

## Planning - McKinney Rubicon (FINAL)

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### A. Statement of Planning Objectives

Placer County's objectives for the McKinney Rubicon Trail are to keep the trail open for public use by preserving and enhancing the unique range of experiences and historic character of the Trail. Placer County intends to create a mechanism for measuring the effectiveness of restoration efforts and to identify and report on-going Trail maintenance and restoration needs through the development of a long term maintenance plan. Another County objective is to minimize environmental impacts of trail use by implementing physical measures to clearly identify the Trail route and boundaries and to prevent off-trail vehicle operation, and by providing on-going erosion control, sedimentation reduction, and water quality for areas within and adjacent to the Trail through the development of a long term maintenance plan, habitat management plan, and soil conservation plan.

Other objectives are to encourage user group volunteer efforts to help develop the maintenance plan, habitat management plan, and soil conservation plan, maintain and restore areas of the Trail, to restore trail segments, and to establish coordination efforts with agencies having jurisdictional authority or regulatory oversight of lands or resources adjacent to or otherwise associated with the McKinney Rubicon Trail. Volunteers will also be consulted during the detailed mapping effort to make sure that the information gathered can be used in educational handouts for all users of the trail.

### B. Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation

The McKinney Rubicon trail is the main thoroughfare between the Rubicon Trail (El Dorado County), a world renowned four wheel drive trail, and Lake Tahoe, a popular tourist destination. Keeping this trail open, through ongoing maintenance, provides for one of the most scenic and popular outdoor trail opportunities in the world. The trail is used by a wide variety of recreational users, including four-wheel drive vehicles, dirt bikes, mountain bikes, ATVs, hikers, campers, and backpackers, in the summertime and snow-mobile users, cross country skiers, and show-shoe users, in the wintertime. The trail traverses through the breathtaking scenery of the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit and the Tahoe National Forest. Alpine lakes are scattered throughout the high Sierras and are accessible from the Trail. Outdoor enthusiasts camp, fish, and recreate adjacent to these lakes, which include Miller Lake and Lily Lake. Barker Pass and the Rubicon Trail (El Dorado County) can be accessed from the McKinney Rubicon Trail, as well as a number of USFS four-wheel drive roads. The County places no restrictions on trail use, however, due to the sensitive Lake Tahoe Basin environment, the County asks users to prevent soil loss on the trail during the early spring by avoiding use until the road conditions are dry and stabilized. Ongoing maintenance, repair and best management practices, is required, and is consistent with the County's commitment to provide recreational opportunities to the public and to protect the water quality of Lake Tahoe and other alpine water bodies and creeks.

### C. Statement of Activities

Placer County requests funding to develop and prepare plans for future McKinney Rubicon Trail projects which could include operation, conservation and maintenance to sustain long-term public recreational use. The County proposes to map and sign the Trail and relevant stream crossings, develop a maintenance plan which identifies areas of concern that require best management practices (erosion control, sediment control, and stream crossing improvements) or re-routing for operational purposes, and development of a soil conservation and habitat management plan.

### D. List of Reports

Habitat Management Plan

Soil Conservation Plan

Maintenance Plan

Detailed Trail Map



## Additional Documentation

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**1. Timeline for Completion**

Attachments:

[Timeline for Completion](#)

**2. Optional Project-Specific Application Documents**

Attachments:

[Existing Maintenance Issues - Photos](#)

**3. Optional Project-specific Maps**

Attachments:

[McKinney Rubicon Trail Map](#)

**Project Cost Estimate**

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<b>APPLICANT NAME :</b>	Placer County Department of Public Works		
<b>PROJECT TITLE :</b>	Planning - McKinney Rubicon (FINAL)	<b>PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :</b>	G09-03-48-P01
<b>PROJECT TYPE :</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION :</b>	<p>Placer County's objectives for the McKinney Rubicon Trail are to keep the trail open for public use by preserving and enhancing the unique range of experiences and historic character of the Trail. Placer County intends to create a mechanism for measuring the effectiveness of restoration efforts and to identify and report on-going Trail maintenance and restoration needs through the development of a long term maintenance plan. Another County objective is to minimize environmental impacts of trail use by implementing physical measures to clearly identify the Trail route and boundaries and to prevent off-trail vehicle operation , and by providing on-going erosion control, sedimentation reduction, and water quality for areas within and adjacent to the Trail through the development of a long term maintenance plan, habitat management plan, and soil conservation plan.</p> <p>Other objectives are to encourage user group volunteer efforts to help develop the maintenance plan, habitat management plan, and soil conservation plan, maintain and restore areas of the Trail, to restore trail segments, and to establish coordination efforts with agencies having jurisdictional authority or regulatory oversight of lands or resources adjacent to or otherwise associated with the McKinney Rubicon Trail. Volunteers will also be consulted during the detailed mapping effort to make sure that the information gathered can be used in educational handouts for all users of the trail.</p>		

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>							
<b>Program Expenses</b>							
<b>1</b>	<b>Staff</b>						
	Other-Senior Engineer	80.000	85.640	HRS	6,851.00	0.00	6,851.00
	Other-Administrative Technician	30.000	38.210	HRS	1,146.00	0.00	1,146.00
	Other-Assistant Engineer	500.000	73.210	HRS	36,605.00	0.00	36,605.00
	Other-Administrative Secretary	80.000	42.820	HRS	3,426.00	0.00	3,426.00
	Other-Volunteer	1000.000	25.000	HRS	0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
	<b>Total for Staff</b>				<b>48,028.00</b>	<b>25,000.00</b>	<b>73,028.00</b>

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010  
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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
<b>2</b>	<b>Contracts</b>						
	Other-Mapping Notes : PKG is indicated for Lump Sum contract with Consultant for mapping of the McKinney Rubicon Trail	1.000	75000.000	PKG	75,000.00	0.00	75,000.00
<b>3</b>	<b>Materials / Supplies</b>						
<b>4</b>	<b>Equipment Use Expenses</b>						
	Other-Volunteer Jeeps and Trailers	1.000	5000.000	YR	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
<b>5</b>	<b>Equipment Purchases</b>						
<b>6</b>	<b>Others</b>						
<b>7</b>	<b>Indirect Costs</b>						
	Indirect Costs-Indirect Costs	690.000	45.000	HRS	13,000.00	18,050.00	31,050.00
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>					136,028.00	48,050.00	184,078.00
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					136,028.00	48,050.00	184,078.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>					<b>136,028.00</b>	<b>48,050.00</b>	<b>184,078.00</b>

Project Cost Summary for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010  
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	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Program Expenses</b>					
1	Staff	48,028.00	25,000.00	73,028.00	
2	Contracts	75,000.00	0.00	75,000.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7	Indirect Costs	13,000.00	18,050.00	31,050.00	
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>		<b>136,028.00</b>	<b>48,050.00</b>	<b>184,078.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>		<b>136,028.00</b>	<b>48,050.00</b>	<b>184,078.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>136,028.00</b>	<b>48,050.00</b>	<b>184,078.00</b>	

## Environmental Review Data Sheet (ERDS)

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### ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

#### ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project?  Yes  No  
(Please select Yes or No)

#### ITEM 2

- b. Does the proposed Project include a request for funding for CEQA and/or NEPA document preparation prior to implementing the remaining Project Deliverables (i.e., is it a two-phased Project pursuant to Section 4970.06.1(b)) (Please select Yes or No)  Yes  No

### ITEM 3 - Project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378

- c. ITEM 3 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378?  Yes  No  
(Please select Yes or No)
- d. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No)  Yes  No
- e. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 4 – 10

### ITEM 4 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

A notice of Exemption was filed for maintenance and best management activities in June 2001. Please see attached exemption.

This is a planning project for maintenance and best management practices and will not have an impact on wetlands, navigable waters, or sensitive habitats and species.

### ITEM 5 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

A notice of Exemption was filed for maintenance and best management activities in June 2001. Please see attached exemption.

There are no cumulative impacts from this planning project.

### ITEM 6 - Soil Impacts

A notice of Exemption was filed for maintenance and best management activities in June 2001. Please see attached exemption.

This project is a planning project for maintenance and best management practices and would not have a significant effect on the environment

### ITEM 7 - Damage to Scenic Resources

A notice of Exemption was filed for maintenance and best management activities in June 2001. Please see attached exemption.

This project is a planning project for maintenance and best management practices and would not damage scenic resources

**ITEM 8 - Hazardous Materials**

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No)  Yes  No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

**ITEM 9 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources**

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No)  Yes  No

Discuss the potential for the proposed Project to have any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources.

This is a planning project for maintenance and best management practices on an existing OHV trail. See attached exemption

**ITEM 10 - Indirect Significant Impacts**

This project is a planning project for maintenance and best management practices for an existing OHV trail.

**CEQA/NEPA Attachment**

Attachments:

[2001 CEQA Exemption](#)  
[CEQA Certification](#)

## Planning Project Criteria

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### 1. Project Cost Estimate - Q 1. (Auto populates from Cost Estimate)

1. As calculated on the Project Cost Estimate, the percentage of the Project costs covered by the Applicant is 3

(Note: This field will auto-populate once the Cost Estimate and Evaluation Criteria are Validated.) (Please select one from list)

- 76% or more (10 points)                       51% - 75% (5 points)  
 26% - 50% (3 points)                               25% (Match minimum) (No points)

### 2. Planning Project - Q 2.

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2. The Planning Project would address the following 4

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- Potential effects of OHV Recreation on special-status species habitats  
 Potential effects of OHV Recreation on cultural resources  
 Potential effects of OHV Recreation on soil conditions  
 Potential effects of OHV Recreation on water quality  
 Potential effects of OHV Recreation on other recreation uses  
 Potential effects of OHV Recreation on adjacent lands.  
 Potential impact to relationships between OHV Recreation and local residents  
 Toxic or hazardous materials within a Project Area or adjacent property that may impact OHV Recreation  
 Trail issues such as traffic patterns, trails closures, appropriate uses, etc.

#### B. Planning Project - Page 2

Explain each statement that was checked

The project will evaluate existing trail soil conditions and impacts on water quality through the development of the long range maintenance plan and soil conservation plan. This plan will also discuss trail issues by looking at existing traffic patterns and possible mitigation. Potential effects of OHV Recreation on cultural resources (areas near Rubicon Springs have significant cultural heritage and improving barriers in these areas will decrease the likeliness of off-trail travel in these areas). Potential effects of OHV Recreation on other recreation uses (the Pacific Crest Trail crosses the Placer County side of the Rubicon Trail, and hikers use the Rubicon Trail to access the Desolation Wilderness Area via Rockbound Pass. Potential effects of OHV Recreation on adjacent lands and Potential impact to relationships between OHV Recreation and local residents (planning process will supports signage, and mapping to enhance appropriate use of adjacent lands and local residents.

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- 6 or more items checked (4 points)                       4 to 5 items checked (3 points)  
 2 to 3 items checked (2 points)                               1 or no items checked (No points)

### 3. Motorized Access - Q 3.

3. The Project would lead to improved facilities that provide motorized access to the following nonmotorized recreation opportunities 6

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each, up to a maximum of 6 points (Please select applicable values)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Camping | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Birding |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hiking  | <input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian trails  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Climbing      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)    |   |

**4. Public Input - Q 4.**

4. The Project proposal was developed with public input employing the following 2

(Check all that apply) Scoring: Maximum of 2 points (Please select applicable values)

- Publicly noticed meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)  
 Conference call(s) with interested parties (1 point)  
 Meeting(s) with stakeholders (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

Placer County discusses trail issues with El Dorado County, Rubicon Trail Foundation Members, Trail Users and the USFS on a regular basis.

**5. Stakeholder Input - Q 5.**

5. If the Project were approved, the planning process would incorporate substantial stakeholder input: 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- No (No points)  Yes (5 points)

If 'Yes', explain, specifically, how it would be 'substantial'. Identify stakeholders

The project would involve input from the USFS and the Friends of the Rubicon (volunteers would be used from this foundation and other trail users, such as Jeepers Jamboree).

**6. Utilization of Partnerships - Q 6.**

6. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. The number of partner organizations that will participate in the Project are 4

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- 4 or more (4 points)  2 to 3 (2 points)  
 1 (1 point)  None (No points)

List partner organization(s)

Rubicon Trail Foundation, Hi-Lo OHV group, Friends of the Rubicon, and North Tahoe Trail Dusters

**7. Sustain OHV Opportunity - Q 7.**

7. The Planning Project sustains OHV Opportunity in the following manner 9

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- Project will develop management plans for existing OHV Opportunity (4 points)  
 Project will complete environmental review for an OHV Development Project (3 points)  
 Project supports development of OHV Opportunities adjacent to population centers (3 points)  
 Project supports development of OHV Opportunities in areas that lack legal OHV Opportunity (2 points)  
 Project will develop a system of designated OHV routes for an existing OHV Opportunity (2 points)

Explain each statement that was checked

Project will develop a long term maintenance plan, mapping, and signage. The project is located in the Tahoma subdivision of Placer County and serves as Lake Tahoes entrance to the Rubicon Trail.

**8. Identification of Funding Sources - Q 8.**

8. Funds for implementing the completed plan have been identified 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

No (No points)

Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

Placer County will reach out to a variety of volunteers from varied sources, starting with Friends of the Rubicon, and will use the calculated value of their volunteer hours to match OHMVR's grant funding to implement the completed plan. Placer County has volunteer agreements and timesheet reports that are used when services are needed.

Reference Document

Long term maintenance plan to be prepared by this grant.

**9. Offsite Impacts - Q 9.**

9. The Planning Project would address offsite impacts relative to the Project Area (e.g., sound, fugitive dust, runoff): 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

No (No points)

Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

The project will address soil conditions and runoff