription calls for select removal of timber up to 30" in diameter and mastication of approximately 75% of surface fuels, reducing stand density to less than half of its current condition.

OPERATIONS

Operations will be underway for approximetly 3 months between September 2026 and October 2027. All hauling, chipping, and equipment operations are limited to 6:00 AM–7:00 PM.

BENEFITS

By decreasing the vertical and horizontal continuity of fuels, this project reduces potential wildfire severity, establishing safer conditions for the public and emergency personnel during an incident. The treated area creates a shaded fuel break along the ridge, giving firefighters a safer location from which to defend against a fire. Positioned on the ridge between the two communities, the project helps protect homes and other structures in both Olympic Valley and Alpine Meadows and protects Olympic Valley from wildfire approaching from the prevailing-wind direction. Reducing white fir in favor of native pine species will also increase resilience to future disturbances such as fire, insects, disease, and drought.

LANDSCAPE CONNECTION

OV-5 complements residential defensible space efforts and ties into larger-scale fuel treatments across the landscape, including the adjacent ~700-acre U.S. Forest Service / National Forest Foundation Alpine Meadows Fuel Reduction Project, and other projects being implemented by OVPSD, Placer County, Palisades Tahoe Resort, and private landowners.

TRAIL AND PROJECT AREA CLOSURES

The project is on private property, and the area will be CLOSED for the duration of the project. Adjacent USFS land is also CLOSED through January 31, 2027 under USFS Forest Order No. 17-26-08, for the related NFF/USFS Alpine Meadows Fuel Reduction Project. A small portion of the Western States Trail lies within the project site; the contractor will work to minimize trail impacts and fully repair trails after operations. Informational signs will be posted at trail entrances, with the contractor posting additional warning signage during active operations. Please respect closure signage and stay out of the project area during operations.

Funding for this project is provided by the Truckee Tahoe Airport District and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's (CAL FIRE) Wildfire Prevention Grants Program as part of the California Climate Investments Program.

COST ≈ $500,000

OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT

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COUNTY OF Placer

CALIFORNIA CLIMATE INVESTMENTS

USE OF FUNDS AND REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT
Olympic Valley OV-5 Fuel Break Project

This Use of Funds and Reimbursement Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into on the last day of signing, by and between the **COUNTY OF PLACER** ("County"), a political subdivision of the State of California, and the **OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT** ("OVPSD"), a public agency, collectively referred to as "Parties." The Parties intend to be bound and mutually agree as follows:

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, the County has been awarded a grant of not more than four hundred thousand dollars ($400,000) through the CAL FIRE Wildfire Prevention Grants Program for the Cabin Creek Fuels Reduction and Community Safety Project, Grant Agreement No. 5GG23113 ("CAL FIRE Grant," Attachment 1); and

WHEREAS, bids for the 144-acre Cabin Creek Fuels Reduction Project came in under budget through a joint procurement with the National Forest Foundation, and CAL FIRE has approved the use of remaining CAL FIRE Grant funds for additional priority fuel-reduction work, including work on county-owned parcels in Olympic Valley Park and, as proposed herein, the OV-5 fuel break; and

WHEREAS, OVPSD has identified OV-5 a priority fuel break in the Olympic Valley Community Wildfire Protection Plan (the "Project"), consisting of approximately 100 acres of fuel-reduction treatment on private land along the south ridge of Olympic Valley, fully within a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, using mechanical and hand thinning with mastication where needed; and

WHEREAS, the Project will reduce hazardous fuels within the Olympic Valley Wildland-Urban Interface Defense Zone, help protect approximately 900 homes, improve safety along key evacuation routes including Olympic Valley Road and State Route 89, and complement adjacent United States Forest Service fuel-reduction projects; and

WHEREAS, OVPSD has the ability to perform the work meeting all federal, state, and local laws related to the procurement and implementation of fuel-reduction and forest-management work, including compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and shall secure all necessary landowner authorizations and site access for work on the private lands of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Parties recognize that the remaining CAL FIRE Grant funds will not fully cover the cost of the Project, and that OVPSD shall secure the balance of Project funding from other sources, including a committed contribution of four hundred thousand dollars ($400,000) from the Tahoe-Truckee Airport District; and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes that OVPSD has the ability to manage the implementation of their Project on the terms and conditions stated herein, and intends to reimburse OVPSD with eligible CAL FIRE Grant funds in an amount not to exceed $120,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed by and between the Parties hereto as follows:

1. The Recitals listed above are incorporated into this Agreement.

2. OVPSD shall take on the role of Project Manager for the implementation of their Project as further described in the CAL FIRE Grant Agreement, providing qualified personnel or contractors to implement identified tasks including but not limited to: managing the vendor bidding, procurement, contracting, performance, invoicing, reporting, and payment processes; overseeing and approving vendors' work in the field; securing and maintaining all necessary landowner authorizations and site access for work on the private lands of the Project; completing all required environmental compliance under CEQA prior to the commencement of on-the-ground work; coordinating with the County, CAL FIRE, and other agencies and organizations on implementation of the Project work; and providing information and updates to the County as requested.

3. OVPSD shall invoice the County quarterly for eligible Project expenses that qualify for use of the CAL FIRE Grant funds exclusively for the Project. OVPSD shall provide all necessary reporting requirements on the Project to the County by the dates described in the Scope of Work of the CAL FIRE Grant Agreement, in a format reasonably requested by the County, including an accounting of the use of the Grant fund expenditures.

4. The County shall use the Project invoices received from OVPSD for submittal to CAL FIRE for the reimbursement of Grant funds to the County.

5. Upon receiving the Grant funds from CAL FIRE, the County shall make payment to OVPSD in the amount of Grant funds received from CAL FIRE for the Project, up to the not-to-exceed amount stated in this Agreement.

6. The Parties recognize that the CAL FIRE Grant funds available for the Project are limited to the remaining balance of the CAL FIRE Grant and will not fully cover the total cost of the Project. The County shall reimburse OVPSD only for eligible Project expenses approved and reimbursed by CAL FIRE, up to the not-to-exceed amount stated in this Agreement. OVPSD shall secure funding for the remainder of the Project cost from other sources, including the committed contribution from the Tahoe-Truckee Airport District.

7. OVPSD shall publicly recognize that the implementation of their Project was funded in part by CAL FIRE Grant funds awarded to the County, and shall comply with all acknowledgment, signage, and publicity requirements of the CAL FIRE Grant Agreement.

8. OVPSD shall comply with all laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the Project and use of the Grant funds as described in the CAL FIRE Grant Agreement, and shall cooperate with the County and CAL FIRE to provide any additional documentation or information as may be required.

9. OVPSD shall keep detailed accounting records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and as may be otherwise reasonably requested by the County. The County shall have the right to inspect said records at any reasonable time.

10. All notices to either party that may be required or authorized by this Agreement shall be in writing and either deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, personally delivered or sent by email. The notice shall be effective upon the date of personal delivery or date of mailing. Notices regarding this Agreement shall be sent or delivered to the County or OVPSD at:

County:

Placer County Department of Agriculture, Parks, and Natural Resources
2855 2nd Street, Auburn, CA 95603
Attn: Amanda Brenner, Regional Forest Health Coordinator
Or by email: abrenner@placer.ca.gov

OVPSD:

305 Olympic Valley Road, PO Box 1284 Olympic Valley, CA 96146
Attn: Jessica Asher, Program Manager
Or by email: jasher@ovpsd.org

Either party may amend its address for notice by notifying the other party in writing.

11. OVPSD shall save, keep, hold harmless, defend, and indemnify the County from all damages, costs, or expenses in law or equity that may at any time arise or otherwise occur because of damage to property or personal injury received by reason of or in the course of performing work which may be occasioned by any willful or negligent act or omission of OVPSD, any of OVPSD's employees, agents, representatives, contractors and/or subcontractors. OVPSD shall be responsible for any liability imposed by law and for death, injury, or damage to property of any person including, but not limited to, workmen, subcontractors, and the public, resulting from any cause whatsoever during the progress of the work or at any time before or after its completion and final acceptance.

    If any judgment is rendered against the County for any injury, death, or damage caused by OVPSD as a result of work performed or completed pursuant to this Agreement, OVPSD shall, at its own expense, satisfy and discharge any judgment.

    As used above, the term County means the County of Placer, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers.

12. OVPSD shall maintain at all times during the performance of this Agreement insurance coverage or self-insurance in the amounts of not less than One Million Dollars ($1,000,000) to cover all of its operations, including, but not limited to, not less than One Million Dollars ($1,000,000) general liability, One Million Dollars ($1,000,000) automobile liability, and One Million Dollars ($1,000,000) workers' compensation. OVPSD may meet the requirements of this Section through a program of self-insurance.

13. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of, and bind the parties hereto, and their successors and assigns, including any and all entities to whom the property and facilities herein referred to may be transferred by reason of incorporation, annexation, unification, consolidation, or for any other reason. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to create in the public or in any member of it rights as a third-party beneficiary under this Agreement.

14. This Agreement is executed and intended to be performed in the State of California, and the laws of that State shall govern its interpretation and effect. Any legal proceedings on this Agreement shall be brought under the jurisdiction of the Superior Court of the County of Placer, State of California. Each party waives any Federal court removal and/or original jurisdiction rights it may have.

15. If any provision of this Agreement, as applicable to either party, or to any other person or circumstance, is for any reason held to be invalid, it should not affect the validity of any other provision of this Agreement. No term or provision hereof will be considered waived by either party, and no breach excused by either party, unless such waiver or consent is in writing and signed on behalf of the party against whom the waiver is asserted. The waiver by either party hereto of any breach, term, covenant, or condition contained herein shall not constitute a waiver of any subsequent term, covenant, or condition contained herein.

16. This is an integrated Agreement and contains all of the terms, conditions, understandings, and promises of the parties. The terms of this Agreement may not be modified except upon the mutual written consent of the parties.

17. The parties are not, and shall not be considered, partners or in a joint venture by reason of this Agreement. Under no circumstances shall either party or its employees look to the other as an employer. Neither party shall have power to incur any debt, obligation, or liability on behalf of the other or otherwise to act on behalf of the other as an agent. Neither party, its officers, employees and agents shall have any power to bind or commit the other to any decision or course of action nor represent to any person or party that it or they are acting as agents of the other party or that it or they have the power to bind or commit the other party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed on behalf of the persons duly authorized by the governing boards of the parties hereto.

County of Placer "County"

By: _____

Print Name: _____

Its: _____

Date: _____

Approved As To Form

By: _____ _____
County Counsel Date

Olympic Valley Public Service District "OVPSD"

By: _____

Print Name: _____

Its: _____

Date: _____

Approved As To Form

By: _____ _____
OVPSD Counsel Date