

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

- Continue active advocacy in support of Tahoe's requests for \$108,968,000 in specific funding for the fifth year of implementation of the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (Public Law 114-322). Provide Basin Chiefs with the June 23, 2021 letter from Lake Tahoe's four U.S. Senators to the Chair (Senator Jeff Merkley) and Ranking Member (Senator Lisa Murkowski) in support of Tahoe's full FY-2022 appropriations request.
- Email Basin Chiefs with updates on US Forest Service leadership changes at the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU): The departure of Forest Supervisor Bill Jackson (returning to Colorado); the appointment and arrival of Acting LTBMU Forest Supervisor Gwen Sanchez (from the Humboldt Toiyabe) and Acting LTBMU Deputy Forest Supervisor David Fournier (from the Tahoe National Forest and formerly a staff officer at LTBMU).
- Email Basin Chiefs reporting on President Biden's appointment of long-time (since 2007) Pacific Southwest Regional Forester Randy Moore to become the new Chief of the Forest Service. Note: During his tenure at the Region 5 office, Moore visited Tahoe on numerous occasions and is familiar with many of our Tahoe issues and challenges.
- Email communications with TRPA Governing Board member A.J. "Bud" Hicks (Chair of the TRPA Forest Health and Wildfire Committee) checking on the status of the Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team (TFFT) request for the consideration of TRPA Code Amendments related to "Biofuel Facilities." Hicks reports the matter is "teed up" for an initial Committee discussion this month (July).
- Attend and participate in the June 28 first meeting of the 2021 Tahoe Summit planning committee. Report to Basin Chiefs: The date for this year's gathering of federal, state, regional and local officials and interest members of the community has been set for Thursday, August 19. California US Senator Alex Padilla is set to serve as this year's host. This will be hybrid event, with a physical invitation-only in-person location at Sugar Pine Point State Park coupled with a livestream broadcast to facilitate additional participation. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the first Tahoe Summit in 1997. I will continue to serve as a member of the 2021 Tahoe Summit Planning Team on behalf of the Tahoe Basin Chiefs.
- Initial discussion with Summit Planning team members regarding the opportunity for a pre-Summit policy briefing with staff members representing elected officials planning to attend the Summit (likely on the West Shore - possible briefings on the two projects listed below)
- Continue to track work on the Meeks Bay Restoration Project (currently in environmental review) and the Lake Tahoe West project, a collaborative effort to restore the resiliency of forests, watersheds and communities on 59,000 acres on Lake Tahoe's West Shore.

PS -
Her artwork!

Dear Meeks Bay Firefighters
and EMTs:

Thank you so much for your
help June 12th @ _____,
when my mother fell and hurt her
nose. You guys are awesome!
Amy.

