
ALPINE SPRINGS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Directors: Janet S. Grant, Janice Ganong, Evan Salke, Dave Smelser, Christine York
General Manager: Joe Mueller

December 20, 2021

Re: Snow Crest Tributary Restoration

Dear, ALPINE SPRINGS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT CUSTOMER AND NEIGHBOR:

This letter is to solicit your input and comments of a proposed project by the TRUCKEE RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL (TRWC) in close proximity to your property. The project site is on a portion of Alpine Springs County Water District (ASCWD) property and privately held property. Project location is adjacent to Snow Crest Road between Alpine Meadows Road and Mineral Springs Trail.

The project site is a 2-acre meadow and spring-fed tributary to Bear Creek. Beginning in the 1960s road construction and urbanization altered the landscape, cleaving the Snow Crest project site from the main meadow and creek downstream and concentrating naturally diffuse flow from multiple spring-fed tributaries into a single incised channel. Historically, the site stayed wet for most of the year, but today the incised channel drains the surrounding wetlands earlier in the year. Without intervention, the channel will continue to incise, lowering the water table leading to further meadow desiccation, unstable soils, and excess sedimentation. Restoration will reduce excess sedimentation in support of the Truckee River TMDL, restore degraded montane meadow, and protect and enhance the 30-acre Bear Creek Lower Meadow.

ASCWD is the primary landowner of the project site and we participated in project design to address sediment sources and degradation of this montane meadow. Our Board of Directors have reviewed the project and have express support throughout the process. Before authorizing this project to take place on ASCWD property the Board would like to hear and address any question or concerns the community may have. The project will again be on the ASCWD agenda for discussion on its January 14, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting.

I have attached to this letter a slide presentation and table showing the timeline and history of this project, prepared by TRWC that was presented to the ASCWD Board of Directors at its December meeting.

The Watershed Council is a recognized expert in implementing restoration activities throughout the Tahoe area and ASCWD supports the Council's initiative to continue to identify and restore high priority sites that are causing detrimental impacts to the region's habitat and water quality.

Sincerely,



Joe Mueller, General Manager
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The Table below shows the timeline and history of this project:

Task	Date
Snow Crest project identified as restoration priority by Bear Creek Watershed Assessment. Report reviewed by Technical Advisory Committee, including John Collins from ASCWD	2/28/2018
Agreement to proceed with Snow Crest project from ASCWD/John	9/29/2020
Design RFP reviewed by ASCWD/John	10/2/2020
Project launch with landowners	11/4/2020
TRWC presents Bear Creek Lower Meadow to ASCWD Board, including introduction to Snow Crest project	11/13/2020
65% design complete	1/19/2021
65% design review meeting	2/12/2021
TRWC presents Snow Crest 65% design to ASCWD Board	5/14/2021
90% design complete	6/10/2021
90% design review meeting	7/12/2021
100% design complete	9/28/2021
TRWC presents Snow Crest 100% design to ASCWD Board	12/10/2021