



## **North Tahoe and Meeks Bay Fire Protection Districts**



Date: September 12, 2024  
To: Meeks Bay Fire Board of Directors  
From: Steve Leighton, Fire Chief  
Subject: September 2024

August started with above average temperatures across the region, including highs exceeding 100 degrees in many western NV and CA valleys for most of the months first 10 days. Showers and thunderstorms were also present for early August. A dry air mass with slightly cooler than average temperatures finally settled over the region for the middle 10 days of August. In the last 10 days of the month, temperatures warmed up and the dry conditions returned including high winds with Red Flag Warnings. From a hydrology standpoint, August was benign except for August 3<sup>rd</sup> which produced a high volume of precipitation throughout the region including flash flood warnings. Of note: the Reno area set a new high for the warmest (June-August) of record, surpassing the record from the summer of 2021. These high temperatures and drying trends continued across all western areas up to and including the Oregon border. Our past, present and expected weather is important to our Firefighters. These weather conditions assist us in predicting fire behavior, as well as, anticipated staffing needs.

September marks a busy intersection of the legislative calendar. With the State Legislature concluding its 2023-2024 session August 31, all eyes now turn to Governor Gavin Newsome who must sign or veto hundreds of bills by September 30. Meanwhile, in Washington DC, Congress returned on September 9 for three weeks of action before breaking once again through the November 5 General Election. As an elected board member for the Fire Districts Association of California (FDAC), I am continually keeping track of public policy developments that may affect our district. I would also like to acknowledge our excellent working relationship with the California Special District Association (CSDA), who provides us with invaluable information and advice regarding initiatives potentially affecting the district.

As you know, I am always proud to report of the successes of our personnel, who are quick to accept new challenges and always have a "Service Above Self Attitude." Firefighter/Paramedics Michael Schoenborn, Sam Grosnick, Colin Hamel and Aaron Stiny have completed all aspects of our final TAP process. Firefighter/Paramedic Brant Lucas is now qualified as a Wildland Fire Field Observer (FOBS) and Display Processor (DRPO) and is currently on a fire assignment in Oregon assisting CAL FIRE Team 1. Firefighter/Paramedics Sarah Kertesz and Colin Hamel have also begun the process to open an Engineers task book. I want to congratulate all these individuals on their outstanding successes while encouraging them to continue to train on the frequent and varied skills of a Firefighter/Paramedic.

Last but certainly not least, I want to thank Director of Finance Kim Eason for her teams' efforts with the Priority Based Budget Process both in North Tahoe and Meeks Bay. We held our annual meeting the third week of July and this process will be conglomerated at our meeting this month. I'm super proud of our team consisting of: Kim Eason, Dee Malone, Gordana Wood, Melissa Betty (Daniels) and Blanca Gonzalez.

**Meetings and Assignments:**

- North Tahoe, Meeks Bay, and Alpine Meadows Board Meetings
- Eastern Joint Powers Authority Fire Chiefs Meeting (EJPA)
- Lake Tahoe Regional Fire Chiefs Association Meeting (LTRFCA)
- Executive and Command Staff Meetings
- Labor Management L3729 Meeting
- El Dorado County Fire Chiefs Association Meeting
- El Dorado County Board of Supervisors Meetings
- Placer County Board of Supervisors Meetings
- Breakfast Club Meeting
- El Dorado and Placer LAFCO Meetings
- Meetings with our District Attorneys regarding District business
- Sierra Front Wildfire Cooperators Meeting
- Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team Multi-Agency Coordination Group Meeting
- North Tahoe Regional Advisory Committee Meeting (NTRAC)
- Executive Staff Final Budget Meeting
- Tahoe Basin Management Unit Fuels Reduction Coordination Meeting
- NEU Command Meeting
- Lake Tahoe Region Multi-Agency Meeting
- Homewood Development Agreement Meeting
- Alpine Springs General Manager Meeting
- Truckee-Tahoe Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD) Meeting
- Meeks Bay Advisory Council Meeting
- Alpine Springs HOA Meeting
- Galleri Cancer Screening Meeting
- California Highway Patrol (CHP) WAYMO Meeting
- Davis Fire Incident Action Plan (IAP) Meeting
- CSDA Legislative Task Force Meeting
- Bear Fire Incident Action Plan (IAP) Meeting
- Placer County Air Quality Smoke Management Practices Meeting
- Placer County CEO Meeting
- Supervisor Gustafson Meeting

# Lake Tahoe



# Regional Evacuation Plan

In collaboration with the Lake Tahoe Fire Chiefs Association

Revised 06/07/2024



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*Steve Leighton, Fire Chief*

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

CALFIRE, Eastern Alpine Fire Rescue, Northstar Fire Dept., South Lake Tahoe Fire Rescue, Tahoe Douglas Fire, Lake Valley Fire Protection District, North Tahoe Fire, North Lake Tahoe Fire District, Olympic Valley Fire Dept., Meeks Bay Fire Rescue, Carson City Fire Rescue, Fallen Leaf Lake Fire, El Dorado County Sheriff, Douglas County Sheriff, Washoe County Sheriff, Placer County Sheriff, South Lake Tahoe Police, Truckee Police, Nevada State Police, California Highway Patrol, Alpine County Sheriff, Carson City Sheriff, USDA Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit

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### **New Lake Tahoe Regional Evacuation Plan**

#### **Developed by Regional Fire, Law, & Emergency Management Personnel**

**(Lake Tahoe, CA and NV)** – A new **Lake Tahoe Regional Evacuation Plan** was developed by the cooperative efforts of the Lake Tahoe Fire Chiefs, Lake Tahoe Law Enforcement Agencies, and Emergency Management Personnel following experiences gained during past major wildfires. The Plan is a “living document” intended to provide the public with critical information related to evacuations and will be updated from time to time.

The Plan pulled together a diverse team of experts from two different states and five different counties which all have jurisdictional responsibilities around Lake Tahoe. The efforts resulted in a robust and critically needed Regional Evacuation Plan.

The plan is currently located at: [laketahoeregionalevacuationplan.pdf \(ca.gov\)](http://laketahoeregionalevacuationplan.pdf(ca.gov)). The plan is organized so that the evacuation information in the front of the plan is applicable to ALL parts of the Lake Tahoe Basin. Then there are seven annexes in the back of the plan that allows for more specific information which is only pertinent to the specific areas.

The Plan emphasizes regional cooperation and collaboration in event of a large wildfire that may occur in the future. Local emergency experts recognize that planning for a large wildfire that will require evacuations is a reality for the Tahoe Basin. Fire, Law, and Emergency Management partners are more prepared to manage these events as a result of this new Plan.

The Plan is a “living document” and is open for a sixty-day comment period ending on November 20, 2024. Submit your comments by emailing your agency contact name listed above.

### MBFPD RESPONSE CALLS - MONTHLY COMPARISON

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
<b>2024</b>	8	14	10	4	9	22	30	22				
<b>2023</b>	6	12	7	14	21	25	37	23	23	15	7	11
<b>2022</b>	24	11	15	9	12	21	18	14	11	7	3	8
<b>2021</b>	12	31	18	17	15	38	52	44	19	27	20	30
<b>2020</b>	23	12	9	9	14	30	54	50	28	22	16	11

