

March 3, 2015

Following is a recap of the February and March meetings of the TRPA Governing Board. As a general rule, if the meeting agendas are light, I would prefer to combine reports unless there is a substantive issue that the Board needs to be advised of immediately. Please let me know if you have an issues with this approach.

January 28, 2015

Under administrative matters, Agency counsel reviewed Nevada's Open Meeting and Public Records Laws as a refresher course for existing Board members and as an introduction for the newest members of the Board especially those from California. As you may or may not know, TRPA, as a bi-state agency, has opted to abide by Nevada's open meeting laws which collectively are stricter than their counterparts in California.

Under the public hearing portion of the agenda, staff presented a summary of the draft environmental documents for the State Route 89/Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project. The proposed project improvements are designed to resolve existing traffic congestion at the Tahoe City wye (at the intersection of State Routes 28 and 89) and to address the "long-term structural integrity of the Truckee River Bridge" – know by locals as "Fanny Bridge". The environmental documents examine seven project alternatives and one no action alternative (Alternative 5). Alternatives 1 through 4 include construction of a new bridge over the Truckee River further downstream and the realignment of SR 89 through a 64 acre tract owned by the US Forest Service, rehabilitation or replacement of Fanny Bridge, bike path realignments and modifications to the Caltrans maintenance yard. Two other action alternatives (6 and 6A) would focus on rehabilitating or replacing Fanny Bridge on the current SR 89 alignment and improving the SR 89/28 intersection in its present location.

February 25, 2015

Under administrative matters, some of the Agency's standing committees were consolidated and new Board members were awarded their committee assignments including Barbara Cegavske (NV Secretary of State) and Sue Novasel (El Dorado County Supervisor). As re-elected Chair of the Legal Committee, I welcomed the appointment of Bill Yeates (CA Senate Appointee) and Marsha Berkbigler (Washoe County Commissioner) as the newest members of the committee that consults with Agency Counsel on the status of litigation, making recommendations to the Governing Board regarding the prosecution, defense and settlement of legal matters.

As a continuation of last month's public hearing on the State Route 89/Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project, the project partners including TRPA, the TMPO and the

Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) presented an overview of how the aforementioned project supports the goals of the Regional Plan through environmental improvement benefits. Staff is continuing to respond to public comments on the environmental documents. At the request of commenters, the deadline for the submission of input was extended until March 9th.

In other business, the Governing Board approved the distribution of residential allocations for the 2015/2016 building seasons. Based on recently adopted changes to the Performance Review System, Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) implementation and Permit Monitoring and Compliance are now the sole linkages used as the basis for the awarding allocations.

Based on the recommendations from the Best Management Practices (BMP) Compliance Working Group, which were subsequently endorsed by the Advisory Planning Commission (APC), the Governing Board accepted the BMP Action Plan which focuses efforts on the most effective pollutant load reduction strategies, coordinates targeted implementation with accelerated compliance and improves information collection. The BMP Working Group was an eclectic mix of stakeholders which was successful in finding the common ground necessary to advance a plan that will hopefully yield benefits through voluntary compliance. One of the products of the Working Group's efforts was the enhancement of the BMP Real Estate Disclosure Form which can now be completed online and submitted to TRPA electronically. Enhancement of this form was a compromise to the suggested enforcement of BMP compliance at the point of sale.

Although not reviewed in detail, the Governing Board received a copy of the Agency's 2014 Annual Report which can be viewed on line at www.trpa.org in the Press Room Column on the main page.

At the meeting of the Regional Plan Implementation Committee (RPIC) which followed the adjournment of the Governing Board meeting, a briefing was held on the final Heavenly Mountain Resort Epic Discovery Center environmental documents. As part of the proposal being reviewed, the resort is planning to expand its year round recreational activities within the developed portion of the ski area to include rope courses, zip line canopy tours, an alpine coaster, and mountain bike and hiking trails. The introduction of these new summertime, non-skiing family-oriented activities will not only help the Agency achieve its recreational thresholds, it will help Heavenly remain financially viable during extended periods of drought.

The Committee was also updated on possible amendments to the code that would provide for the conversion of Commercial Floor Area (CFA) to Tourist Accommodation Units (TAUS). At the end of the discussion, the Committee withheld its endorsement of the conversion ratio proposed by staff (pending additional research) and expressed a general consensus that the existing development commodities system is far too complex and that future consideration should be given to relying strictly on coverage as a way of achieving environmental goals. It was also suggested that the issue of converting CFA to TAUs should be coupled with the

recommendations heard earlier in the day by the Local Government Committee concerning additional commodity-related issues.

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

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