

Staff Report

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager
DATE: September 14, 2022
SUBJECT: Donation Request

ADMINISTRATION

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a donation request from the South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL) in the amount of \$1,000 in support of the Governor's California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force Sierra Nevada regional meeting on September 27 & 28, 2022.

BACKGROUND:

On August 30, SYRCL requested NID's financial support for the upcoming Governor's California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force Sierra Nevada regional meeting being held in Grass Valley on September 27 & 28, 2022. SYRCL, the fiscal agent for this event, is organizing the meeting in cooperation with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy.

This 2-day conference-style event will bring 300+ leaders in this arena together at the Nevada County fairgrounds. This meeting is an opportunity for County staff and elected officials to convene with state agency personnel, state legislative staff, elected members, Secretary of Natural Resources Wade Crowfoot, and with other leaders in the Sierra Nevada region working on forest health and fire prevention. The meeting will be an opportunity to educate and to form professional relationships in working together on large scale wildfire and forest resiliency issues.

This event has, to date, received support from Yuba Water Agency, Placer County Water Agency, The Nature Conservancy, California Forestry Association, and The Sierra Institute. 100% of funds secured will be used to cover hard costs associated with the meeting so that it can be offered free to all attendees.

In addition to the funding request, we are pleased that the Sierra Nevada Conservancy has included NID's Scotts Flat Phase 4 Wildfire Risk Reduction project as a site tour on Day 2, September 28. NID has recently completed the final 300 acres of understory treatment, which is the culmination of over 5 years of forestry activities where we have worked on all District lands adjacent to this key storage reservoir. This phased project has included multiple grants from the Sierra Nevada

Conservancy to thin understory vegetation and ladder fuels to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire and forest density. On this tour, staff is looking forward to discussing NID's ongoing efforts pertaining to wildfire risk reduction, fuels treatment methods and costs, human health and safety, and critical water storage and water system infrastructure protection, among others.

Although Policy 1070 is currently suspended, staff believes this meeting is unique and important enough for a financial variance to the Policy.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

The District does not have funding categorized under Donations in budget year 2022, as it currently is suspended. If approved, staff anticipates utilizing unspent budget funds from the Administration budget to cover the \$1,000 expense.

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Attachments (2)

- Board Policy 1070 – Contributions/Donations (Suspended)
- September 27 – 28, 2022 California Wildfire & Forest Resilience Task Force Meeting Agenda

Nevada Irrigation District

POLICY MANUAL

POLICY TITLE: Contributions / Donations – Requests by Non-Profit / Community Organizations

POLICY NUMBER: 1070 – This policy is suspended until reserves are appropriately funded.

The purpose of this policy is to provide direction to the General Manager and the Board of Directors for handling requests for contributions and/or donations to non-profit / community organizations. It is important for the District to be involved in the various communities it serves. The District may fulfill requests for contributions to non-profit / community organizations when the organization can show their direct relationship to watershed health, water quality, agriculture or natural resources.

1070.1 The General Manager shall have the discretion to approve requests for contributions up to \$500.

1070.2 The Board of Directors shall have the discretion to approve requests for contributions of \$501 or more.

1070.4 Contributions and donations are not to exceed a maximum annual amount of \$7,500.

Adopted: October 13, 2010 via Resolution No. 2010-56

Revised: July 24, 2019 via Resolution No. 2019-24

March 23, 2022 via Resolution No. 2022-16



SIERRA REGIONAL MEETING



September
27-28,
2022

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE & FOREST RESILIENCE TASK FORCE

September 27-28, 2022
Nevada County Fairgrounds, Grass Valley, CA

DRAFT AGENDA: 8/30/22 - Subject to Change

Tuesday – September 27, 2022		
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Resource Fair & Registration	Local Partners & Displays
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	1. Opening Remarks	Wade Crowfoot, CNRA Jennifer Eberlien, USFS Task Force Executive Committee
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	2. Director’s Report • Accomplishments & Updates	Patrick Wright
10:45 a.m. – 12 p.m.	3. Forest Resilience in the Sierra Nevada • Regional Metrics and Assessment • Regional Resource Kit • Regional Project/Grant Inventory	John Battles, UCB Pat Manley, USFS Tadashi Moody, CAL FIRE Rob Lawson, Google.org Alan Talhelm, CARB
The Task Force interagency science team will release an overview of the health and resilience of the Sierra Nevada, and a draft regional resource kit to help forest collaboratives assess the condition of their landscapes and prioritize projects.		
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	Local Food Trucks - No host
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	4. From Data to Decision-Making: Regional Planning & Priority Setting • North Yuba Partnership • Tahoe Central Sierra Initiative • SERAL	Eli Ilano, USFS Willie Whittlesey, Yuba Water Agency Forest Schafer, Tahoe Conservancy Jeff Marsolais, USFS Dan Porter, The Nature Conservancy Jason Kuiken, USFS John Buckley, Yosemite Stanislaus Solutions
A panel of regional leaders will discuss how they are using remote sensing and decision-support systems to plan and prioritize projects.		
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	5. Resources for Resilience: Funding Landscape-Scale Conservation	Angela Avery, SNC Sherry Hazelhurst, USFS Jonathan Kusel, Sierra Institute Steve Frisch, Sierra Business Council
The panel will discuss how the Task Force and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy are seeking to align new federal and state investments in forest health and community resilience.		

3:15 – 4:15 p.m.	6. Building an Outdoor Recreation-based Economy: Draft Sustainable Recreation Strategy A panel of recreation leaders will discuss how CALREC Vision’s Draft Sustainable Recreation Strategy promotes equitable, accessible, and wildfire-resilient outdoor recreation opportunities.	Greg Williams, Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship John Wentworth, CALREC Vison Jim Bacon, USFS Katherine Toy, CNRA
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4:15 – 4:30 p.m.	7. Final Remarks	Task Force Co-chairs
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4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Complimentary Reception	
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Dinner on Your Own		
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8:00 p.m.	Complimentary Wild & Scenic Film Festival	Del Oro Theater 165 Mill St, Grass Valley
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Wednesday – September 28, 2022		
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8:00 a.m.	Field Tours	Details Pending
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