



**COUNTY OF PLACER**  
**Community Development/Resource Agency**

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Agency Director

**PLANNING  
SERVICES DIVISION**

Paul Thompson, Deputy Director

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Michael J. Johnson, AICP  
Agency Director

**DATE:** June 4, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Master Stewardship Agreement with the U.S. Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit

**ACTION REQUESTED**

1. Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign a Supplemental Project Agreement under Master Stewardship Agreement #11-SA-11051900-006 with the U.S. Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit to support the Board's goals of reducing open burning. There is no net County cost associated with this action as the maximum \$40,000 will be paid from the Clean Air Grant obtained from the Placer County Air Pollution Control District.

**BACKGROUND**

In April 2011, the Board approved a Master Stewardship Agreement (MSA) contract (#11-SA-11051900-006) with the U.S. Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU). The purpose of that MSA was to build a relationship with the Forest Service to reduce the amount of openly burned piles of woody biomass within the Lake Tahoe Basin. The County has participated in several projects with the LTBMU that have reduced the open pile burning, made the area more fire safe and allowed the County's biomass program to gather additional economic factors regarding the removal, preparation, and transportation of the biomass to an energy facility. This background has allowed the County's Cabin Creek Biomass Facility to find a solution to the fuel issues and prepare for sustainable operations.

This Supplemental Project Agreement (SPA) is a specific project agreement for several areas within the basin to remove material and transport to create green energy. Under the MSA all of the conditions are set forth for any project but this SPA is the contractual method with project details that the County will bring back each time the County agrees on a project with the LTBMU. During future years, staff anticipates several of these agreements each year to support the Cabin Creek biomass facility, should it be constructed. For this project, the County will retain the services of CTL Inc. to complete the ground operations. CTL has been a biomass contractor to the County for several years and has an excellent reputation with the LTBMU. As with all of the County's agreements with the LTBMU under the MSA, this is a cost-share agreement. The LTBMU will contribute a maximum of \$81,665 and the County will provide a maximum of \$40,000 from a Clean Air Grant obtained from the Placer County Air Pollution Control District (PCAPCD). An additional \$9,110 is indicated in the partner cost-share column on Appendix D. This additional amount will be recouped with funds obtained by selling the biomass to an energy facility will also be used to remove as much material as possible within the total funding. The

goal of the Clean Air grant is to perform biomass removal operations to reduce air emissions in the eastern part of the County.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no net County cost. The work performed will be paid against contracts encumbered in the Planning Division and fully reimbursed from both the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit and Placer County Air Pollution Control District.

Attached to this report for the Board's information/consideration are.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Supplemental Project Agreement - On File with the Clerk of the Board

cc: Holly Heinzen, Assistant CEO  
Karin Schwab, Deputy County Counsel