

**Summary of Consultant Activities - January 2019**  
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**Steve Teshara, Principal**

- Assist TFFT IC Forest Schafer with preparing an additional TFFT letter (January 30) to the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding Tentative Water Board Order R6T-2019-TENT, Renewal of Board Order R6T-2014-0030, Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharges Resulting from Timber Harvest and Vegetation Management Activities in the Lahontan Region.
- Review Wildfire Prevention and related proposals in Governor Gavin Newsom's initial state budget.
- Prepare to track pertinent legislation in the upcoming 2019 Session of the Nevada Legislature (Session begins February 4).
- Consultations with MAC Co-Chairs Chief Michael Schwartz and Chief Scott Baker and TFFT IC Forest Schafer re: possible dates for two MAC meetings during 2019.
- Continue to advocate for the total of \$15 million in FY 2019 federal funding for priority expenditures identified in the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (LTRA). [Funding proposed by Congress: \$6 million for hazardous fuels reduction, \$6 million for watershed restoration, and \$3 million for AIS]. Continued to track developments in Washington D.C. (Congress and Administration) relative to actions on the Federal FY 2019 budget, including the 35-day federal government shutdown and its impact of the budget development process as well as on the shutdown impacts at Lake Tahoe, particularly on staff of the US Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU). Note: USFS prescribed burns and other wildfire prevention projects were suspended during the shutdown, along with meetings of the Lake Tahoe West Collaborative.
- Continue to keep Basin Chiefs and Foresters updated on these federal issues via email.
- Notify Chiefs of the departure of John Murray as Field Representative for US Senator Dianne Feinstein. Note: Replacement has yet to be named.
- Review EIP and LTRA related materials provided by TRPA in advance of Tahoe Interagency Executives Committee meeting (TIE-SC) scheduled for February 7.
- Begin planning and preparations for Lake Tahoe Partnership's next advocacy trip to Washington, D.C., scheduled for March 10-12, 2019.

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- Note: The FY 2019 Budget approved by Congress and signed by the president February 15 included those FY 2019 funding amounts for LTRA.
- Provide Basin Chiefs and Foresters with documents under the heading of “Specific References to Appropriations Approved for the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act” (for FY 2019)
- Continue preparations for Lake Tahoe Partnership legislative trip to Washington, D.C. for meetings with Tahoe Congressional Delegation and staff, set for March 10-12.
- Assist North Tahoe-Meeks Bay Fire Chief Michael Schwartz with distribution of draft letter to CAL FIRE and USFS LTBMU re: “Request for Information Related to Unified Dispatch Services.” Collect responses from identified Lake Tahoe Regional Fire Chiefs.
- Continue with preparations for a TFFT MAC meeting on Thursday, April 18 from 1 to 3 pm at North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District Station 11, 875 Tanager Street, Incline Village (following the Lake Tahoe Regional Chiefs meeting that morning, same location)
- Attend TRPA Governing Board February 27 meeting at TRPA re: Informational briefing on the Lake Tahoe Region Safety Strategy and informational briefing on the CA SR 89 Corridor Management Plan.



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December 6, 2018

NORTH TAHO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
P.O. BOX 5879  
TAHOE CITY, CA 96145

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for working side-by-side with us during the Camp Fire. This was the most destructive and deadly wildfire in California history, and our communities will be dealing with the aftermath of this event for many years to come.

In my 32 years in the fire service, I have never encountered a wildfire of this magnitude. It took the support and coordination of various agencies from all over the country, including 5,471 firefighters, 908 firefighting resources, and multiple aircraft all working together to bring this fire under control.

I know your agency was impacted by sharing your valuable staff and resources with us. Without the support of your personnel, the destruction could have been much worse, and there are no words to completely express our gratitude.

Please let your staff know that we are forever grateful for their support during this devastating and historic event. It was an honor to work with such dedicated individuals and inspiring to witness the effective collaboration and teamwork between the various agencies involved in this catastrophic event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Darren".

Darren Read  
Fire Chief

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