

Dear President Miller and Directors,

It is with deep regret that I am resigning from the Meeks Bay Fire Protection District effective November 30, 2020.

Please know that I have thoroughly enjoyed my time serving with each of you, as well as Shawn, Chief Schwartz, and the entire NTFPD/MBFPD team. I feel that organizations such as Meeks Bay Fire are few and far between and am honored to have been given the opportunity to be a part of it.

Feel free to reach out to me if there is anything I can do for you. You can contact me at 530-401-7221 or [EllieBealsBookkeeping@gmail.com](mailto:EllieBealsBookkeeping@gmail.com)

Sincerely,  
Ellie Beals

Ellie,

We will miss you being a part of our Meeks Bay Fire family.  
You have been an exemplary Director during a challenging time for our District.

Your contributions to our governing process have been much appreciated, and we know that the experience you gained with Meeks Bay will be an asset to the community during your service on the TCPUD Board of Directors.

On behalf of all of us, best of Luck, and thank you for your continued service.

Ed

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**Summary of Consultant Activities – October 2020**  
**Sustainable Community Advocates**  
**Steve Teshara, Principal**

- As Coordinator for the Lake Tahoe Partnership (federal advocacy network), coordinate Partnership conference calls/Zoom meetings on the following topics:
  - Strategies for securing Congressional support for an extension of years for authorization of the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (LTRA)
  - FY 2021 appropriations in support of the LTRA and other federal programs that are or could be applicable to Lake Tahoe. (including but not limited to the Great American Outdoors Act).
  - Tracking the proposed USFS Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit process for determining expenditure priorities for the reallocation of \$10 to \$14 million in funds from the original Tahoe \$300 million in Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA) that have been returned for re-allocation to other eligible Tahoe Environmental Improvement Projects (EIP).
  
- Complete thorough reading of the TRPA *2045 Linking Tahoe Regional Transportation Plan*. Further discussions with Basin Chief representatives regarding the development of Basin Fire Chiefs draft language for submittal as part of the TRPA Linking Tahoe Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) re: the need for improved emergency access and highway evacuation route as part of transportation planning and project implementation. Telephone conversations with North Tahoe Fire Division Chief Steve McNamara and Tahoe Douglas Fire Marshal Eric Guevin to prepare talking points for proposed Chiefs comment letter on the draft Regional Transportation Plan.
- SCA develops draft letter based on talking points. Letter reviewed by Basin Chief representatives. Tahoe Douglas Fire Chief Scott Baker reviews and authorized his signature on the letter, signing on behalf of the Tahoe Basin and Regional Fire Chiefs. Letter (dated October 25, 2020) submitted to TRPA. Note: SCA was able to request and received authorization to submit the letter one day following the close of comment deadline.
  
- Continue to monitor and engage with two on-going planning efforts of interest to the Basin Chiefs:
  - **Lake Tahoe West Restoration Project.** Review project update materials issued October 1<sup>st</sup>. Next meeting anticipated in early December.  
Note: This project includes extensive wildfire reduction, forest health, and watershed restoration elements.
  - **Meeks Bay Restoration Project.** October 13 call with Adam Lewandowski of Ascent Environmental, the firm working to develop project environmental alternatives. Note: This project provides an opportunity to secure a public safety/first responder pier at Meeks Bay.

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- Attend and participate in the November 5th virtual meeting of the Tahoe Interagency Executive Committee meeting (TIE-SC) (Provide active meeting presence on behalf of the Tahoe Basin Fire Chiefs). Agenda topics:
  - EIP Working Group Reports
  - EIP Reporting Season Kick-off
  - Funding Update: Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA) Development updated Secondary Project ListNote: SCA's Steve Teshara invited by the US Forest Service to serve on the Secondary List Advisory Committee.
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- Continue on-going dialogue with TRPA transportation staff as a follow-up to Tahoe Basin Fire Chiefs October 25, 2020 letter "Comments on the 2045 Linking Tahoe Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) regarding Emergency Evacuation Planning for Emergency Response and Public Safety."
- Prep and provide Basin Chiefs with two email memoranda (November 15)
  - 1) Update Federal FY 21 Appropriations related to the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act, including funds for Hazardous Fuels treatment and Watershed Restoration Projects)
  - 2) Summary of Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team (TFFT) annual EIP Report
- Review notes of November 19 meeting of the Lake Tahoe Regional Fire Chiefs Association (LTRFCA)
- Continue to track the development of alternatives for the Meeks Bay Restoration Project. The proposed project encompasses approximately 68 acres at Meeks Bay and historically included a stream channel, wetland lagoon, and barrier beach habitat. The project scope includes an opportunity to extend the popular existing West Shore Class 1 multi-use trail from its current terminus at the north end of Meeks Bay to the southern boundary of the Forest Service property at Meeks Bay. The overall goal of the project is to restore Meeks Creek to a more natural condition while continuing to support sustainable recreation opportunities. Note: This could be a possible location for a first responder access pier.
- Continue to track work on the Lake Tahoe West (LTW) project, a collaborative effort to restore the resiliency of forests, watersheds, and communities on 59,000 acres of Lake Tahoe's West Shore. Led by the USDA Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin

Management Unit (LTBMU), California Tahoe Conservancy, and TRPA, the LTW project is based on the comprehensive Lake Tahoe West Landscape Restoration Strategy. The agencies completed a public scoping process in June and are currently developing the draft environmental document and analysis. A new Lake Tahoe West Science Report was released November 3, 2020.