

### Summary of Consultant Activities – May 2020 Sustainable Community Advocates Steve Teshara, Principal

- Attend (virtually) the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Tahoe Interagency Executives Steering Committee (TIE-SC). Agenda topics included: Update on coordination occurring amongst recreation managers in the Tahoe region; current guidance and management in place related to recreation management for COVID-19; issues land managers are dealing with or anticipating; Update on 2020 Boat Inspection Program and AIS field work coordination for COVID-19; Discussion: how might agency operations or field season look different this year? With COVID-19 management issues, what topics do agency managers believe are important for further alignment and TIE-SC discussion?  
SCA note/question: Do any Basin Chiefs/Fire Districts want to weigh in on this question?
- Complete review of the Lake Tahoe West Restoration Project Scoping Notice/Notice of Preparation; prepare and submit SCA comments by the revised deadline of Tuesday, May 26, 2020 (Note: SCA coordinated with comments submitted by the North Tahoe and Meeks Bay Fire Protection Districts).
- Attended (virtually) the May 27 TRPA Governing Board Forest Health and Wildfire Committee meeting to hear staff presentation (Kat McIntyre) on proposed amendments to TRPA Code Chapter 61, Section 61.3, Vegetation Protection and Management. Contacted Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team IC Forest Schafer following the meeting.
- Continue work with Basin Chiefs on Chiefs letter to members of the Tahoe Congressional Delegation "Tahoe Basin Fire Chiefs Support for Federal FY 2021 Appropriations - Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (LTRA) of 2016. Make edits to the text of the letter as requested by Chief Schwartz and Chief Baker. Recirculate the letter with request for review and electronic signatures.
- Continue follow ups to the Tahoe legislative advocacy trip to Washington, D.C. March 9-11. The focus of this trip: Tahoe's federal fiscal year appropriations requests consistent with authorizations in the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (LTRA) of 2016, Also, advocacy for resumption of the project nomination, approval, and funding process from the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA) consistent with the "White Pine" amendment.
- Begin review of "Notice of Availability – Tahoe Program Timberland Environmental Impact Report" (aka (PTEIR) for the California side of the Tahoe Basin.
- Email (May 11) Basin Chiefs a copy the report ***Biomass in the Sierra Nevada – A Case for Healthy Forests and Rural Economies***, published by the Sierra Business Council (November 2019) to ensure all Basin Chiefs had a copy.