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Good afternoon everyone. Following is my recap of the TRPA Governing Board meeting that took place on February 26, 2014.

There were two public hearing items – one dealing with the distribution of the 2014 residential building allocations and the other dealing with proposed amendments to the code controlling how allocations will be distributed in the future using a different metric. For the 2014 building season, allocations were awarded to local jurisdictions based on the usual performance measures – permit compliance, BMP compliance, BMP retrofitting, EIP implementation and increases in TLOS (Total Level of Service). In addition, extra allocations were awarded to local governments from TRPA's unused allocation pool. The remaining allocations were retained by TRPA for sensitive lot retirement.

After extensive discussion based on input from a stakeholder's workgroup, the Local Government Committee and the TRPA Advisory Planning Commission (APC), action to implement proposed changes to how allocations are distributed in future years (based on MOU permit monitoring and compliance and TMDL [Total Maximum Daily Load] implementation) was postponed. The issue was sent back to the Commission for further deliberation with a commitment from the APC Chair that he would return in July with a consensus driven recommendation on what type of environmental linkages should be used to award allocations and in November with a recommendation about how the base number of allocations given to each local jurisdiction should be calculated. The Governing Board did, however, take final action on a recommendation to approve a code amendment replacing TRPA deadlines for the submission of building plans with local jurisdiction deadlines.

In furtherance of its commitment to continual improvement, greater accountability, and more frequent and transparent reporting, Executive Director Joanne Marchetta presented her inaugural annual report to the Board which included a snapshot of the Agency's accomplishments and the status of its work

on Regional Plan programs and priorities. For further information, please visit the *Press Room* at www.trpa.org .

After the recent controversy involving a pier expansion project in Incline Village, staff was directed to bring forward a range of modifications to the Partial Permitting Program which would continue to serve as the interim policy while the Agency works to modify its Shorezone Ordinance and complete its additional environmental review work. Five options were offered for consideration. Ultimately, the Board decided only to accept pier expansion applications that did *not* require deviations from design standards related to length for private multiple-use piers but to continue to allow the processing of applications for public piers that may deviate from those same standards. None of the pier applications that are currently pending seek an exception from standards related to length, width, catwalks or lifts.

Under staff reports it was noted that oral arguments in connection with the RPU litigation are scheduled for March 26th in Sacramento. In my next e-mail to the Board I will report on the outcome of these arguments before the U.S. District Court.

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

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