

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

To: **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Date: **OCTOBER 21, 2008**

From: **JAMES DURFEE / ALBERT RICHIE**

Subject: **SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY GRANT FUNDS – SQUAW VALLEY
PARK FUEL LOAD MANAGEMENT PROJECT**

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended your Board take the following actions related to Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Funds and the Squaw Valley Park Fuel Load Management Project:

1. Approve a Budget Revision appropriating Proposition 84 grant funds in the amount of \$245,500 from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) for Squaw Valley Park fuel load management projects and related equipment; and
2. Authorize the purchase of one (1) chipper attachment in the amount of \$14,000 for use with a masticator unit to be purchased from the grant funds; and
3. Approve the addition of a one (1) chipper attachment to the Master Fixed Asset List.

BACKGROUND: Squaw Valley Park is a 28-acre site located at the intersection of Squaw Valley Road and Highway 89 in Squaw Valley. The park opened in 2004 and has a soccer field, tot lots, bicycle trail, native surfaced trail and a trail staging area.

Of the 28 acres, approximately 14 acres have been developed leaving 14 acres of thick natural forest on steep terrain. Recognizing the high priority of providing fire safety amenities at Squaw Valley Park, the Department of Facility Services contracted with a registered forester through the Placer County Resource Conservation District (RCD) in 2006 to provide recommendations for vegetation management and fuel load reduction throughout the park property. In coordination with the Squaw Valley Fire Department, Placer County has performed some limited removal of high fire risk hazard vegetation from the Squaw Valley Park; however, there is a significant amount of fuel load reduction work remaining. According to the Resources at Risk from Fire assessment provided by RCD of the most likely fire scenarios associated with the Squaw Valley Park property, completion of the fire safety measures would help protect approximately 85 parcels and \$20 million worth of structures and improvements in the project vicinity.

Proposition 84 (Prop 84), the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coast Protection Bond Act of 2006 designated the SNC as administrator of \$17 million in 2007/08 fiscal year grant funding for projects related to the protection and restoration of rivers, lakes and streams, their watersheds and associated land water, and other natural resources and/or provide increased opportunities for tourism and public recreation. The subject grant has been competitively awarded to Placer County through this SNC Prop 84 grant program. An executed Agreement is in place.

This grant would fully fund the completion of a shaded fuel break throughout the entire undeveloped property. In addition, the grant funds the purchase of a masticator chipper attachment to support the work.

In order to utilize the SNC grant funds for this critical project, your Board's approval of a Budget Revision is required to appropriate the funding to the proper accounts. It is anticipated this fuel load management project will be completed by the spring of 2010.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE: A Notice of Exemption was filed with the State Clearinghouse and County Clerk on November 13, 2007. This project conforms to the definition and criteria of Class 1, 7, and 8 Categorical Exemptions. Class 1 (Section 15301(h)), provides for existing facilities including "maintenance of existing...native growth...." Class 7 (Section 15307) provides for actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources. Class 8 (Section 15308) provides for actions by regulatory agencies for the protection of the environment.

FISCAL IMPACT: All project costs associated with this fuel load reduction project will be funded by Proposition 84 grant funds. In addition, community volunteer efforts will be utilized as an in-kind match. Approval of this request will not affect the County General Fund. By utilizing the SNC grant funds, Placer County is able to perform work that otherwise would be deferred.

ATTACHMENT: BUDGET REVISION

JD:AR:JR:DB

CC: COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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BUDGET REVISION

PAS DOCUMENT NO.

POST DATE:

- Cash Transfer Required
- Reserve Cancellation Required
- Establish Reserve Required

- Auditor-Controller
- County Executive
- Board of Supervisors

DEPT NO.	DOC TYPE	Total \$ Amount	TOTAL LINES
12	BR	736,500.00	5

ESTIMATED REVENUE ADJUSTMENT										APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT											
DEPT NO.	T/C	Rev	Fund	Sub Fund	OCA	PCA	OBJ 3	PROJ.	PROJ. DTL	AMOUNT	DEPT NO.	T/C	Rev	Fund	Sub Fund	OCA	PCA	OBJ 3	PROJ.	PROJ. DTL	AMOUNT
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TOTAL										245,500.00	TOTAL										491,000.00

REASON FOR REVISION: TO APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDING FROM THE SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY FOR THE SQUAW VALLEY PARK
FUEL LOAD MANAGEMENT PROJECT 704832.

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 Board of Supervisors _____

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