

# Staff Report

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Greg Jones, Assistant General Manager  
Neysa King, Environmental Resources Administrator

**DATE:** September 24, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Watershed Department CIP Budget Amendment (Project No. 2684 – Upper Yuba Headwaters Forest Restoration Project) (Consent)

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## ***ADMINISTRATION***

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve a CIP Budget amendment, adding \$20,000 to the Upper Yuba Headwaters Forest Restoration Project (Project #2684) for additional Registered Professional Forester (RPF) consultant work and authorize the General Manager or designee to execute the appropriate documents.

### **BACKGROUND:**

On August 3, 2023, NID executed Grant Agreement 1542 from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy in the amount of \$1.274M to complete the Upper Yuba Headwaters Forest Restoration Project (Project #2684). On October 9, 2024 the Board approved Resolution No. 2024-37 adopting the 2025 annual budget, inclusive of \$533,317 expenditures for this project for consulting and contract work.

The purpose of this 3-year project is to remove understory fire fuels, hazard trees, and overly dense small trees on 400 acres owned and managed by NID. The project will reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire, improve forest ecological health and resilience, protect water supply and quality, and to remove risks to human health and safety in a critical headwaters watershed. This project targets ladder fuels that are 0-14" Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) to reduce forest density and the potential for groundfire to become a canopy fire.

The project is located in the upper headwaters of the Middle Yuba River in and around Jackson Meadows Reservoir at an elevation of approximately 6,000 to 6,500 feet.

After the approval of the 2025 CIP budget in October, staff identified an additional approximately 37 acres to be treated this 2025 field season, totaling 162 acres which require RPF involvement and site supervision. All RFP costs are reimbursable from the SNC grant.

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

An increase to the CIP budget No. 2684 Consultant fees by \$20,000 to total \$70,000 for the UTT 2025 contract. Funds for this increase will be transferred from the Watershed CIP Project No. 2697 (Upper Yuba Forest NEPA Planning) for this calendar year.

Attachments (1)

- Resolution 2025-46 -Budget Amendment for the Upper Yuba Headwaters Forest Restoration Project (Project #2684)



**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-46**  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
**Budget Amendment for the Upper Yuba Headwaters Forest Restoration Project  
(Project #2684)**

**WHEREAS**, the Nevada Irrigation District (District) budget for the 2025 fiscal year reflects resources to meet the needs of the District and the District's customers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors adopted the 2025 Annual Budget on October 9, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors on August 3, 2023 executed Grant Agreement No. 1542 from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy in the amount of \$1.274M to complete the Upper Yuba Headwaters Forest Restoration Project (Project #2684); and

**WHEREAS**, this project is to remove understory fire fuels, hazard trees, and overly dense small trees on 400 acres owned and managed by NID; and

**WHEREAS**, this project will reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire, improve forest ecological health and resilience, protect water supply and quality, and to remove risks to human health and safety in a critical headwaters watershed.

**WHEREAS**, After the approval of the 2025 CIP budget, staff identified an additional approximately 37 acres to be treated this 2025 field season, totaling 162 acres which require RPF involvement and site supervision; and

**WHEREAS**, Registered Professional Forestry costs are reimbursable from the SNC grant.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District:

1. The Board of Directors hereby approves a Budget Amendment to increase funding for the Upper Yuba Headwaters Forest Restoration Project (Project #2684) in the amount of \$20,000 for Registered Professional Forestry consultant work.

- 2. The Board of Directors hereby approves a Budget Amendment to reduce funding for the Upper Yuba Forest NEPA Planning Project (Project #2697) in the amount of \$20,000.
- 3. The Board of Directors hereby approves a 2025 contract increase of \$20,000 for Registered Professional Forester consultant Under The Trees.
- 4. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the General Manager, or designee, to execute the necessary documents to cause the actions contemplated with this resolution.

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**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District at a regular meeting held on the 24th day of September, 2025 by the following vote:

**AYES:** Directors:  
**NOES:** Directors:  
**ABSENT:** Directors:  
**ABSTAINS:** Directors:

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President of the Board of Directors

**Attest:**  
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Secretary to the Board of Directors