

Item # 3-4

**City of Carson City
Agenda Report**

Date Submitted: August 26, 2008

Agenda Date Requested: September 4, 2008

Time Requested: Consent

To: Mayor and Supervisors

From: Parks and Recreation Department/Open Space

Subject Title: Action to authorize the Open Space Manager to sign the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management Financial Assistance Agreement in the amount of \$437,454 for Biological Control and Hazardous Fuels Reduction on lands adjacent to private property on the west side of Carson City.

Staff Summary: Staff has obtained a grant through the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act for the management of fuels in the Carson Range. The goals of the grant are to maintain the fuel breaks that were created after the Waterfall Fire and to create new fuel breaks at the Carson Range Wildland Urban Interface. The thinning of shrubs, management of riparian areas, reseeding with preferred wildland species, chemical application to cheatgrass, and the use of sheep are some of the tools to be used in achieving these goals. This agreement does not require a match.

Type of Action Requested: (check one)

Resolution

Ordinance

Formal Action/Motion

Other (Specify)

Does This Action Require A Business Impact Statement: Yes No

Recommended Board Action: I move to authorize the Open Space Manager to sign the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management Financial Assistance Agreement for \$437,454 in grant funds for Biological Control and Hazardous Fuels Reduction on lands adjacent to private property on the west side of Carson City.

Explanation for Recommended Board Action: It is a requirement of the grant and the Board of Supervisors policy to obtain their approval prior to accepting the funding. Staff has worked with the Fire Chief and Resource Concepts, Inc., to develop this funding request and plan the implementation of projects.

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation: Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act, Bureau of Land Management Financial Assistance Agreement

Fiscal Impact: The City will be able to receive reimbursements for up to \$437,454 for fuels treatments on the Carson Range.

Explanation of Impact: This is a positive impact that will facilitate fuels reduction on the western wildland urban interface for a period of 5 years.