

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

- Prepare and provide District Management Team with weekly North Shore Agenda Watch, highlighting items of interest on agendas, including, but not limited to, Placer County Board of Supervisors, Placer County Planning Commission, and the North Tahoe Regional Advisory Council (NTRAC). 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, and TRPA Technical Working Groups (as they are appointed and assigned specific planning matters), and meetings of the Tahoe Interagency Executives Steering Committee (TIE-SC).
- 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 Work Group) and 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.

Projects and Planning in Placer County (and along SR 89-West Shore)
Pertinent TRPA and related meetings

- Continued dialogue with Division Chief Steve McNamara on determining a path forward on the need for a fire boat lift and/or renewed efforts to develop a public safety pier location within the NT Fire/Meeks Bay Fire service area.
- October 25 virtual meeting with Jennifer Self, TRPA Principal Planner and Long-Range Planning Program Manager to discuss TRPA's renewed interest in working to identify a Work Plan for developing a path forward on the need for first responder public safety piers at Lake Tahoe.
- Monitor Placer County supervisorial redistricting based on the 2020 federal census.
- Continue to track the status of securing final funding for construction of additional elements of the SR 89 Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project (roundabout at the Tahoe City "Wye" and the replacement of Fanny Bridge). Most recently, TRPA has awarded \$3 million to the final project phase from its share of the current federal Surface Transportation Block Grant program (STBG).
- Continue to track final design and funding for construction of the Kings Beach "Western Approach" Project (roundabout) at the intersection of State Routes 267 and 28 in Kings Beach adjacent to NTFPD Station 52. At this time, project construction is anticipated in 2022.
- Continue to track a variety of private and public projects consistent with the adopted Placer County Tahoe Basin Area Plan, with a focus on downtown Tahoe City and downtown Kings Beach.
- Attend October virtual 7th meeting of the Tahoe Regional Executives Steering Committee (TIE-SC). Agenda topics included: 1) Caldor Fire update; 2) USFS LTBMU report on next steps and federal intent for Caldor Fire recovery and state and local coordination re: suppression, repair, emergency stabilization, long-term post fire recovery; 3) Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team (TFFT) report on Caldor Fire response; 4) Caldor Fire and Forest Health Funding. Update; 5) Tahoe Science Council – Caldor Fire impacts and research and monitoring needs.

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- Attend October 27th meeting (virtual) of the TRPA Governing Board. Agenda items included: State of the Lake Report by Dr. Geoffrey Schladow, UC Davis; Caldor Fire Science and Monitoring Overview by Dr. Sudeep Chandra, UNR; and update on the Caldor Fire Recovery Program.
- Provide Tahoe Basin Fire Chiefs with an electronic copy of three Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 18 documents (all signed and approved by the US Secretary of Interior): 1) Round 18 Decision Document; Round 18 Appendix A (Project List); Round 18 Appendix B (Secondary Project List) (provided October 15th)
- Provide Tahoe Basin Fire Chiefs with United States Senate Appropriations Committee update regarding proposed Committee FY-22 appropriations under provisions of the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (LTRA) (provided October 22).
- Continue to track the status of the “bi-partisan” Infrastructure bill which includes an amendment sponsored by Nevada U.S. Senator Catherine Cortez Masto for \$10 million in funding for wildfire detection equipment. Continued conversations and emails with NTFPD Division Chief Steve McNamara, NLTFPD Chief Ryan Sommers, Heidi Hill Drum at the Tahoe Prosperity Center, and others about this federal funding as a possible source for the purchase of Alchera fire detection cameras to integrate into the Alert Tahoe Camera Network. These cameras feature a new software platform that uses Artificial Intelligence (AI) to detect wildfires.
- Series of telephone conversations with Tahoe Fire & Fuels Team (TFFT) Incident Commander Forest Service re: planning for a meeting of the Tahoe Basin Chiefs to discuss and plan for a meeting of the TFFT Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (MAC).
- In coordination with Forest Schafer, draft a memo to the Basin Chiefs providing TFFT/MAC background, soliciting feedback on the proposed MAC meeting, with two attachments: 1) copy of the adopted TFFT Operating Charter (April 2015); and copy of the draft TFFT 2021 Incident Action Plan. Transmit memo to Basin Chiefs October 28th.
- Respond to Basin Chiefs emails indicating support for the proposed planning meeting. Begin work to identify a mutually-agreeable date, time, and venue for this meeting.
- Open a dialogue with Jennifer Self, TRPA Principal Planner/Long Range Planning Program Manager, to discuss a renewed willingness on the part of TRPA to develop first responder public safety pier development criteria, a renewed interest prompted by SCA. Initial virtual meeting with Ms. Self on October 25. Coordinate with NT Fire Division Chief Steve McNamara a list of those Tahoe Basin Fire District/Department representative interested in taking part in meetings on the subject with TRPA.