

## MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

**Name of Organization:** Legislative Commission's Committee To Continue the Review of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) (S.C.R. 2)

**Date and Time of Meeting:** Friday, June 12, 1998

9 a.m.

**Place of Meeting:** Incline Village General Improvement District

Board Room

893 Southwood Boulevard

Incline Village, Nevada

### A G E N D A

#### \*I. Opening Remarks and Introductions

##### A. Introductions of Members

Senator Lawrence E. Jacobsen

##### B. Action on Minutes of March 13, 1998, Meeting

#### II. Status Report — Major Programs and Projects Related to the TRPA in the Lake Tahoe Basin

James W. Baetge, Executive Director, TRPA

#### III. The Use of Inmate and Volunteer Labor on Projects in the Basin

Jeffrey Fontaine, P.E., Deputy Director, Nevada Department of Transportation

Pamela B. Wilcox, Administrator, Division of State Lands

Pat Murphy, Deputy State Forester, Nevada Division of Forestry

Rochelle Nason, Executive Director, The League To Save Lake Tahoe

#### IV. Status Report — Efforts To Establish a Program for the Undergrounding of Overhead Utilities in the Lake Tahoe Basin

Andrew Strain, Senior Planner, TRPA

#### V. Transportation to Lunch on a Bus Powered by Natural Gas

James Brandmueller, Transportation Projects Manager, Nevada State Energy Office

#### VI. Public Testimony

NOTE: Testimony is especially solicited as it relates to the recommendations in

the attached "Workshop Document."

\*VII. Committee Discussion and Adoption of Recommendations

NOTE: After receiving public testimony, the Committee will take final action on recommendations discussed during the course of the study. An outline of recommendations proposed during the study is contained in the attached "Workshop Document."

\*VIII. Committee Discussion of Actions to Implement the Adopted Recommendations

Senator Lawrence E. Jacobsen

IX. Adjournment

\*Denotes item on which the Committee may take action.

Note: We are pleased to make reasonable accommodations for members of the public who are disabled and wish to attend the meeting. If special arrangements for the meeting are necessary, please notify the Research Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, in writing, at the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701-4747, or call Susan Furlong Reil at 702/684-6825 as soon as possible.

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**WORKSHOP DOCUMENT**

Legislative Commission's Committee

To Continue the Review of the

Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA)

June 12, 1998

The following "Workshop Document" has been prepared by the staff of the Legislative Committee. It is designed as an outline to assist the Committee members in making decisions concerning recommendations to be forwarded to the Legislative Commission and ultimately to the 1999 Session of the Nevada Legislature.

The document contains a summary of the recommendations which have been presented to the Committee during the hearing process with supplemental details provided to the staff as necessary. A citation for the source of each recommendation is noted at the end of the recommendation.

**I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

In recent years, the Committee To Continue the Review of the TRPA has recommended that the emphasis in the Lake Tahoe Basin shift from *planning* per se to the *implementation* of projects and programs. The Presidential Forum in 1997 fostered this trend, and the basinwide Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) was subsequently compiled to outline the specific projects and funding needed to implement these projects as assigned to the States of Nevada and California, the Federal Government, local governments in the Basin, and the private sector.

Thus, most of the following proposed recommendations relate to implementation of the EIP in some manner and also address revenue or funding needs.

## II. RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EIP

### Recommendations Relating to State Agencies

1. Enact legislation containing the following major elements to provide funding for the State of Nevada's ten-year commitment to implementation of the EIP and protection of the Lake Tahoe Basin:
  - a. A preamble providing information concerning Nevada's commitment to protection of the Lake Tahoe Basin and the funding needs as outlined in the EIP;
  - b. Creation of a Fund to Protect Lake Tahoe to be administered by the Division of State Lands and through which grants would be provided to local governments and state agencies to implement projects to protect the natural environment of the Lake Tahoe Basin;
  - c. A declaration that funds to implement Nevada's commitment to protection of the natural environment of the Lake Tahoe Basin are to be provided each biennium through appropriations made by the Legislature, revenue from bonds issued pursuant to this measure, or a combination of these mechanisms, and direction for the Administrator of the Division of State Lands to submit to the Legislature biennially a funding request proposing the specific method by which the State of Nevada will fulfill this commitment; and
  - d. Authorization of the Board of Finance to issue up to \$56.4 million in general obligation bonds as necessary from time to time over the eight-year period through Fiscal Year 2006-2007 to provide grants to local governments and state agencies for the protection of the natural environment of the Lake Tahoe Basin.

(Pam Wilcox, Administrator, Division of State Lands)

2. Include in the final report a statement of support and transmit letters to the Senate Committee on Finance and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means expressing support for state agency budget requests relating to ongoing programs in the Lake Tahoe Basin, such as forest health management, maintenance of highway facilities associated with environmental protection, protection of water quality, erosion control, and stream restoration.

(Pam Wilcox, Administrator, Division of State Lands)

3. Include in the final report a statement of support for state agencies receiving adequate travel funding and policy support to participate in broad-based partnership efforts to facilitate implementation of the EIP.

(Juan Palma, Forest Supervisor, U.S. Forest Service)

4. Urge, by resolution, relevant state agencies to use inmate and volunteer labor to the greatest extent possible in the construction and maintenance of projects and facilities in the Lake Tahoe Basin, and urge the Nevada Division of Forestry to provide the necessary crews dedicated specifically to these activities.

(Committee Discussion)

5. Transmit letters to the Executive and Legislative agencies responsible for review of the TRPA's budget requests in Nevada and California urging these entities to establish an official mechanism to coordinate the process for review and approval of these requests, and urging appropriate staff of Nevada's Department of Administration to initiate these actions.

(Committee Discussion)

### Recommendations Specifically Related to Transportation Issues

6. Urge, by resolution, relevant agencies at the state and federal government levels to support funding of projects

to address parking issues along State Highway 28 in the Lake Tahoe Basin through the Scenic Byways Program in the Federal Transportation Equity Act for the Twenty-First Century (TEA21) or other applicable sources of revenue, and specifically urge these agencies to provide assistance in obtaining funds for projects like the joint retention basin/parking facilities proposal submitted originally by Carson City.

(Craig Hartman, East Shore recreationist)

7. Transmit letters to the Nevada Department of Transportation and the Regional Planning Commissions in Clark and Washoe Counties urging them to provide their expertise and technical assistance to the TRPA and other interested parties in their efforts to implement the designation of Metropolitan Planning Organization in a timely fashion.

(Lake Tahoe Transportation and Water Quality Coalition)

8. Include in the final report a statement of support for the mission of the Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) as provided in the Bistate Compact suggesting that the District:

- a. Conduct a thorough evaluation of its programs and financial situation; and
- b. Report its findings and recommendations to state and local entities interested in transportation issues in the Tahoe Basin, as well as the relevant committees of the Nevada and California Legislatures, if appropriate.

(TTD)

### **Possible Sources of Funding for Broad-Based Environmental Efforts**

9. Enact legislation authorizing the board of county commissioners in each county to impose a surcharge of up to 3 percent on utility bills in all or a portion of the county beginning January 1, 2000, and provide that between 40 and 60 percent of the revenue must be allocated to environmental projects in the county with the remaining percentage being allocated to the undergrounding of overhead utility facilities. Provide that the public utilities are responsible for the actual work of placing the facilities underground under agreement with, and as funded through, the board of county commissioners. (See Attachment A on pages 5 and 6.)

(Don Kornreich, member, Nevada Tahoe Conservation District and Truckee-North Tahoe Transportation Management Association)

10. Include in the final report a statement of support for the goals of the "Alternative Revenue Sources Study" being conducted by a consultant for the TRPA recommending that:

- a. The results of the study be reported to the Governors and appropriate legislative committees in Nevada and California; and
- b. These entities give serious consideration to the preferred package of alternatives for funding the implementation of environmental projects in the Lake Tahoe Basin. (See Attachment B on pages 7 through 10 for a copy of the "Request for Proposal" for this contract. Note especially the goals outlined under the headings "Purpose" and "Approach" on page 8.)

(TRPA)

## **III. RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION'S COMMITTEE**

## TO CONTINUE THE REVIEW OF THE TRPA

11. Continue, by resolution, the existence of the Committee (during the interim after the 1999 Legislative Session) in a similar manner as prescribed in Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2 (File No.15, *Statutes of Nevada 1997*). (See Attachment C on pages 11 and 12 for a copy of the resolution.)

(Kay Bennett, member, TRPA Governing Board and other relevant organizations)

12. Request funds from the Legislative Commission to support a trip by the Committee to Sacramento, California, in order to discuss with legislators from that State issues and programs of mutual interest, including the Nevada Committee's adopted recommendations.

(Committee Discussion)

Copies of the attachments are available through the Research Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau. You may contact Susan Furlong Reil at (702) 684-6825 to obtain copies of the attachments.