

STAFF REPORT

Date: November 8, 2023

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Doug Thornley, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of the Funding Agreement with the Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC) for the Truckee Meadows Tributary Watershed Assessments for Fiscal Year (FY) 24 in the amount of \$65,000. (WRWC funding for Storm Water Program)

From: Theresa Jones, Senior Civil Engineer

Department: Utility Services

Summary:

The Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC) approved funding for the Truckee Meadows Tributary Watershed Assessments (watershed assessments) for Fiscal Year (FY) 24 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) in compliance with the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit. 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. This Agreement will provide a \$65,000 reimbursement to the City of Reno for administering the watershed assessments consultant agreement with NCE.

Consent Review	Yes	No
1. Is this item an annual or standard item that comes before Council for regular approval?	X	
2. Is this item an agreement required based on an item previously approved by Council?		X
3. Is this item Included in the current budget approved and adopted by Council?		X
Other Considerations		
What percent of the total city budget does this item represent?	0%	

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Infrastructure, Climate Change, and Environmental Sustainability

Previous Council Action:

June 20, 2023 - Council approved the Interlocal Agreement, and subsequently twelve amendments to the Interlocal agreement with the Western Regional Water Commission for annual funding the Truckee Meadows Stormwater Management Program (SWMP), in an amount not to exceed \$262,500.

Background:

The City of Reno, City of Sparks, and Washoe County are co-permittees on a NPDES permit for the Truckee Meadows Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). The MS4 permit is administered through the SWPCC which is responsible for implementing and ensuring compliance with the SWMP.

Discussion:

Annual assessments of tributary watersheds to the Truckee River are required by the SWMP. The Consultant, NCE, will provide a watershed assessment focused on five locations, Alum Creek, Somersett Creek, Galena Creek, Thomas Creek, and Whites Creek for \$78,500. On October 18, 2023, the WRWC approved the funding amount not to exceed \$65,000 for FY 24 to conduct these tributary assessments. The remaining \$13,500 will be paid by NDOT through the SWPCC. This project will be administered and managed by the City of Reno and reimbursed through WRWC and NDOT. Accepting this funding from WRWC will support the SWPCC's continued implementation of the SWMP and compliance with our MS4 permit.

Financial Implications:

The City will be reimbursed by the WRWC for Truckee Meadows Tributary Watershed Assessments expenses up to \$65,000.

Legal Implications:

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

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Western Regional Water Commission for the reimbursement amount of \$65,000 to fund the Truckee Meadows Tributary Watershed Assessments for Fiscal Year 24 and authorize the Mayor to sign.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

WRWC Tributary Watershed Agreement FY2024 (PDF)