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Date: June 11, 2015
To: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
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Subject: CA Tahoe Alliance

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Community Development Agency recommending the Board authorize the Chair to sign the CA Tahoe Alliance (Alliance) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to encourage coordinated strategies for guidance on state funding legislation and to provide a mechanism to apply for funding that supports a broad range of environmental, restoration, and water quality and supply projects, while also supporting coordinated implementation of the Environmental Improvement Program.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

The Alliance is a coalition of California agencies and jurisdictions (California Tahoe Conservancy [CTC], City of South Lake Tahoe, etc.) that are working together to identify, coordinate, and advocate for state funding for the Lake Tahoe Basin. Alliance members are expected to commit staff time necessary to meet the goals of the MOU (Attachment C). Alliance members are also pooling resources to engage Conservation Strategy Group (CSG) to assist with lobbying efforts as outlined in Attachment D. The CTC has successfully utilized CSG's expertise in the past and they have a proven track record in Sacramento. If the Board authorizes the Chair to sign the MOU, the County will pursue a separate contract with CSG (anticipated cost of approximately \$1,000/month). This minimal cost for the potential to secure hundreds of millions of dollars for the Lake Tahoe Basin provides an excellent prospective return on investment.

ALTERNATIVES

The alternative would be to not join the Alliance, which may impact the County's ability to coordinate and cooperatively pursue future grant funding opportunities with Alliance members.

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

Chief Administrative Office

FINANCIAL IMPACT

No change to Net County Cost.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

1) Clerk of the Board Staff to have Chair sign two (2) Originals of the MOU and return them both to Long Range Planning staff.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT

N/A

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