

## STAFF REPORT

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**Date:** June 5, 2024

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**Through:** Doug Thornley, City Manager

**Subject:** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC) for the Truckee Meadows Tributary Watershed Assessments to extend the term of the funding agreement to June 30, 2025.

**From:** Theresa Jones, Senior Civil Engineer

**Department:** Utility Services

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**Summary:**

The Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC) approved funding for the Truckee Meadows Tributary Watershed Assessments (watershed assessments), in the amount of \$65,000 for fiscal year (FY) 2024 at their October 18, 2023, meeting. The Stormwater Permit Coordinating Committee (SWPCC) requested these funds for the purpose of hiring a consultant to conduct annual tributary watershed assessments, as required by the Truckee Meadows Stormwater Management Program (SWMP). Late winter storms and an injury to a key consultant team member has delayed the stream assessments. The WRWC has agreed to extend the agreement through June 30, 2025.

<b>Consent Review</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
1. Is this item an annual or standard item that comes before Council for regular approval?	<b>X</b>	
2. Is this item an agreement required based on an item previously approved by Council?	<b>X</b>	
3. Is this item included in the current budget approved and adopted by Council?		<b>X</b>
<b>Other Considerations</b>		
What percent of the total City budget does this item represent?	<b>0.0%</b>	

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:**

Infrastructure, Climate Change, and Environmental Sustainability

**Previous Council Action:**

November 8, 2023 - Council approved the interlocal agreement with the WRWC for \$65,000 to fund the Truckee Meadows Tributary Watershed Assessments for FY24.

**Background:**

The City of Reno, City of Sparks, and Washoe County are co-permittees on a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the Truckee Meadows Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). The SWPCC is responsible for implementing and ensuring compliance with the SWMP and administers the MS4 permit. The SWMP requires annual assessments of tributary watersheds to the Truckee River. On October 18, 2023, the WRWC approved an amount not to exceed \$65,00 for FY24 to conduct nine tributary assessments.

**Discussion:**

This first amendment to the agreement will extend funding for the tributary assessments project administered and managed by the City of Reno, on behalf of the SWPCC, through FY25.

Accepting this time extension amendment will ensure continued funding from the WRWC in support of the SWPCC's continued implementation of the SWMP. Tributary assessments provide important information about watershed impairments, needed water quality improvements, and stream stabilization measures. Tributary assessments are a valuable tool, assisting agencies in prioritizing stream restoration projects.

**Financial Implications:**

None.

**Legal Implications:**

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends Council approve the first amendment to the interlocal agreement with the Western Regional Water Commission for the Truckee Meadows Tributary Watershed Assessments and authorize the Mayor to sign.

**Proposed Motion:**

I move to approve staff recommendation

**Attachments:**

WRWC Tributary Watershed First Amendment to the Agreement FY 2025

WRWC Tributary Watershed Agreement FY 2024