

Summary of Consultant Activities – February 2021
Sustainable Community Advocates
Steve Teshara, Principal

- Attend and participate in the February 4 meeting of the Tahoe Interagency Executives Committee (TIE-SC). Agenda items included: Review/Discussion of proposed Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (LTRA) priority funding requests for federal fiscal year 2022; and review of initial funding priorities for the updated Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPMA) Secondary List.
- On behalf of the Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team (TFFT), submit a potential TRPA Code amendment related to new stationary source review chapter that currently suspends any application for a biofuel facility. This issue for consideration was submitted to Governing Board Member Bud Hicks, Chair of the TRPA Forest Health and Wildlife Committee, Kat McIntyre, Forest Ecosystem Health Program Manager, and Agency Executive Director Joanne Marchetta.
- Virtual meeting with Lake Tahoe Partnership colleagues to review and discuss proposed list of Federal FY 2022 funding priorities for the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (ACT) and the proposed list of funding priorities on the revised list of projects on the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA)
- Prepare and email a February 118 memo to Basin Chiefs entitled, Updated LTRA Priority List – Tahoe FY 22 Request.
- As Coordinator for the Lake Tahoe Partnership (federal advocacy network), continue work to develop advocacy priorities for federal fiscal year 2022. Priorities include: funding appropriations for the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (LTRA). Continue planning for “fly in” meetings in March with key staff of Tahoe Congressional Delegation members.
- Meet (virtually) February 26 with TRPA Principal Transportation Planner Michelle Glickert to review proposed Agency staff response 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.”
- Continue to track US Forest Service work, with partners, on the Meeks Bay Restoration Project to advocate for a fire boat lift on the pier structure proposed as one of the project alternatives.
- 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.