



## AGENDA ACTION ITEM

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DATE: March 11, 2024  
 TO: Board of County Commissioners  
 FROM: Darryl Johnson, Public Works Director  
 ITEM TITLE: **2024-03-11 PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

The following items are for your review and discussion at the March 11, 2024 BoCC Meeting.

### SOLID WASTE

**EIRSWD Update** - The Eastern Idaho Regional Solid Waste District board voted on 3/6 to only allow EIRSWD to haul waste. This has been a topic of conversation ever since Teton County joined the District. Teton County joined with the condition that the County would be allowed to finish out their current haul contract with RAD.

### ROAD & BRIDGE

We are currently working with R&B to update our Transportation Improvement Plan and prioritize projects for the year.

**Temporary Housing** - We recently learned of a tiny home for sale in the area for \$43,000. We could find a place at the Annex for the tiny home and it would provide temporary housing for employees living out of area when they need to stay overnight to plow. We could also rent it out as employee housing outside of winter time for an affordable cost to staff. Is this something the BoCC would be interested in looking into?

### PUBLIC WORKS

**Contract Review** - I would like to discuss expectations regarding contract review by the Prosecuting Attorney's office.

**Road Map Update** - Packets are being prepared for individual roads with questionable validation methods. A sample packet has been sent to the Prosecuting Attorney's office for review and comment. Hopefully we can review all questionable roads within a reasonable time frame and get the County Road Map updated soon.

**Fair Board Work Session** has been scheduled for 3/13. We will be discussing ARPA funds scope of work and project schedule.

### WEEDS

**Weeds Superintendent Resignation** - Mark Paglierani submitted his resignation on 2/23. Mark's last day was 3/8. Public Works is working with our County Manager to, once again, notice the open position.

**B on 33** - B on 33 is a grassroots initiative formed in 2023. An advisory committee made up of seven

community leaders representing various local organizations and interests convened to establish, develop and fund this community initiative, which aims to beautify the main corridors of Teton Valley by mitigating noxious weeds and replacing them with native wildflowers, grasses, shrubs and trees. Additionally, hardscape items may be installed where appropriate.

Our first project will be planting native wildflowers and shrubs along sections of the bike path adjacent to Highway 33 (set back far from the highway right of way.) This work will be in conjunction with noxious weed eradication work by the County Weeds Department with the aim to seed the entire 100 acre span over a period of 5 years through privately raised grant funds and donations.

B on 33 will be operating under the fiscal sponsorship of Teton Valley Trails & Pathways (TVTAP) and in collaboration with Teton County Weeds Supervisor, Mark Paglierani, the Idaho Transportation Department, and University of Idaho Extension. B on 33 has received pro bono landscape design services from Prospect Studios. We planted three test plots on private land in fall 2023 and will evaluate seed mixes as they emerge this spring/summer. We have walked sections of the pathway with Mark Paglierani to examine existing vegetation. Natives will be preserved and priority sections will be determined as this is a multi-year project.

In the coming months, B on 33/TVTAP will draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County Weeds Department to outline the scope of work and the proposed collaboration. After review by the Public Works Director, we will present this MOU to the Commissioners as an Action Item.

Initially, we just want to introduce this project to you, answer any questions you may have, and share what we have already accomplished.

**SUGGESTED MOTION:**