Nevada Irrigation District

Staff Report

TO: Board of Directors

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

DATE: July 23, 2025

SUBJECT: **Watershed Department Contractor Expense Approval (CIP Project #2684)**

ADMINISTRATION

RECOMMENDATION:
Adopt a Resolution approving an amendment to the Fund 70 FY 2025 Capital Budget in the amount of $67,000, and award project contracts for the Upper Yuba Headwaters Forest Restoration Project (Project #2684).

BACKGROUND:
On August 3, 2023, NID executed a Grant Agreement from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy in the amount of $1.274M to complete the Upper Yuba Headwaters Forest Restoration Project (Project #2684).

The purpose of this Project is to remove understory fire fuels, hazard trees, and overly dense small trees on 400 acres owned and managed by NID to 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. The project is located in the upper headwaters of the Middle Fork Yuba River around Jackson Meadows Reservoir, approximately 35 miles northwest of Lake Tahoe.

This project will target ladder fuels that are 0-14” DBH and the resulting chip depth will not exceed 6-inches after mastication and hand crew chipping activities are completed. This project is expected to be complete in 2026.

Proposed project areas to be treated in 2025 total approximately 162 acres for a bid cost of $549,560. These acres were split into individual units of varying size and received proposals from local licensed timber operators (LTO’s).

CONTRACT PROPOSALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

On May 30th, 2025, NID released the Request for Proposals to six (6) operators. Operators were invited to submit proposals for all or any combination of units. On

June 18, 2025, 5 operators attended a mandatory site walk to inspect treatment areas. On June 27, 2025, NID received responses from 5 operators as detailed below.

Unit	Acres	Rate	Unit Total	Operator
1A Aspen Hand Crew	11	$ 3,300.00	$ 36,300.00	Jensens Tree Care Inc.
1A Aspen Hand Crew	11	$ 3,500.00	$ 38,500.00	Loggers Unlimited
1A Aspen Hand Crew	11	$ 8,522.00	$ 93,742.00	Yuba Forest Restoration
1B Aspen Mastication	21	$ 2,350.00	$ 49,350.00	Jensens Tree Care Inc.
1B Aspen Mastication	21	$ 2,500.00	$ 52,500.00	Black Dog Enterprises
1B Aspen Mastication	21	$ 3,500.00	$ 73,500.00	Loggers Unlimited
1B Aspen Mastication	21	$ 8,214.00	$ 172,494.00	Yuba Forest Restoration
2A Graniteville Hand Crew	24	$ 3,500.00	$ 84,000.00	Loggers Unlimited
2A Graniteville Hand Crew	24	$ 4,800.00	$ 115,200.00	Jensens Tree Care Inc.
2B Graniteville Mastication	10	$ 2,500.00	$ 25,000.00	Black Dog Enterprises
2B Graniteville Mastication	10	$ 2,800.00	$ 28,000.00	Jensens Tree Care Inc.
2B Graniteville Mastication	10	$ 5,500.00	$ 55,000.00	Loggers Unlimited
2B Graniteville Mastication	10	$ 6,737.50	$ 67,375.00	Yuba Forest Restoration
3A Woodcamp Hand Crew	4	$ 3,100.00	$ 12,400.00	Jensens Tree Care Inc.
3A Woodcamp Hand Crew	4	$ 3,500.00	$ 14,000.00	Black Dog Enterprises
3A Woodcamp Hand Crew	4	$ 5,500.00	$ 22,000.00	Loggers Unlimited
3A Woodcamp Hand Crew	4	$ 6,733.50	$ 26,934.00	Yuba Forest Restoration
3B Woodcamp Mastication	57	$ 2,500.00	$ 142,500.00	Black Dog Enterprises
3B Woodcamp Mastication	57	$ 2,850.00	$ 162,450.00	Jensens Tree Care Inc.
3B Woodcamp Mastication	57	$ 3,500.00	$ 199,500.00	Loggers Unlimited
3B Woodcamp Mastication	57	$ 3,750.00	$ 213,750.00	Frank Dial Logging
3B Woodcamp Mastication	57	$ 6,733.00	$ 383,781.00	Yuba Forest Restoration
4B Austin Mastication	35	$ 2,600.00	$ 91,000.00	Black Dog Enterprises
4B Austin Mastication	35	$ 3,470.00	$ 121,450.00	Frank Dial Logging
4B Austin Mastication	35	$ 3,500.00	$ 122,500.00	Loggers Unlimited
4B Austin Mastication	35	$ 3,600.00	$ 126,000.00	Jensens Tree Care Inc.
4B Austin Mastication	35	$ 7,699.00	$ 269,465.00	Yuba Forest Restoration

NOTE: Unit 2A Graniteville Hand Crew price revised to $4,500/ac by Loggers Unlimited after additional contract discussion and negotiations.

Upon review of all proposals received and follow-up discussions with District staff, staff recommends contracting with the following operators for the project by Unit:

Operator	Unit(s)	Acres	Unit Total + 10% Contingency	Contracting Total
Jensens Tree Care Inc.	1A - Aspen Hand Crew	11	$ 39,930.00	$ 125,015.00
	1B - Aspen Mastication	21	$ 54,285.00	
	2B Grantiteville Mastication	10	$ 30,800.00	
Black Dog Enterprises	3A - Woodcamp Hand Crew	4	$ 15,400.00	$ 172,150.00
	3B - Woodcamp Mastication	57	$ 156,750.00	
Loggers Unlimited	2A - Graniteville Hand Crew	24	$ 118,800.00	$ 118,800.00
Frank Dial Logging	4B - Austin Mastication	35	$ 133,595.00	$ 133,595.00
	TOTAL:	**162**	**$ 549,560.00**	

All work will be complete by Oct. 15, 2025 to allow time for site inspections, photo monitoring as required by the SNC grant, and demobilization prior to normal arrival of snow in early November.

The 2025 Watershed Budget includes $483,517 for Project contractors. Based on the bids received to successfully complete the 162-acres this year, plus a 10% contingency to reflect new contractor insurance requirements, staff is recommending reallocating $67,000 from the 2025 CIP Hazard Tree Removal, Project #2455.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:
Internal Services Fund 70 FY 2024 Capital Budget Project No. 2455 (Hazard Tree) will be reduced in the amount of $67,000. These funds will be reappropriated in the Fund 70 FY 2025 Capital Budget to Project No. 2684 (Upper Yuba Headwaters Restoration Project) in the amount of $67,000.00.

Approximately 65% of the project cost is supported by a grant from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy.

Attachments (1)

- Resolution No. 2025-39 - Authorizing Amendment of FY 2025 Capital Budget and Awarding Contracts for Project No. 2684 (Upper Yuba Headwaters Forest Restoration)

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-39

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2025 CAPITAL BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $67,000 AND AWARD CONTRACTS FOR PROJECT NO. 2684 – UPPER YUBA HEADWATERS RESTORATION

WHEREAS, the Nevada Irrigation District (District) Board of Directors adopted the FY 2025 Annual Budget on October 9, 2024; and

WHEREAS, On August 3, 2023, NID executed Grant Agreement with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy in the amount of $1.274M to complete the Upper Yuba Headwaters Forest Restoration Project by removing understory fire fuels, hazard trees, and overly dense small trees on 400 acres owned and managed by NID to 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; and

WHEREAS, On May 30th, 2025, NID released the Request for Proposals to six (6) operators, on June 18, 2025, five (5) operators attended a mandatory site walk to inspect treatment areas, and on June 27, 2025, NID received responses from 5 operators; and

WHEREAS, NID staff reviewed responses and are recommending contract awards as identified as:

Operator	Unit(s)	Acres	Unit Total + 10% Contingency	Contracting Total
Jensens Tree Care Inc.	1A - Aspen Hand Crew	11	$ 39,930.00	$ 125,015.00
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WHEREAS, After the RFP was released and bids received, new contractor insurance requirements have been established. Staff is working with contractors to secure additional insurance requirements as necessary, and a 10% contingency authorization has been estimated and added, final contract amounts may be reduced; and

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

1. Internal Services Fund 70 FY 2024 Capital Budget Project No. 2455 (Hazard Tree) will be reduced in the amount of $67,000. These funds will be reappropriated in the Fund 70 FY 2025 Capital Budget to Project No. 2684 (Upper Yuba Headwaters Restoration Project) in the amount of $67,000.00.

2. Approve contracts amounts for Jensens Tree Care, Frank Dial Logging, Black Dog Enterprises and Loggers Unlimited not to exceed the amounts indicated.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District at a regular meeting held on the 23rd day of July, 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