

Summary of Consultant Activities - April 2023

Sustainable Community Advocates

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- Attend April 4 Kickoff meeting of new Tahoe Interagency Executives Committee (TIE-SC) Communications and Funding Committee* (in-person at TRPA). Continued conversations with stakeholders working to explore an additional source of federal revenue support Lake Tahoe EIP projects (advocacy for these projects to include water infrastructure projects to support fire suppression). Discuss proposed provision in potential new federal legislation (Nevada US Senator Jacky Rosen lead) the Truckee Meadows Public Lands Management Act (TMPLMA) that would allow a percentage of funds from the sale of federal lands in Washoe County, Nevada, to be used to help funds EIP projects at Lake Tahoe.
*SCA is serving on this Committee representing the Tahoe Basin Fire Chiefs.
- Attend (in person at TRPA) April 12 meeting of the TRPA Advisory Planning Commission (APC). Agenda items included: Proposed amendments to the “Achievable” deed restriction category definition, including 1) changes to Sections 52.3.4 and 90.2 and an amendment to Section 34.3.3 regarding driveways for accessory dwelling units (ADUs); 2) Informational Briefing on the Transportation Performance and Recommendations Report Framework; and 3) Briefing on the Lake Tahoe Region Vision Zero Strategy.
- Attend (virtually) April 26 TRPA Governing Board Environmental Improvement, Transportation & Public Outreach Committee. Agenda items included: 1) Recommend approval of Draft Fiscal Year 2023-24 TRPA Transportation Planning Overall Work Program (OWP); 2) Recommend approval of 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 1; 3) Recommend approval of the 2023 Regional Grant Program Briefing and Adoption of the Active Transportation Program Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization (TMPO) Program of Projects); 4) Transportation Funding Update.
- Attend (virtually) April 26 meeting of the TRPA Governing Board. Agenda items included: Proposed TRPA code amendments to the “achievable” deed restriction category definition, including changes to Sections 52.3.4. and 90.2, and an amendment to Section 34.3.3 regarding driveways for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) (approved as amended).

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- Participate in Lake Tahoe Partnership Zoom meetings and conference calls in support of continued advocacy for federal legislation to extend the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (LTRA) for ten years, through Federal Fiscal Year 3024 and continued advocacy for Lake Tahoe's FY 2024 LTRA appropriations requests.
- Prepare and transmit LTRA extension progress report to Client (May1).
- At the request of the Tahoe Fire & Fuels Team (TFFT) MAC Chair Chief Scott Lindgren and TFFT Incident Commander Chief Isaac Powning, update the invitee list for the May 18th MAC meeting.