

M E M O R A N D U M
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: July, 7 2015

FROM: Ken Grehm/Peter Kraatz

SUBJECT: **REQUEST TO TRANSFER TRPA AIR QUALITY MITIGATION FUNDS TO TAHOE TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT**

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works or his designee to request of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) a disbursement of up to \$80,000 of Placer County's Tahoe Air Quality (AQ) Mitigation Funds to the Tahoe Transportation District (TTD).

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY

The TTD is a bi-state special district created to implement public transit and transportation projects in the Lake Tahoe region and work cooperatively with local governments such as Placer County that provide transportation services. For example, the TTD works to fill funding gaps for transportation infrastructure and services as well as providing assistance to improve and consolidate services and develop transit connections within the region. More directly, TTD's current program of work in Placer County includes the SR89/Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project and supporting services for Placer County's Tahoe Area Regional Transit (TART) system such as the Night Rider and the North Lake Tahoe Express.

The bulk of TTD's funding is provided by the federal government for project implementation. However, local funding contributions are needed to leverage those federal funds, including TTD's administration of project development, technical assistance, and public outreach related to projects and transit programs. Neither the federal funding nor the local match funding fully support these TTD tasks, which forms the basis for their recent request of funding support from Placer County.

Pursuant to the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's (TRPA's) Code of Ordinances Section 65.2.6, TTD is eligible to receive AQ mitigation funds, if requested by the jurisdiction, and consistent with TRPA's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) or Air Quality Plan. Department staff supports TTD's current request of Placer County's Tahoe Air Quality Mitigation Funds in an amount not to exceed \$80,000. The requested funding will be used by TTD to serve the public purpose of the County through their efforts supporting transportation project development and transit system enhancement in Placer County. As of January 2015, the AQ account for Placer County contained \$172,141.65 so there is adequate funding to support TTD's current request.

ENVIRONMENTAL

This action is not a project, as defined by Public Resources Code Section 21065, and is therefore exempt from environmental review under CEQA.

FISCAL IMPACT

The current funding request of up to \$80,000 of Placer County's Air Quality Mitigation Funds managed by TRPA will be used by the TTD for transportation project development and transit system support in Placer County.

Attachment 1 - Resolution

**Before the Board of Supervisors
County of Placer, State of California**

**In the matter of: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS OR HIS
DESIGNEE TO REQUEST DISBURSEMENT OF UP
TO \$80,000 OF PLACER COUNTY'S TAHOE AIR
QUALITY MITIGATION FUNDS TO THE TAHOE
TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT**

Resol. No. _____

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer
at a regular meeting held on _____ by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chair, Board of Supervisors

**Attest:
Clerk of said Board**

**WHEREAS, The Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) is a bi-state special district created to
implement transit and transportation projects in the Lake Tahoe Basin; and**

**WHEREAS, The TTD works cooperatively with local governments in the Basin and others that
provide transportation related services; and**

**WHEREAS, The TTD works to fill funding gaps in transportation infrastructure and services and
improve such services within the region as well as develop public transit connections to the
region; and**

**WHEREAS, The bulk of TTD's funding is provided by the federal government for project
implementation and that local contributions and funds are needed to leverage those federal funds
for the administration of transportation project development, technical assistance, public
outreach related to projects and transit, and transit service items; and**

**WHEREAS, The TTD requested of the Placer County in a letter dated February 18, 2015, a portion
of Placer County's Tahoe Air Quality (AQ) Mitigation Funds to be disbursed to the TTD in an**

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amount not to exceed \$80,000 to help leverage federal funds the TTD receives that support projects and programs of which Placer County directly benefits; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's (TRPA's) Code of Ordinances Section 65.2.6, TTD is eligible to receive AQ fees, if requested by the jurisdiction, and consistent with TRPA's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) or Air Quality Plan; and

WHEREAS, The transfer of Placer County AQ funds to the TTD serves the County's public purpose through the TTD's efforts supporting transportation project development and transit system enhancement in Placer County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, State of California, that this Board authorizes the Director of Public Works or his designee to request of the TRPA disbursement of up to \$80,000 of Placer County's Tahoe Air Quality (AQ) Mitigation Funds to the TTD.

