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Following is a recap of this month's TRPA Governing Board meeting.

Under administrative matters, we bid a fond farewell to Governing Board members Norma Santiago (El Dorado County Supervisor), Ross Miller (Nevada Secretary of State), and Ryan High (Ross' designee who attended many meetings on the Secretary of State's behalf). Each was presented with a formal resolution of appreciation and a beautiful commemorative photo of Lake Tahoe.

In addition, Casey Beyer (a California Governor's appointee) and Jim Lawrence (the Nevada Department of Conservation & Natural Resources designee) were elected chair and vice-chair respectively of the Governing Board. Each will serve a two year term beginning in the New Year. I am confident that under their direction and stewardship the Agency will continue to move in the right direction.

Under the public hearing portion of the agenda, some cleanup amendments to the Code of Ordinances and an update to the Residential Allocation Program were approved by the Board with input from the Advisory Planning Commission. Under the latter matter, changes to the way residential allocations are distributed were made. Going forward, percentage distributions will be predicated on each jurisdiction's vacant lot inventory and on the proximity of areas to public transit which is consistent with the updated Regional Plan's emphasis on encouraging compact development. In addition, based on these recent code changes, upon advising TRPA, local jurisdictions will now be able to assign some or all of their allocations to other local jurisdictions and, beginning next year, allocations will be released in two year increments which will help local governments aggregate their allocations for purposes of entitling larger redevelopment projects. Although El Dorado County expressed concern about the decrease in its base number of allocations, the County ultimately consented to the changes in order to ensure that the annual release of residential allocations in time for the 2015 building season is not delayed.

Under planning matters, the Tahoe Fund outlined its new regional stewardship campaign entitled *Take Care* which is designed to encourage users of the Basin (whether they be homeowners, renters or visitors) to do their part in taking care of the valuable resources of the Lake Tahoe region.

In addition, a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of South Lake Tahoe consolidating and replacing five existing MOUs between the City and TRPA, was approved by the Board. This updated memorandum grants the City additional permitting authority within its adopted Area Plans.

The Board also approved a Statement of Collaboration between the TRPA, the League to Save Lake Tahoe and the Tahoe Lakefront Owners Association. The aforementioned statement was the outgrowth of ongoing conversations between a subset of members from the Governing Board and the League Board regarding the importance of raising money and awareness for the battle against aquatic invasive species at Lake Tahoe. The seriousness of the AIS challenge will be outlined in a 3 to 4 page appendage to the Statement that is now being drafted by staff members from both organizations.

Following the adjournment of the meeting, a celebration was hosted by the Agency celebrating the 45th anniversary of the signing, by President Richard Nixon, of the Bi-State Compact.

Please feel free to call with any questions and best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

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