

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

- Prep and transmit May 12 email to Tahoe Basin Fire Chiefs and interested parties advising of the bi-partisan introduction of the Lake Tahoe Restoration Reauthorization Act in both the House and Senate. This legislation, if approved, will reauthorize the \$415 million authorized by the 2016 LTRA and extend the LTRA and its authorized funding through September 30, 2034.
- Note: Steve Teshara (SCA), as a coordinator of the Lake Tahoe Partnership federal advocacy team, worked with his Partnership colleagues for over a year to generate bi-partisan support for the introduction of this LTRA reauthorization bill.
- As LTP coordinator, Steve Teshara (SCA) continues to advocate in support of Tahoe's FY-22 federal appropriations requests consistent with the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (LTRA) and other Tahoe legislative requests.
- With the support of North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District Chief Ryan Sommers (President, LTRFCA) and Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District Chief Scott Lindgren, prepare a Tahoe Basin Fire Chiefs letter to TRPA requesting the appointment of Tahoe Douglas FPD Fire Prevention Captain Todd Stroup as the primary Tahoe Basin Fire Chiefs alternate representative on the TRPA Advisory Planning Commission (APC) and Tahoe Douglas FPD Chief Scott Lindgren as second alternate.
- Note: The TRPA Governing Board approved these two Tahoe Basin Fire Chief APC appointments at the May 26 Governing Board meeting.
- Attend the May 26 TRPA Governing Board meeting. Provide supportive testimony on the following two agenda items: 1) Briefing on Basin-wide Forestry Initiative and Forest Health Activities; and 2) Resolution in support of the Lake Tahoe Basin Wildfire Awareness Campaign: May through October 2021.
- Continue to track work on the Meeks Bay Restoration Project. The project team is currently working to prepare the environmental analysis of identified project alternatives. (SCA continues to advocate for the pier and fire boat lift as part of the final project alternative). **Note: The Meeks Bay Project Team will provide an "Informational Only" presentation during the TRPA July 28 Governing Board meeting.**
- Continue to track work on the Lake Tahoe West (LTW) project, a collaborative effort to restore the resiliency of forests, watersheds, and communities on 59,000 acres of Lake Tahoe's West Shore. Led by the USDA Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU), California Tahoe Conservancy, and TRPA, the LTW project is based on the comprehensive LT West Landscape Restoration Strategy.