

Good afternoon everyone. Following is a brief recap of what took place at the TRPA Governing Board meeting on January 29, 2014. *(Submitted by Shelly Aldean)*

Following the Call to Order, we welcomed our newest member, Jim Lawrence, who attended his first meeting as Steve Robinson's replacement representing the Nevada Department of Conservation & Natural Resources. Jim is the Administrator of the Nevada Division of State Lands, is very conversant with Tahoe Basin issues and will make a great addition to the Board.

Under Planning Matters we heard a presentation on the Lake Tahoe Sustainability Communities Program ("LTSCP") which is being implemented in cooperation with a number of our Tahoe Basin partners including the California Tahoe Conservancy, the TMPO, and the North Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce, Convention & Visitors Bureau and Resort Association. Although this particular initiative is being driven largely by California legislation, the California Strategic Growth Council and Federal Livability Principles, the objectives of the program are not at all inconsistent with the TRPA's well established objective (as enumerated in the Compact) of ensuring "an equilibrium between the region's natural endowment and the manmade environment". Some of the products of the LTSCP include elements of the Regional Plan such as development commodities transfers, mitigation measures to reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions, affordable housing needs assessments and the development of Area Plans to eliminate segregated land uses, simplify the permitting process and focus on an area wide approach to addressing environmental problems.

Later in the day we held a public hearing on a pier project in Incline Village which involved the replacement of a non-conforming pier and boathouse with a multiple-use dock. Like nearly every pier project at Lake Tahoe, there was a degree of controversy but given that the project complied with our Partial Shorezone Permitting Program and actually reduced the visual mass of the structure thereby improving the scenic quality of the shoreline, the project was approved by a majority of the Board.

The Local Government Committee met to discuss suggested changes to the residential allocation distribution program based on recommendations from a stakeholder's committee. The current system of awarding allocations relies on the performance of a local jurisdiction in permit monitoring and compliance, Environmental Improvement Program implementation, BMP retrofitting, and transit level of service. The proposed measures would focus exclusively on permit monitoring and compliance and the implementation of the TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Loading) program which is the new approach to improving water clarity.

Following the adjournment of the Local Government Committee meeting, the members of the Regional Plan Implementation Committee met to participate in a presentation and discussion of the Meyers Area Plan which was developed through a series of 20 public meetings including

four well attended community workshops. The plan reduces the size of the Meyers Town Center, proposes maximum building heights less than are allowed in the Regional Plan, enhances pedestrian, bicycle and transit facilities, promotes redevelopment and revitalization in the town center, protects and directs development away from Stream Environment Zones, identifies two new SEZ restoration projects along Meyers Creek and the Upper Truckee River and includes a Landmark Tree Protection ordinance. The joint environmental document on the plan is scheduled to be released later this month. In other Committee business, Clem Shute and I were selected to serve respectively as the Governing Board's California and Nevada representatives on a new subcommittee to explore ways of enhancing the rate of BMP compliance. Another technical working group was formed to address coverage transfers across hydrologic zones.

As usual, if you have any questions concerning this report, please don't hesitate to call.

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