

VILLAGE OF TAOS SKI VALLEY

Agenda Item

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: **Resolution # 2013-233 regarding the 2012 San Juan-Chama Project Water Rights Contract**

DATE: August 7, 2012

PRESENTED BY: Mark G. Fratrack, Village Administrator

STATUS OF AGENDA ITEM: New Business

CAN THIS ITEM BE RESCHEDULED: Not Recommended

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The original San Juan-Chama Project contract dates back to January 5th, 1978 when Twining Water and Sanitation District (TWSD) entered into a contract for 15 acre-feet of water. TWSD assigned that contract to VTSV on September 6, 2001. At present, the Village has San Juan-Chama Project water available in Heron Reservoir in excess of its current needs which can be made available. The Village agrees to lease to Reclamation the use of up to 8 acre-feet of its 2012 San Juan-Chama Project water to be stored in Heron Reservoir; this water allocation will be used for the purpose of irrigation within the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District. Reclamation will pay Taos Ski Valley \$48.00 per acre-foot for a maximum of 8 acre-feet of water released from Heron Reservoir pursuant to this Contract.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Resolution 2013-233 regarding the 2012 San Juan Chama Project Water Repayment Contract between the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation and the Village of Taos Ski Valley (USBOR Contract No. 12-WC-40-475).

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution 2012-233
(Contract is available at Village office for review)

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AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Consideration to Approve Letter to Land Trust Board supporting the protection of the Williams Lake trail through a conservation easement.

DATE: August 7, 2012

PRESENTED BY: Mark G. Fratrack, Village Administrator

STATUS OF AGENDA ITEM: New Business

CAN THIS ITEM BE RESCHEDULED: Not Recommended

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Taos Land Trust has been contacted by a private entity that wishes to donate land for a conservation easement in the Kachina area. The conservation easement would in-turn provide protection for the Williams Lake trail. The private landowner would like to donate over seventeen acres that not only will provide permanent public access to the Forest Service Trail 62 trailhead (i.e. Williams Lake trail), but it will also help to preserve the Rio Hondo watershed.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of the letter of support.

ATTACHMENTS: Draft Letter to Land Trust Board & Survey Map

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AGENDA ITEM TITLE: **Policy on Domestic Partners for Village Health Care Coverage**

DATE: August 7, 2012

PRESENTED BY: Mark G. Fratrack, Village Administrator

STATUS OF AGENDA ITEM: New Business

CAN THIS ITEM BE RESCHEDULED: Not Recommended

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The question of the Village providing health care insurance coverage for employees that claim domestic partners has come up. During the period of time the Village transitioned from the old health care insurance plan to the new state health care plan coverage, the staff asked the policy of the State. The State's position is that they allow domestic partner coverage, but have advised that each municipality must set their own individual policy. If the domestic partner coverage is allowed, it is estimated that the Village could possibly pay out an additional \$1500/mth, or \$18,000/yr for that additional coverage. This estimate is for the domestic partner coverage only, but that cost could go up if domestic partner children are also added. There would be additional administration requirements for Village Staff to adhere to. State guidelines and verification must be met to accept domestic partners. The employee's portion of the health care premium payment would be post-tax instead of pre-tax, which would be an additional administration step to take and then verify each payroll.

RECOMMENDATION: Due to the fiscal impact to the budget, Staff recommends that policy is set in which domestic partners are NOT authorized to participate on the Village health care plan and council authorizes staff to make the appropriate changes in the personnel policy to uphold this policy.

- The additional verbiage to the personnel policy would state: "Domestic partners of Village of Taos Ski Valley employees are not authorize to participate in the Village Health Care Insurance Plan.

ATTACHMENTS: n/a

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AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Selection of Voting Delegate and Alternate for NMML Annual Conference

DATE: August 7, 2012

PRESENTED BY: Vanessa Chisholm

STATUS OF AGENDA ITEM: New Business

CAN THIS ITEM BE RESCHEDULED: Not recommended

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The 55th Annual Conference of the NM Municipal League will be held August 28 through August 31 in Las Cruces. At the Annual Business Meeting on Thursday, August 30, a President Elect, Vice President, Treasurer and three Director-at-Large (2-Year Term) will be elected. Also, the Annual Statement of Municipal Policy and Annual Conference Resolutions will be adopted.

Each municipality in good standing shall be entitled to one delegate vote. The governing body needs to select a Voting Delegate and Alternate for the Annual Business Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: Council should select a voting delegate and alternate from the persons planning to attend the conference.

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AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Consideration and Approval of Resolution #2013-232, a Resolution Approving FY2012 Final Quarter Financial Report Year Ending June 30, 2012.

DATE: August 7, 2012

PRESENTED BY: Vanessa Chisholm

STATUS OF AGENDA ITEM: New Business

CAN THIS ITEM BE RESCHEDULED: Not recommended

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

A new requirement by the State of NM, Department of Finance and Administration is to pass a resolution ensuring that the Governing Body has reviewed and approved the financial report for the final quarter ending June 30, 2012.

RECOMMENDATION: Council should review and approve Resolution #2013-232, a resolution approving FY2012 final quarter financial report year ending June 30, 2012.

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AGENDA ITEM TITLE: **Acceptance of Grant # 13-418-6001-0051 from the State of NM,
NM Dept. of Tourism**

DATE: August 7, 2012

PRESENTED BY: Mark G. Fratrack, Village Administrator

STATUS OF AGENDA ITEM: New Business

CAN THIS ITEM BE RESCHEDULED: Not Recommended

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: John Halley, Parks & Recreation Committee Chair, working with the TSV Chamber & VTSV Public Works, put together an application for matching funds from the State of NM Department of Tourism. Working together they drafted an application that was approved for a matching fund grant of Fifty-Three Hundred dollars (\$5,300.00). Grant funding is slated to be utilized to support the New Mexico Litter Control and Beautification Act, which requires the "Public Entity to establish and help continue a local Keep America Beautiful system program" and a "youth employment program to aid in litter control and beautification projects." Some of the funding identified is to be spent on: Dog Waste Stations (\$280.00), Waste Recycle Station (\$750.00), Flower Baskets (\$430.00), Fencing & Misc (\$900.00) and Youth Interns (\$2,000.00), with the remaining allocation still being worked out on exactly what projects the funding will be applied to. Matching funds within the Village budget have already been identified.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends acceptance of the grant and approval for staff to make appropriate Budget Adjustments to accept the additional grant funding into the Village budget.

ATTACHMENTS: (Grant contract and Allocation Exhibit available at Village office for review)

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AGENDA ITEM TITLE: **Financial Planning Services**

DATE: August 7, 2012

PRESENTED BY: Mark G. Fratrack, Village Administrator

STATUS OF AGENDA ITEM: New Business

CAN THIS ITEM BE RESCHEDULED: Not Recommended

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: As the Village of Taos Ski Valley (VTSV) continues to seek the upgrades necessary to the Waste Water Treatment Plant, the water system, the Kachina water tank, the main entrance road, and other CIP's (capital improvement projects) that encompass supporting the base core development, Kachina and/or Amizette development and other maintenance and upkeep projects, sound financial planning must be put into place. As the finance planning process moves forward, the Village and financial planners must look for creative, but sound finance options that will allow for the funding of the CIPs while still enabling the Village to operate and provide the current services that are offered now. VTSV is at a critical time in this planning process and will need to maintain professional financial planning services to set up the strategy to achieve the funding and goals necessary. Helping set up funding and application timelines, review funding proposals/applications, and facilitating the bonding process are some, but not all of the services the financial planning company will provide.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval for the Village Administrator to negotiate and enter into a Professional Services Contract with George K. Baum & Company in not to exceed \$50,000.00.

ATTACHMENTS: Underwriter Engagement Letter

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AGENDA ITEM TITLE: **Sequencing Batch Reactor Waste Water Treatment Plant option**

DATE: August 7, 2012

PRESENTED BY: Mark G. Fratrack, Village Administrator

STATUS OF AGENDA ITEM: New Business

CAN THIS ITEM BE RESCHEDULED: Not Recommended

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The existing Village facility was constructed in 1982, and improved in 2004. The 2004 improvement was deemed a “correctional” project. On August 29, 2011, McLaughlin Water Engineers LTD completed a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) regarding the expansion and/or upgrade of VTSV’s Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP). The PER took into consideration the future (new or upgraded) plant capacity, the plant discharge requirements, the sensitivity of discharging into the Rio Hondo, the fluctuation of low load to high load periods, and the need for a redundant system. Contemplating the aspects of operating a WWTP at high elevation in extreme cold temperatures, McLaughlin Engineers first identified and then evaluated the three best WWTP options in the PER.

The alternatives are as they are listed in the PER:

1. Conventional Activated Sludge
2. Sequencing Batch reactor, and
3. Membrane Bio Reactor

The VTSV Staff, working with an outside consultant and McLaughlin Water Engineers Ltd, performed above and beyond additional research, which included education lectures, online research, talking with other engineers/inspectors, and on-site visits of a variety of existing plants.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of the Sequencing Batch Reactor Waste Water Treatment Plant option as outlined in the Preliminary Engineering Report.

ATTACHMENTS: (PER is available for review at the Village offices)