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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: July 27th, 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mali LaGoe, Assistant County Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Resolution requesting that the County of Nevada be approved as a member of the Truckee Tahoe Workforce Housing Agency, a Joint Powers Agency, by the agency's Board of Directors

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution.

FUNDING: No funding is required with this Resolution to request approval to join the Truckee Tahoe Workforce Housing Agency (TTWHA), a Joint Powers Agency (JPA). If approval is granted to join the TTWHA then a Resolution to sign the TTWHA agreement and authorize funding will be brought to the Board of Supervisors at a later date. Membership cost is anticipated to include a one-time founding contribution of \$18,477.68, equal to each founding member's contribution, as well as a formulaic annual contribution based on each member's workforce size. Additional contributions to specific projects (i.e., construction of a specific housing development) will be optional to each member.

BACKGROUND: The TTWHA is a Joint Powers Agency established on January 22, 2020, by four founding members: Tahoe Truckee Unified School District, Truckee Donner Public Utility District, Tahoe Truckee Airport District and the Tahoe Forest Hospital District with a mission to increase housing access and affordability for the employees of its member agencies who provide needed services to the general public. In its first year, the TTWHA completed an Employee Housing Needs Study for its members as well as a five-year workplan to address the identified needs.

In December 2020, Nevada and Placer Counties, along with the Town of Truckee executive leadership, entered into discussions with the founding members to consider joining the JPA. The TTWHA then contracted with Municipal Resources Group (RMG) to research the feasibility of

expanding TTWHA membership to include the three requesting agencies. The result was a recommendation to invite the three entities to join the JPA.

On May 21, 2021, Nevada County received an official invitation to join the TTWHA as a new member. On June 8, 2021, the Town of Truckee adopted a resolution to request to join the JPA and Placer County is anticipated to adopt a similar resolution very soon. Should the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approve this Resolution requesting to join the TTWHA, the request will be considered by the TTWHA Board of Directors in August. Once the TTWHA Board of Directors approves the request then an item will be brought to the Nevada County Board of Supervisors to sign the TTWHA agreement as well as approve the required contribution amount for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Many essential workers in the North Truckee-Tahoe area are struggling to live in the places that they work. With increasing housing prices (for sale and rent) and a decrease in housing stock that meets the needs of employees, it is increasingly more difficult for employees who work in the Truckee-Tahoe region to find a home. Nevada County currently has 35 employees working in the Truckee-Tahoe Region who would directly benefit from the services provided by the TTWHA should Nevada County join the Agency.

Benefits to Nevada County staff after joining the TTWHA would include employee access to housing programs such as concierge/placement services, financial planning trainings, and future loan programs. Joining the TTWHA would also provide increased collaboration opportunities on housing issues at an organizational level with other public agencies in the Truckee-Tahoe region.

Item Initiated by: Mali LaGoe, Assistant County Executive Officer
Approved by: Alison Lehman, County Executive Officer

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