



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

DECISION DOCUMENT

ROUND 11 - Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act

The Secretary of the Interior hereby approves the estimated expenditures from the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Special Account and other authorizations outlined below, with the provisos as stated.

1. The total expenditure authorized from the SNPLMA Special Account for Round 11 is \$89,896,078, including estimated expenditures of:

Expenditure Category	Estimated Costs			Funding Source			
	Base	10% Contingency	Total	From Prior Approved Funds		From SNPLMA Special Account	Total
				Budget Reallocation	Lake Tahoe Reserve		
Parks, Trails and Natural Areas	13,383,996	1,338,400	14,722,396	14,722,396		0	14,722,396
Capital Improvements	8,770,462	877,046	9,647,508	6,600,000		3,047,508	9,647,508
Conservation Initiatives	1,184,836	0	1,184,836	0		1,184,836	1,184,836
Environmentally Sensitive Land Acquisitions	11,267,250	0	11,267,250	11,267,250		0	11,267,250
Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Wildfire Prevention	3,949,800	0	3,949,800	0		3,949,800	3,949,800
Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Project	1,290,835	0	1,290,835	0		1,290,835	1,290,835
Lake Tahoe Restoration Projects	34,680,353	0	34,680,353	0	34,680,353	0	34,680,353
Categories Total	74,527,532	2,215,446	76,742,978	32,589,646	34,680,353	9,472,979	76,742,978

Round 11 Estimated Expenditures (Continued)

Expenditure Category	Estimated Costs			Funding Source			
	Base	10% Con-tingency	Total	From Prior Approved Funds		From SNPLMA Special Account	Total
				Budget Reallocation	Lake Tahoe Reserve		
Special Account Reserve	5,000,000	0	5,000,000	0	0	5,000,000	5,000,000
Total Round 11 Expenditures	79,527,532	2,215,446	81,742,978	32,589,646	34,680,353	14,472,979	81,742,978
Lake Tahoe Reserve for Future Rounds	8,153,100	0	8,153,100	0	0	8,153,100	8,153,100
Total Round 11 Budget Recommendation	87,680,632	2,215,446	89,896,078	32,589,646	34,680,353	22,626,079	89,896,078

A list of approved projects to be funded through these authorized expenditures is attached as Attachment A.

- a. The budget figures include the sum of the estimated costs for projects and an additional 10 percent of such costs for the Capital Improvement and Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas categories. The additional 10 percent contingency for each of these two categories may be expended to cover the difference between estimated and actual costs (if otherwise valid and allowable under the SNPLMA) for particular approved projects in that category, up to 10 percent of the estimated cost of the individual project, contingent upon meeting criteria for allowable cost overruns and other requirements set forth in the *SNPLMA Implementation Agreement*.
- b. The Lake Tahoe Restoration Projects are funded out of the Lake Tahoe Reserve in the SNPLMA Special Account. This reserve was initially approved in the SNPLMA Round 6 Secretarial Decision Document dated February 7, 2006, to fund future rounds of Lake Tahoe Restoration Projects. Further funding for this reserve was approved in the Rounds 9 and 10 Secretarial Decision Documents.
- c. This Decision Document approves \$32,639,645 of current excess funding from previously approved projects which have been terminated or completed under the approved estimated budget within the Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas; Environmentally Sensitive Land Acquisitions; and Capital Improvements categories to fund Round 11 projects within those categories. All further excess funds currently available in all categories, as well as future excess funds from Round 11 and previous rounds shall be returned to the Special Account to be used for future rounds, the Special Account Reserve, and other authorized purposes. No further reallocation of excess funds to previously approved projects is authorized.

d. Authorization for expenditures for projects submitted in Round 11 as set forth in this Decision Document shall not be construed as a final approval for any particular expenditure. The amounts authorized herein are not approved for expenditure unless and until all requisite procedures are followed as outlined in this document and in the *SNPLMA Implementation Agreement*.

e. The “anticipated cost” for land acquisitions reflects the owner’s asking price plus estimated costs for other allowed expenses such as appraisals and case management, but does not reflect the actual value of any property or the actual price to be paid for any property. The actual purchase price will be based on the appraised fair market value. Acquisitions by the United States of land and interests in land using funds from the SNPLMA Special Account will be made in all cases from willing sellers, and will comply with the land acquisition authorities of the acquiring agency, as well as with the guidance for such acquisitions established by the Department of Justice. Final purchase of any property, including final determination of the purchase price, will depend upon successful completion of the acquisition process under these authorities, as well as the *SNPLMA Implementation Agreement*.

f. For Federal projects, no amount authorized herein shall be considered to be an amount approved for expenditure until a notice of availability of funding has been issued and a work plan has been submitted by the proponent and accepted by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The work plan shall set forth a schedule of periodic expenditures reflecting logical phases of the project and associated deliverables.

g. For non-Federal projects, no amount authorized herein shall be considered to be an amount approved for expenditure until all of the following have been met:

- 1) A notice of availability of funding has been issued.
- 2) A cooperative agreement or grant between the recipient entity and the BLM or other Federal agency has been fully executed.
- 3) A work plan has been submitted by the proponent and accepted by the BLM or other Federal agency. The work plan shall set forth a schedule of periodic expenditures reflecting logical phases of the project.
- 4) The starting point for an identified phase and its associated funding start date has been reached.

2. The establishment of a reserve within the Special Account in the amount of \$5 million is authorized for expenditure during Round 11 at the discretion of the Executive Committee toward allowable expenditures under the SNPLMA and in accordance with the *SNPLMA Implementation Agreement*, where special circumstances warrant. All expenditures from the Special Account Reserve (SAR) shall be undertaken in compliance with established procedures and internal controls as well as all applicable laws, regulations, and policies. The SAR authorized by this decision shall be available during Round 11 only. Funds not obligated or allocated during Round 11 will be returned to the Special Account for allocation to the recommended budget in the next round.

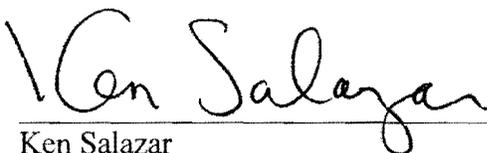
3. This Decision Document approves a \$8,153,100 reserve for future Lake Tahoe Restoration Projects in addition to the previously approved \$210 million reserve as part of the SNPLMA Round 6, Round 9, and Round 10 Secretarial Decision Documents and the \$81,846,900 in project funding approved in Rounds 5 and 6 in order to complete the \$300 million commitment authorized in the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-506). This amount shall remain reserved until fully utilized to fund approved Lake Tahoe Restoration Projects in future rounds.

4. This Decision Document authorizes \$25,000 from the Lake Tahoe Restoration Projects Science and Research funding category to be set aside to fund rapid response resource monitoring and data collection efforts in the event of an emergency or catastrophe. These funds may be expended at the discretion of the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Pacific Southwest Research Station. The BLM's SNPLMA Division shall be notified of the rationale for such expenditures no later than five (5) business days from the date of any such expenditure.

5. This Decision Document authorizes the reallocation of \$8,000,000 within the Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas category for expenditure on the Mountains Edge Regional Park project approved herein within the same category. The reallocation of \$8,000,000 follows the de-obligation of \$8,000,000 from the Round 5 Laughlin Trail project (CC29) and the Round 6 Laughlin Trail and Recreation Area project (CC51), and is contingent upon the BLM-SNPLMA Division receiving from Clark County a formal request for de-obligation of these funds from the Laughlin projects, in order to facilitate processing in accordance with the *SNPLMA Implementation Agreement*. The Mountains Edge Regional Park project enhancements and expansions shall be consistent with the current and future phases described in the Round 11 nomination.

6. It is expected that approved projects will be implemented within the timeframe specified in the project nomination, with appropriate time allocated for project startup and closeout as agreed upon in the work plan approved by the BLM. The Executive Committee will determine an appropriate process to approve exceptions to the timeframes specified in the nomination where special circumstances warrant a time extension. Such extension requests should be considered exceptions to the expected practice of timely implementation of projects and therefore limited in number and scope.

APPROVED:



 Ken Salazar

OCT 21 2010

 Date

Attachment:

Attachment A – SNPLMA Round 11 Final Recommendations (3 pp.)