




**COUNTY OF EL DORADO
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT**

Date: March 18, 2022

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Jeffrey Warren, REHS, Director of Environmental Management 

Subject: Retro-active Contract for the Clean Tahoe Program

The purpose of this memo is to provide your Board with an update regarding the forthcoming Board item for a retro-active contract for the Clean Tahoe Program. On June 8, 2021, your Board approved a 6 month extension for the contract with Clean Tahoe to provide services to the un-incorporated areas of El Dorado County ([Item 21-0668](#)). This contract expired on 12/31/2021.

EMD's goal was to renegotiate the agreement to increase funding to the Clean Tahoe Program in conjunction with South Tahoe Refuse's rate increase in December 2021.

EMD held several meetings with the Clean Tahoe Program and County Counsel prior to the end of the contract, but increasing the current rate of \$0.15 per parcel (set via Resolution 218-99 in 1999), which is collected through parcel fees, would trigger Proposition 218 to have the tax payers vote on the increase. Combined with the Caldor Fire recovery, we were not able to proceed with a new contract with these time constraints. The Clean Tahoe Program has been providing services to the South Lake Tahoe area since 1988 and has been arguably underfunded since 1999.

We have a new contract agreement which outlines the scope of work (under the current fees collected) that will run to 12/31/2022. Our proposed Legistar date is 4/12/22. In the course of this year, we will coordinate with County Counsel, South Tahoe Refuse and Clean Tahoe Program to incorporate a rate increase to be brought to your Board in December for approval.

The Board may choose to deny the approval of this Agreement. This would result in the inability of the County to fund this essential program in the Lake Tahoe Basin. Further, EMD does not have staffing or other funding sources available to warrant the addition of permanent staff to perform the services under this Agreement.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

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