



To: Board of Directors
From: Michael Schwartz, Fire Chief
Date: June 9, 2020
Subject: Sale of Wheeled Chipper and Tow Vehicle to North Tahoe Fire

Background:

Meeks Bay Fire (MEK) purchased their towable wheeled chipper (M-1508, 250 Brush Bandit Chipper) and tow vehicle (M-1507, Freightliner) through a FEMA grants 15 years ago. In the last six years, MEK has not had a chipper crew and has made the equipment available to North Tahoe Fire (NTF) and their sub-contractor North Lake Tahoe Fire (NLT) to chip properties on the west shore and Alpine Meadows. However, MEK has maintained the liability insurance and shared the costs associated with the equipment maintenance, neither which were billable to the grant funding.

Staff is requesting that Meeks Bay Fire (MEK) sell the equipment to North Tahoe Fire (NTF) for \$1.00. NTF will assume all direct and indirect costs associated with the equipment, including but not limited to: Insurance, fuel, maintenance, and budgeting for replacement. This change in formal ownership should allow NTF to request grant reimbursement for the use of the equipment, which should cover all the associated direct and indirect costs..

If at any time, MEK chooses, NTF will sell the equipment back to them for the same price as sold, given 90 days' notice.

Purpose:

Allows NTF to administer the Free Curbside chipping program within NTF/MEK/Alpine Meadows; reduces administrative burden in to both agencies, using equipment that is owned by another district; allows NTFPD to balance cost recovery opportunities and development a replacement plan for both the NTF and MEK chippers.

Recommendation:

Authorize the sale of the wheeled chipper (M-1508, 250 Brush Bandit Chipper) and tow vehicle (M-1507, Freightliner) to North Tahoe Fire for the price of \$1.00, with the understanding that, if Meeks Bay Fire chooses to reclaim the equipment, they may purchase it from North Tahoe Fire for the same price of \$1.00.