



STAFF REPORT

To: Chairman and Board Members

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Subject: **Recommendations for Funding Projects from the Truckee River Fund and Request for Board Approval of Resolution #__ Authorizing Funding**

RECOMMENDATION

The Truckee River Fund Advisors recommend that the TMWA Board authorize by resolution the funding of one project/proposal as outlined in this report and forward those projects/proposals to the Community Foundation to be funded out of the Truckee River Fund.

DISCUSSION

The purpose of this report is to provide recommendations to the TMWA Board concerning funding requests of current projects received and reviewed by the Truckee River Fund Advisors. The Fund Advisors met on July 6, 2006 to comprehensively review and discuss the merits of the proposals.

Two proposals were received. We believe the short turnaround time (from issuance of RFP to receipt of proposals) affected the ability of potential entities to respond to the RFP. Of the 2 proposals received, one is recommended for approval by the TMWA and Community Foundation Boards. The Fund Advisors have scheduled a public meeting for August 14. A special invitation to the meeting will be forwarded to public works officials of Reno, Sparks and Washoe County. The Fund Advisors goal with this meeting is to encourage retrofit storm water management projects/proposals from the three political entities and a discussion of the capacity of the bodies to implement the projects. The Fund Advisors are keenly interested in funding these types of projects which could provide much benefit the Truckee River as growth accelerates into the hillsides.

PROJECTS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING

Project: *Quantification of Dissolved Organic Nitrogen Originating from Natural Sources and Wastewater Effluent*

Organization: *University of Nevada*

Amount Requested: \$81,093 **Amount Recommended:** \$81,093

Organization Match: \$20334 (cash)

This project is an assessment and quantification to determine which fraction of organic nitrogen actively promotes algae growth in the Truckee River. Conversely, identification and quantification of relatively benign organic nitrogen (nitrogen that is relatively inert or can be biologically used by native plants) will be undertaken. Results of the project will help in the development, selection and prioritization of future of remediation or treatment projects.

TMWA Benefit

Specific reduction strategies coming from this study should help to mitigate organic loads to the river. Water quality will be improved.

PROJECT NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING

Project: *Truckee River Educational and Outreach Program*

Organization: *Ecosystem Sciences Foundation*

Amount Requested: \$100,000 **Amount Recommended:** \$0

Organization Match: \$25,000

The purpose of this request is to educate local stakeholders, watershed managers, planning departments, and commissions in watershed management objectives and future management decisions that affect and improve river ecology.

The fund advisors deferred action on this proposal citing concerns with the longevity of the program, its expense and redundancy with existing local efforts.
