

**ANNUAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
AUTHORIZATION**

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 16-06-05 (Attachment 1) authorizing the expenditure of up to \$963,078 for direct property management, hazard abatement, restoration, and forest health activities on Conservancy properties during Fiscal Year 2016/17.

Location: Throughout the California side of the Lake Tahoe Basin.

Fiscal Summary: Source of Funds:

Conservancy Support Funds	\$448,178
(Tahoe Conservancy Fund)	
Capital Outlay Funds	<u>\$514,900</u>
(Prop 84 Bond and Tahoe Conservancy Funds)	
Total Recommended Authorization:	\$963,078

Overview

Description of Recommended Action

- Staff recommends the Board authorize the expenditure of up to \$963,078, including \$448,178 in support funds and \$514,900 in capital outlay funds, to implement the Conservancy's property management, forest health, hazard abatement, and property restoration activities during Fiscal Year (FY) 2016/17 as described below.
- Staff develops and implements the Conservancy's Property Management Program to:

- Inspect all Conservancy-owned parcels on a bi-annual basis to identify hazardous conditions, incompatible uses (often involving shared boundary lines with adjoining landowners), and resource restoration needs;
- Maintain and preserve parcels as necessary;
- Respond to citizens' questions and concerns;
- Develop forest health prescriptions and implement forest health treatments;
- Address incompatible uses such as trespass or encroachments;
- Identify and remove hazardous or potentially hazardous trees;
- Develop resource restoration prescriptions and contracts for seasonal restoration crews and independent contractors to implement restoration projects;
- Implement the Joint Powers Agreement with the Tahoe Resource Conservation District (Tahoe RCD) to provide forest health, land management, or restoration project crews;
- Assist with restoration project activities implemented through other Conservancy programs;
- Manage the Upper Truckee Marsh (UTM) Land Steward(s) provided by Tahoe RCD, as well as volunteers at Van Sickle Bi-State Park (site hosts), and interact with local (City and County) and California Highway Patrol law enforcement to protect resources on all Conservancy property and specifically the management intensive UTM and Van Sickle properties;
- Maintain the Conservancy's lakefront and public access facilities through various interagency Memorandum of Understanding and agreements with other State departments, such as California Department of Parks and Recreation, and local agencies, such as the City of South Lake Tahoe, as well as private leases and concession agreements for significant ownerships, improvements, and operations such as the South Tahoe Greenway Shared-use Trail, the Kings Beach Plaza, and Carnelian lake-front recreation areas;
- Contract for snow removal services to meet City of South Lake Tahoe code requirements and other Conservancy facility needs; and
- Enter into Special Use Agreements for a variety of public health and safety and compatible private activities consistent with the Conservancy Special Use Guidelines.

History

This is the 30th annual proposed authorization for property management. This year it includes the annual forestry program authorization to better reflect the total cost of managing and restoring Conservancy lands. The Conservancy has made significant progress developing and implementing comprehensive Property Management and Forestry Programs on nearly 4,700 parcels, totaling approximately 6,500 acres.

The Property Management Program began in 1986 to manage acquired land and to address issues such as ownership boundary lines, use patterns, natural resource and wildlife protection, public access, and recreation management.

Detailed information on the Property Management and Forestry Programs, including accomplishments, is presented in the FY 2016/17 Work Program discussion and provided as an attachment.

Financing

Property Management Budget

Land Management and Public Health and Safety (Support Funds)

Land Management Crew	\$115,000
Property Inspection and Cleanup	53,000
Property Signage	6,000
Property Surveys	40,000
Security/Service Contracts	105,000
Facilities and Maintenance	83,178
Equipment, Materials, and Supplies	<u>46,000</u>
Land Management and Public Safety Sub-Total:	\$448,178

Resource Restoration and Enhancement (Capital Outlay Funds)

Restoration and Forestry Crew	\$153,000
Program Planning	140,000
Property Surveys	53,000
Contracting and Project Implementation	130,000
Restoration Equipment, Materials, Supplies, Permits	<u>38,900</u>
Resource Restoration and Enhancement Sub-Total:	\$514,900
Total:	\$963,078

The above line item amounts are estimates and reflect potential expenditures within these categories based on prior experience. Actual expenditures will depend upon the passage of the budget, actual need, and management priorities as established throughout the fiscal year, but will not exceed the total funds requested.

Authority

Consistency with the Conservancy's Enabling Legislation

The recommended management activities are consistent with the Conservancy's enabling legislation. Specifically, Government Code section 66907.10 authorizes the Conservancy to improve and develop acquired lands for a variety of purposes, including protection of the natural environment; protection of public access and recreational facilities; preservation of wildlife habitat areas; and facilitation of access to and management of Conservancy-owned lands. Under Government Code section 66907.9, the Conservancy is authorized to initiate, negotiate, and participate in agreements for the management of land under its ownership and control with local public agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, nonprofit organizations, individuals, corporate entities, or partnerships. Government Code section 66906.8 authorizes the Conservancy to select and hire private consultants or contractors to achieve these purposes. Government Code section 66907.8 authorizes the Conservancy to lease, rent, or otherwise transfer any real property interest to fulfill the purposes of its enabling legislation and to promote the State's planning priorities.

Consistency with the Conservancy's Strategic Plan

The recommended management activities are consistent with the Strategic Plan in a number of ways by focusing on efficient management of Conservancy-owned lands (Strategy III. A), facilitating land exchanges to increase management efficiencies (Strategy III.B), increasing public awareness of the value of Conservancy lands (Strategy III. D), and strengthening Conservancy operations and administrative capabilities (Strategy IV).

Consistency with the Conservancy's Program Guidelines

The recommended action is consistent with the Board's existing policy direction including Special Use Guidelines, Forestry Guidelines, and Property Management Guidelines and furthers the Conservancy's overall agency policy and purposes.

Consistency with External Authorities

Property management is consistent with the Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) because it implements EIP project # 06.01.03.0002 - California Tahoe Conservancy Land Management Program and facilitates the implementation of other individual EIP projects related to forestry and restoration.

Compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

The Annual Property Management Authorization does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment and is therefore not a “project” within the meaning of CEQA. Staff will evaluate individual property management projects, however, prior to implementation to determine the appropriate level of CEQA review.

List of Attachments:

Attachment 1 – Resolution 16-06-05

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ATTACHMENT 1

California Tahoe Conservancy
Resolution 16-06-05
Adopted: June 16, 2016

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Staff recommends that the Conservancy adopt the following resolution pursuant to Government Code sections 66906.8, 66907.8, 66907.9, and 66907.10:

“Conditioned upon and subject to the passage of the Budget Act of 2016, the California Tahoe Conservancy hereby authorizes staff to expend up to \$963,078 for direct management and restoration as described in the accompanying staff report, and take all other necessary steps, subject to the provisions and conditions discussed in the accompanying staff report and attachments, in order to implement the Conservancy’s Annual Property Management Program. Implementation includes but is not limited to the following: property inspection and protection; hazard reduction; project planning; erosion control and resource restoration; forest health improvement; wildlife habitat enhancement; aspen and meadow restoration; land and facilities maintenance; demolition and removal of structural improvements for site restoration purposes; the resolution of inappropriate land use; public information activities; real property transactions and contracts including leases, concessions, licenses, and management agreements consistent with guidelines; implementation of existing agreements; and development of new management strategies.”

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution duly and regularly adopted by the California Tahoe Conservancy at a meeting thereof held on the 16th day of June, 2016.

In WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 16th day of June, 2016.

Patrick Wright
Executive Director