

**Summary of Consultant Activities – September 2022**  
**Sustainable Community Advocates**  
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- Prepare and provide District Management Team with weekly Agenda Watch, highlighting items of interest on agendas, including, but not limited to, El Dorado County Board of Supervisors, Placer County Board of Supervisors, Placer County Planning Commission, North Tahoe Regional Advisory Council (NTRAC), eastern Placer County Town Hall meetings, California Tahoe Conservancy Board, and Tahoe Interagency Executives Committee (TIE-SC). This Watch also includes meetings of the TRPA Governing Board, Advisory Planning Commission (APC), and Governing Board committees: Regional Plan Implementation Committee (RPIC), Local Government & Housing Committee, EIP, Transportation and Public Outreach Committee, Forest Health & Wildfire Committee, and TRPA Technical Working Groups (as they are appointed and assigned specific planning matters). Currently these include the Tahoe Living Housing and Community Revitalization Working Group, the Tahoe Transportation Implementation Committee (TTIC), the TRPA Transportation Performance Technical Advisory Committee (TPTAC), and the TRPA Threshold Update Stakeholders Working Group.
- Review all pertinent TRPA written materials. Provide District Chief and Management Team updates on TRPA activities related to the Regional Plan and Code of Ordinances, Area Plans, and the development and execution of active Agency Strategic Planning Initiatives, including the current TRPA Local Government and Housing Committee’s work (Tahoe Living Housing and Community Working Group), the Tahoe Transportation Implementation Committee (TTIC) work on the Sustainable Regional Revenue Source(s) initiative to help fund transportation and transit in the Tahoe Region; also, the new TRPA Threshold Update Stakeholder’s Working Group.

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- Attend September 22 Placer County Planning Commission meeting at the North Tahoe Event Center in Kings Beach. Agenda items included: North Tahoe/ Eastern Placer Partnerships and Regulatory Framework (Informational Item); Workshop: Tahoe Basin Area Plan Economic Sustainability and Housing Amendments; Eastern Placer County Project Update [including the following major projects: 39 North (formerly known as the Kings Beach Center); Lakeview Development (formerly known as the Kings Beach Mixed use redevelopment project); Dollar Creek Crossing Housing Project (Tahoe City); Boatworks redevelopment (Tahoe City); Homewood Mountain Resort (“Lot 3”) phase; Alpine Meadows White Wolf Subdivision (a residential development with ski resort amenities); Snowsports Museum & Community Cultural Center (Olympic Valley).
- More closely monitor development of the proposed “Boatworks Mixed-Use Redevelopment” project on the 3.8-acre parcel at 790 North Lake Boulevard, in Tahoe City. Background: The project area, currently known as the Boatworks Mall, is comprised of three contiguous parcels and seeks to redevelop the site with an 80 to 85-unit hotel facing Lake Tahoe, with conference facilities and associated amenities, 31 residential condominium units (branded with the hotel), and 8,000 square feet of commercial retail space fronting North Lake

Boulevard. Existing structures onsite would be demolished prior to construction. The applicant has elected to process a joint EIR/EIS with Placer County and the TRPA, respectively.

- Continue tracking Tahoe Transportation District and Placer County efforts to secure funding for completion of the State Route 89 Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project in Tahoe City.
- Continue tracking Placer County Board of Supervisors decisions/updates and enforcement of the County's Short-Term Rental Ordinance.
- Continue tracking work related to the Placer County contract award to GHD, Inc. of Sacramento for professional engineering, right-of-way, and related services for the Kings Beach Western Approach project (aka "roundabout") at the intersection of CA state routes 28 and 267 adjacent to NTFPD Station 52.
- Resume tracking the Meeks Bay Restoration Project as the public comment period on the draft environmental document has closed. Report authors will prepare the Final EIS/EIS/EIR this fall. When the document is released, there will be additional hearings and public comment opportunities.

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- Discuss the status of the Federal Fiscal Year allocation of \$2.1 million for water infrastructure to improve fire suppression pursuant to the applicable authorizing provision of the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (LTRA). Congress appropriated "up to" \$7 million. The US Forest Service Region 5 Office in Vallejo confirmed an amount of \$2.1 million was available. Conversations on this issue included those with Erick Walker, Forest Supervisor, USFS Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU), Kim Chevallier, TRPA Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) Division Manager, and members of the Tahoe Water for Fire Suppression Partnership. Partnership member conversations were to ascertain how the \$2.1 million was to be divided amongst the five FY 2022 priority water infrastructure projects submitted to Congress for funding.
- Participate in a series of telephone calls and Zoom meetings with LTBMU and TRPA officials, and Lake Tahoe Partnership leaders to explore opportunities to address the need for a greater level of funding for water infrastructure projects to improve fire suppression around the Tahoe region.
- Attend (in-person) the September 21 meeting of the Tahoe Water for Fire Suppression Partnership at the offices of the South Tahoe Public Utility District. Agenda topics included: Update on LTRA and the Lake Tahoe EIP; Status of the Tahoe Water for Fire Suppression Partnership; FY 22 Partnership Funding Allocation; Partnership Leadership (transition); Upcoming Partnership presentation to the Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team (TFFT); the template forms for rating and ranking proposed priority water infrastructure projects for FY 2023 and the timeline for same.
- At this meeting, SCA reviewed the letter to the Partnership from Fallen Leaf Lake Fire Department Chief/Fallen Leaf Lake Community Services District General Manager Gary Gerren Chief/Fallen Leaf date July 18, 2022 and the letter of support for the Fallen Leaf Lake

Fire Department to participate in the process of developing and prioritizing water infrastructure projects to improve fire suppression from Chief Jason Gibeaut, Chair of the Lake Tahoe Regional Fire Chiefs Association (LTRFCA) dated September 20, 2022.

- Attend (virtually) the September 14 meeting of the TRPA Advisory Planning Commission (APC). Agenda topics included: Briefing on the Lake Tahoe Shoreline Public Safety Facilities Planning Process.
- Attend (virtually) the September 28 meeting of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Governing Board. Agenda topics included: Briefing on the Transportation and Sustainable Recreation Initiative and an initial review by TRPA's Executive Director Search team of the four finalists for Governing Board interviews and consideration. There is one internal candidate - current Deputy Director and External Affairs Chief Julie Regan.
- Prepare and transmit September 28 memo to Basin Fire Chiefs re: Tahoe Water for Fire Suppression Partnership and Update on Development of the Federal Budget for FY 2023 (and LTRA appropriations).
- Continue to track the work of Congress on the federal Fiscal Year 2023 budget. Note: the FY 2022 federal budget year ended September 30, without a new budget. Congress adopted a "Continuing Resolution" (CR) that will fund government agencies and programs under existing appropriations through December 16, pushing key policy and funding negotiations past the November 8 mid-term elections.

SCA will continue to track work in the House and Senate regarding proposed FY 2023 appropriations for programs authorized in the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (LTRA) as well as potential action on S.1583 in the Senate and H.R. 3132 in the House. These are the bills that would extend the authorization of the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act for ten years, through FY 2034. If they are to pass, they would be integrated and attached to a larger bill that has an urgency to pass before the end of this calendar year and the current session of Congress. A new two-year session will begin in January and require the reintroduction of our proposed LTRA ten-year extension.

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- Continue tracking Tahoe Transportation District and Placer County efforts to secure funding for completion of the State Route 89 Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project in Tahoe City. Note: At their October 25th meeting at Tahoe, the Board took action to: 1) Authorize the Director of Public Works to approve a modification to the funding agreement with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Central Federal Lands Highway Division to provide \$6,050,000 in local match for the SR 89 Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project; 2) Authorize the Director of Public Works to approve a State Transportation Block Grant (STBG) loan reimbursement agreement for the project that includes advancing \$1,447,000 in traffic impact fee funding from the County's Capital Improvement Program followed by future reimbursement of the local advance with STBG funding; 3) Approval of a FY 2022-23 Budget Amendment for project engineering in the amount of \$2,947,000; 4) Approval of a FY 2022-23 Budget Amendment from the Tahoe Economic and Community Enhancement Fund (TOT) in the amount of \$1,500,000 and cancel reserves in the amount of \$1,500,000 to enable the transfer of TOT funds to cover that cost.

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- Begin to track the outcomes of a Placer Board of Supervisors action to approve a non-exclusive right to negotiate an agreement with the Climate and Wildfire Institute, Inc., regarding a potential future use of the former Tahoe City Fire Station 51 building on County property (APN 094-070-013-000) and authorize the County Executive Officer to execute an agreement in substantial conformance with the draft prepared by staff, contingent upon County Counsel and Risk Management Approval.
- Continue to follow progress on the Update following major projects within the NTFPD service area: 39 North (formerly known as the Kings Beach Center); Lakeview Development (formerly known as the Kings Beach Mixed use redevelopment Project); Dollar Creek Crossing Housing Project (Tahoe City); Boatworks redevelopment (Tahoe City); and the Homewood Mountain Resort ("Lot 3") phase.
- Continue tracking Placer County Board of Supervisors decisions/updates and enforcement of the County's Short-Term Rental Ordinance.
- Continue to track and engage with development of the Lake Tahoe Destination Stewardship Plan.
- Continue tracking work related to the Placer County contract award to GHD, Inc. of Sacramento for professional engineering, right-of-way, and related services for the Kings Beach Western Approach project (aka "roundabout") at the intersection of CA state routes 28 and 267 adjacent to NTFPD Station 52.
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- Attend (in-person) October 6<sup>th</sup> Tahoe Interagency Executive Committee Steering Committee meeting at the US Forest Service office in South Lake Tahoe.
- Continued conversations with stakeholders working to explore an additional source of federal revenue to support Lake Tahoe EIP projects, including water infrastructure projects to improve fire suppression.
- Attend (virtually) October 12 meeting of the Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team (TFFT). Topics included a formal welcome for new TFFT Incident Commander NLTFFPD Division Chief Isaac Powning and a presentation by Shelly Thomsen and

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Yesenia Pacheco of South Tahoe Public Utility District providing an update on leadership changes and activities of the Tahoe Water for Fire Suppression Partnership.

- Assist Basin Chiefs in efforts to coordinate a meeting of the TFFT MAC.
- Continued conversations with Jacob Stock and other TRPA planners regarding development of and funding strategies for the Lake Tahoe Shoreline Public Safety Facilities Plan. Note: A briefing on development of the Plan's planning process was provided as an informational only to the TRPA Governing Board October 26.
- Continue to track TRPA Governing Board process for recruiting, determining finalists, and interviewing the four finalists for the position of Agency Executive Director. Each of the four panelists had an opportunity to meet and talk with and be interviewed by the members of two community panels the evening of Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. On October 27<sup>th</sup>, the Governing Board heard and considered the input of these community panels and then conducted its own interviews with each finalist. The Board deliberated following the interviews (all in open session) and, in the end, voted unanimously to select Julie Regan, currently Deputy Director and Chief of External Affairs, to become the Agency's new Executive Director. At their November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Governing Board will consider approval of an employment agreement and compensation package for Ms. Regan. Note: Julie has held an executive position at the Agency since 2003.
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