

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DATE: August 22, 2006

FROM: ^{YD} KEN GREHM / PETER KRAATZ

SUBJECT: TAHOE BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE (BMP) RETROFIT PROGRAM

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION

Authorize a one-year extension of the MOU with the Tahoe Resource Conservation District (TRCD) in an amount of \$20,000 for the 2006 season.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY

The Department proposes to provide continued funding to the Tahoe Resource Conservation District (TRCD), a local agency that specializes in performing public outreach on stormwater management and installing residential BMPs at Lake Tahoe. The TRCD works closely with TRPA on their Backyard Conservation Program, which is meant to implement the BMP Retrofit Program (Project #16 of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's (TRPA's) Environmental Improvement Program). Our funds will be combined with other fund sources to provide resources and incentives to encourage property owners within Placer County to voluntarily implement BMPs. Funding provided will be used exclusively in Placer County.

Pursuant to Subsection 25.5.A of the TRPA Code of Ordinances, all property owners in the Tahoe Basin are required to install infiltration facilities known as Best Management Practices (BMPs). These BMPs prevent sediment and nutrients from entering and degrading Lake Tahoe. The regulatory agencies in the Tahoe basin hold the County responsible for managing all stormwater runoff within its jurisdiction, including runoff originating from both private and public lands.

The County's success with encouraging retrofit of private properties with BMPs is a criteria TRPA utilizes in determining how many building allocations the County will receive in the Tahoe basin. The County currently encourages private retrofit of BMPs by sharing information and needs with property owners adjacent to Public Works' erosion control projects as well as requiring installation of BMPs as part of building permits.

ENVIRONMENTAL

This effort assists in bringing properties within Placer County into compliance with TRPA BMP ordinances. Approval of the memorandum of understanding is not considered a project in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.

FISCAL IMPACT

The ongoing efforts of TRCD are to be performed primarily in 2006 for a cost of \$20,000. These costs are fully funded through California Tahoe Conservancy Lease Revenue Discretionary Funds, which are, by statute, partially distributed to the County's from which the revenue is generated. The intent of the funds is for the beneficial use of the Tahoe region.

