

On Aug 16, 2021, at 11:58 AM, Alex Yiakis wrote:

Hi Mr. Miller-

I was at your talk the other weekend at the park, thanks for all the helpful information provided.

The subject of the Seventh Ave, (Station 62) came up. I live next door at 7160 Seventh, and I just wanted to drop a line over to say that if at any point in the future that station becomes obsolete to the needs of Meeks Bay Fire, or perhaps after any potential merger with North Tahoe Fire, well, my wife and I would sure love the opportunity to buy it. I wasn't sure how property like that gets disposed of, an auction, etc.. i just thought I would start by contacting you folks. We have been there about 10 years and noticed the use of that station become less and less over the years, so we started having grand visions of a beautiful detached garage.....

Best Regards,

Alex Yiakis

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From: ed@meeksbayfire.com  
Date: August 16, 2021 at 12:40:56 PM PDT  
To: Alex Yiakis  
Cc: Leighton, Chief Steve  
Subject: Seventh Ave

Alex,

Glad you were at the meeting. Always good to get together with friends & neighbors.

At this time there are no plans for (recently re-numbered) station 68 other than status quo. That said, we will keep your request and contact info on file for future possibilities.

Respectfully,  
Ed

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Good Afternoon -

Enclosed is our annual check  
for Meke Bay Fire to add  
to any fund for buying  
safety equipment or other  
materials you may need to  
keep Tahoe Fire safe.

We appreciate your  
efforts to keep Tahoe safe.

Tahoe Hills Social Club  
via Doug & Valerie Welch

**Summary of Consultant Activities - July 2021**  
**Sustainable Community Advocates**  
**Steve Teshara, Principal**

- Serve as a member of the Planning Committee for the 25th anniversary Lake Tahoe Summit, scheduled for Thursday, August 19th outdoors on the patio of the North Tahoe Event Center in Kings Beach (adjacent to the Kings Beach State Recreation Area). Note: The Summit venue was changed from Sugar Pine Point State Park due to the lack of capacity for live-streaming the event from that location, as only a limited number of in-person invitations were to be issued. The Summit will virtual for the general public. U.S. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland will deliver the Summit keynote address. This year's host is California US Senator Alex Padilla.
- SCA secured an invitation for Chief Ryan Sommers, NLTFPD Chief and current president of the Lake Tahoe Regional Fire Chiefs Association (LTRFCA) to present as a member of the Forest Health Panel as part of Lake Tahoe Pre-Summit Policy Briefing for Congressional Staff August 3rd.
- SCA secured Summit invitations for each of the local Basin Fire Chiefs and preferred parking at the event.
- Continue on-going advocacy in support of Tahoe's requests for \$108,968,000 in specific funding for the fifth year of implementation of the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (Public Law 114-322). During the month, coordinate several virtual meetings of the Lake Tahoe Partnership advocacy network in continuous pursuit of LTRA funding. For the first time, the House of Representatives has included funding for water infrastructure that supports fire suppression (\$7 million). While the budget proposed by the House still has to be considered by the Senate, the inclusion of specific funding for water infrastructure as authorized in the LTRA. The House budget also includes another \$6.5 million for watershed management and \$6 million for forest health.
- Attend July 29 virtual meeting of the TRPA Forest Health and Wildfire Committee. The agenda focused on a briefing on the Watershed Erosion Prediction Project (WEPP) and Forest Treatments on Steep Slopes within the Tahoe Basin. The presenters were from the University of Idaho and the US Forest Service - Pacific Southwest Research Station and covered initial findings regarding various forest treatments (e.g., mechanical thinning, hand thinning, prescribed fire) on a variety of hillslopes and soil types across watersheds. The model being used for this research predicts what erosion may occur from different treatment types on various slopes. The model is being used as one of the tools to study treatment types in the environmental document for Lake Tahoe West Restoration plan.
- Continue to monitor work on the environmental alternatives being developed for the Meeks Bay Restoration Project. During their July 29th meeting, members of the TRPA Governing Board heard a briefing on this project. Alternative 1 includes a pier which would incorporate a fire boat lift, but there remains a question whether or not this alternative will emerge as the preferred alternative.

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- SCA continued to serve as a member of the Planning Committee for the 25th anniversary Lake Tahoe Summit, set for Thursday, August 19th outdoors on the patio of the North Tahoe Event Center in Kings Beach (adjacent to the Kings Beach State Recreation Area). Planning Committee meetings were held August 2nd, 9th, and 16th. SCA secured in-person invitations for the Tahoe Basin Fire Chiefs along with preferred parking (only a limited number of in-person invitations were to be issued); The Summit was virtual for the general public.
- California U.S. Senator Alex Padilla was this year's Summit host and U.S. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland delivered the keynote address.
- Before and after the Summit program, SCA facilitated Basin Chief introductions to key Congressional staff and elected officials attending the event, including Nate Bentham of Senator Padilla's staff who handles natural disaster (including wildfire) and forestry policy for Senator Padilla.
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- At the request of Senator Padilla and Nate Bentham, SCA organized a Zoom virtual meeting August 13th providing Mr. Bentham an opportunity to hear directly from California Tahoe Basin Fire Chiefs on the specific issues they face and concerns they have on matters where Senator Padilla may be of assistance, including support for local fire district FEMA grant requests.
- SCA facilitated various follow-ups to these meetings related to local district FEMA grant requests.
- Continued SCA (and Lake Tahoe Partnership) advocacy in support of Tahoe's specific requests for the fifth year of implementation of the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (Public Law 114-322). In August, the U.S. House of Representatives passed its version of the federal FY 2022 budget, including the following appropriations for the LTRA:
  - \$7 million for water infrastructure to support fire suppression
  - \$6.088. million for aquatic invasive species (AIS) management
  - \$6.5 million for watershed management
  - \$6 million for forest health (including hazardous fuels reduction)Total: \$25.588 million, a \$9.5 million increase over the level of LTRA funding approved in FY 2021.
- Series of telephone conversations with NT Fire Division Chief Steve McNamara re: strategies related to securing a fire boat location as part of the Meeks Bay Restoration Project or another suitable location along the West Shore (Meeks Bay Restoration Project Alternative 1 which includes a fire boat location (lift) as part of a public pier is not emerging as the preferred alternative for that project). SCA informal follow-up conversation with Joanne Marchetta, Rebecca Creeman and Julie Regan at TRPA.