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Supervisor Novasel recommending the Board:
1) Find that a public benefit is derived from supporting the Tahoe Fund's efforts to sponsor and organize the 2022 Lake Tahoe Environmental Summit; and
2) Approve and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to sign a Funding Agreement, consistent with the County's standard form and upon the approval of County Counsel, with the Tahoe Fund authorizing payment of the $5,000 community funding contribution in support of these efforts.

FUNDING: General Fund.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

Since the first Presidential Forum in 1997, federal, state and local leaders have come together to discuss the importance of protecting and restoring Lake Tahoe. This is the annual event hosted by California, alternating with Nevada each year. Each year, California and Nevada state representatives gather with high-ranking federal representatives to discuss policies that help protect and preserve Lake Tahoe. Governors from both states join Senate and Congressional representatives and top agency directors, including the Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources, public utility agencies, in open dialogue with local representatives. El Dorado County has always been invited, included and taken part in that open dialogue. In order to preserve funding designated for environmental projects, the event sponsor and organizer, the Tahoe Fund, (founded in 2010 as a registered non-profit corporation in the States of Nevada and California), requested Lake Tahoe public agencies and sponsors to contribute towards the costs of this annual event. As a sponsor, El Dorado County was recognized on the program with the other sponsors.

A funding agreement is required in order for the County to process the payment to Tahoe Fund. Approval by the Board provides the finding that a public benefit is derived from supporting this endeavor, which brings together federal, state, and local leaders together to discuss the importance of protecting and restoring Lake Tahoe.

ALTERNATIVES

The Board could choose not to approve the funding request, and no funding would be provided in support of these efforts.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

September 23, 2014, Item 14-0986 version 1, Resolution 153-2014 authorizing $1,000; August 8, 2017, Item 14-0986 version 2, Resolution 120-2017 authorizing $1,000; September 27, 2019, Item 19 -1246 authorizing $1,000; July 28, 2020, Item 20-1000 authorizing $5,000.

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

Tahoe Fund

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Board of Supervisors allocated $50,000 in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Recommended Budget in General Fund - Other Operations (Department 15) to be available for community funding requests supported by the Board. Approval of this item would allocate $5,000 from this amount. There is no additional impact to the General Fund due to the approval of this agreement.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS
N/A

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