

Monthly report on the June meeting of the TRPA Governing Board submitted by Shelly Aldean

Good afternoon everyone. Following is a summary of what took place at the TRPA Governing Board meeting on July 24, 2013.

Under administrative matters, we conducted a performance evaluation of our Executive Director, Joanne Marchetta. Not unexpectedly, Joanne received high marks for her vision, hard work and political savvy especially in her role as the chief architect of the Regional Plan Update. Although she was gently chastised for being too emotionally transparent at times and encouraged to separate her personal feelings from her professional responsibilities, the Board members found that her performance in eight competencies either met or exceeded their expectations.

Under Committee Reports, the chairman of the Regional Plan implementation Committee (RPIC) reported on the outcome of the review of the Douglas County Area Plan and the associated Memorandum of Understanding. Although the County asserted that no additional environmental analysis of the proposed new uses permitted under its Area Plan were necessary because they were consistent with the land uses envisioned in the Regional Plan Update and had therefore been analyzed in the RPU EIS, certain members of the environmental community disagreed as did certain members of the RPIC. As a result, Douglas County agreed to remove additional downhill skiing facilities and golf courses from the menu of new uses tiering of off the Regional Plan EIS. The County and Edgewood Companies, however, reserved their right to return at some future date to amend the Area Plan to include these uses. The Committee's recommendation to approve the Douglas County Area Plan subject to the aforementioned exclusions will now be forwarded onto the TRPA Advisory Planning Commission for consideration.

The balance of the Board meeting was spent touring environmental improvement projects on the North Shore of Lake Tahoe.

Following adjournment of the Governing Board meeting, the Local Government Committee met to discuss changes to the residential allocation program which has been identified by the Governing Board as a top priority project. Under the current system, the distribution of allocations to local jurisdictions for residential construction are linked to four environmental performance criteria – permit monitoring and compliance, environmental improvement program implementation, BMP retrofitting implementation, and transit level of service. The updated Regional Plan authorizes the release of 2600 new residential allocations over the 20 year life of the plan at a maximum rate of 130 per year. The general consensus among the committee members was that the nexus between the aforementioned criteria and new residential development was very weak and that the metering out of these allocations was

being used as a growth control mechanism rather as an incentive for local government to meet its environmental objectives. It was also asserted that more emphasis needed to be placed on providing incentives for the local jurisdictions to redevelop their older urbanized areas which are the primary source of pollutants. The Committee will forward its detailed recommendations onto a stakeholder committee consisting of local jurisdiction staff, a member from the environmental community, a representative from the Contractor's Association of Truckee Tahoe and a representative from the states of Nevada and California.

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

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