

**MEMORANDUM  
DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY SERVICES  
COUNTY OF PLACER**

To: **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Date: **JUNE 12, 2007**

From:  **JAMES DURFEE / ALBERT RICHIE** 

Subject: **USE AGREEMENT WITH NORTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT FOR BEAR PROOF TRASH/RECYCLE CONTAINERS**

**ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION:** Approve a Use Agreement with the North Tahoe Public Utility District (NTPUD) authorizing the use of Park Dedication Fees from Recreation Area # 1, in the amount of \$54,461 for Bear Proof Trash/Recycle Containers for the public beaches along the north shore of Lake Tahoe ("North Shore").

**BACKGROUND:** The NTPUD is requesting County Park Dedication Fees to help pay for the costs of removing old trash cans, purchasing 37 new bear proof trash/recycle containers and installing them at ten beaches along the North Shore.

The NTPUD either owns and/or manages ten public beaches on the North Shore where the bear proof trash / recycle containers will be placed. The specific locations of the public beaches are Speedboat Beach, Moondunes Beach, Secline Beach/Griff Creek, Coon Street Boat Dock and Dog Beach, King's Beach State Recreation Area, Coon Street Plaza, North Tahoe Community Conference Center Beach, Tahoe Vista Recreation Area, North Tahoe Beach and Sandy Beach.

Bears and other animals have been a significant problem in the Lake Tahoe area where they have the ability to easily access trash containers and rummage through trash left by humans. This is often seen as the first step in the animals becoming acclimated to human tendencies and leads to bears entering structures sometimes causing significant damage that quite often leads to the death of the animal. The bear proof trash/recycle containers will reduce and/or eliminate animals accessing trash containers on the public beaches and spreading the trash throughout the community. This creates a safer environment for the animals and reduces the maintenance associated with litter control on the public beaches.

In addition, the NTPUD will be able to reduce contributions of trash to the transfer station and ultimately the landfill operations by increasing the availability of recycling opportunities. The design and size of the containers will provide separation of potential recycle materials from garbage, will inhibit the placement of large bags of residential garbage in public containers, and will reduce the frequency of trash handling by park personnel.

The North Tahoe Regional Municipal Advisory Council recommended approval of this Use Agreement on February 8, 2007, and the Placer County Parks Commission recommended approval of this Use Agreement on April 20, 2007. A copy of the Use Agreement is available for review at the Clerk of the Board's office.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE:** This project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption under CEQA Section 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities).

**FISCAL IMPACT:** It is County staff's recommendation that this request be funded by Park Dedication Fees from Recreation Area #1, the Martis Valley/North Tahoe Area. Park Dedication Fees are mitigation fees paid by owners of property subdivision and on building permits of new residential housing. The available fund balance of Park Dedication Fees in Recreation Area #1, Martis Valley / North Tahoe Area, is \$1,191,397. Therefore, approval of this request will have no effect upon the County General Fund.

AVAILABLE FOR REIEW AT THE CLERK OF THE BOARD'S OFFICE: USE AGREEMENT – NTPUD

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cc: COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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