

**Summary of Consultant Activities - February 2024**  
**Steve Teshara, Principal**  
**Sustainable Community Advocates**

- Continue to attend meetings of the Lake Tahoe Partnership and Tahoe Interagency Executives Steering Committee (TIE-SC) EIP Funding and Communications Committee as preparations continue for the “Team Tahoe” advocacy meetings in Washington, D.C. with members of the Tahoe Congressional Delegation and “Friends of Tahoe” scheduled for March 11-14. Assist in the development of the report: *The Enduring Power of the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act: 7 Years of Accomplishments + Looking Forward* prepared for the meetings and briefings on Capitol Hill.
- Continue to track the status of Lake Tahoe’s federal fiscal year 2024 LTRA appropriations requests, including for Forest Health/Hazardous Fuels and Vegetation and Watershed Management.
- Following its formal introduction by Nevada U.S. Senator Jacky Rosen, continue to track the legislative status of the “Truckee Meadows Public Lands Management Act” a bill authorizing the sale of some federal lands in Washoe County, Nevada. Funds generated would be used to create some permanent land conservation, the transfer of lands to trusts for local Native American tribes, and other acquisition and conversation projects in Nevada. **Of interest to Tahoe, some of the funds are planned to flow to Environmental Improvement Projects at Lake Tahoe.**
- Continue advocacy efforts in support of legislation to modernize the Santini-Burton Act originally approved by Congress in 1980 primarily for the purpose of purchasing environmentally sensitive land in the Lake Tahoe Basin. Proposed language to “modernize” the Act would authorize funding from the sale of designated federal lands in the Las Vegas area to fund operations of maintenance, infrastructure, and access improvements on federal lands at Lake Tahoe
- Provide Basin Fire Chiefs, Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team (TFFT) leadership with a draft final copy of the report *Fuel Treatment Effectiveness in the Caldor Fire (2021) Perimeter, Lake Tahoe, California*, a report to the Tahoe Science Advisory Council and others. Report prepared by Hugh D. Safford and Saba Saberi through the Department of Environmental Science and Policy at U.C. Davis.
- Continue to assist MAC Chair Chief Lindgren, Vice Chair Chief Leighton and Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team (TFFT) leadership with scheduling for a MAC-TFFT Leadership meeting in March, subsequent to the TFFT planning retreat February 7-8. New date selected: upon: the morning of Thursday, April 4th @ North Tahoe Fire Protection District Station 51.