

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Name of Organization: Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) and the Marlette Lake Water System (*Nevada Revised Statutes 218E.555*)

Date and Time of Meeting: Monday, August 25, 2014
2 p.m.

Place of Meeting: The Chateau at Incline Village
955 Fairway Boulevard
Incline Village, Nevada

<p>Note: Minutes of this meeting will be produced in summary format. Please provide the secretary with electronic or written copies of testimony and visual presentations if you wish to have complete versions included as exhibits with the minutes.</p>
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Note: Items on this agenda may be taken in a different order than listed. Two or more agenda items may be combined for consideration. An item may be removed from this agenda or discussion relating to an item on this agenda may be delayed at any time.

I. Opening Remarks

Assemblyman Michael Sprinkle, Chair

II. Public Comment

(Because of time considerations, speakers are urged to avoid repetition of comments made by previous speakers. A person may also have comments added to the minutes of the meeting by submitting them in writing either in addition to testifying or in lieu of testifying. Written comments may be submitted in person or by e-mail, facsimile, or mail before, during or after the meeting.)

*For
Possible
Action*

III. Work Session—Discussion and Possible Action Relating to:

- A. Aquatic Invasive Species
- B. The Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program
- C. Forest Health
- D. Transportation

The “Work Session Document” is attached below and contains proposed recommendations. The document is also available on the Committee’s webpage, [Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System](#), or a written copy may be obtained by contacting Jennifer Ruedy, Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, at (775) 684-6825.

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V. Adjournment

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 the Research Division at (775) 684-6825 as soon as possible.

Notice of this meeting was posted in the following Carson City, Nevada, locations: Blasdel Building, 209 East Musser Street; Capitol Press Corps, Basement, Capitol Building; City Hall, 201 North Carson Street; Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street; and Nevada State Library, 100 North Stewart Street. Notice of this meeting was faxed or e-mailed for posting to the following Las Vegas, Nevada, locations: Clark County Government Center, 500 South Grand Central Parkway; and Capitol Police, Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue. Notice of this meeting was e-mailed for posting to the following Incline Village, Nevada, location: The Chateau at Incline Village, 955 Fairway Boulevard. Notice of this meeting was posted on the Internet through the Nevada Legislature’s website at www.leg.state.nv.us.

Supporting public material provided to Committee members for this meeting may be requested from Lisa Gardner, Committee Secretary, Research Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau at (775) 684-6825 and is/will be available at the following locations: Meeting locations and the Nevada Legislature’s website at www.leg.state.nv.us.



WORK SESSION DOCUMENT

Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional
Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System
(*Nevada Revised Statutes 218E.555*)

August 25, 2014

The following “Work Session Document” has been prepared by the Chair and staff of the Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) and the Marlette Lake Water System. The recommendations listed in this document are in no particular order and do not necessarily have the support or opposition of the Committee Chair or members. The Committee may accept, reject, modify, or take no action on any of the proposals. Actions available to the Committee members include approving bill draft requests (BDRs), statements in the Committee’s final report, and letters of recommendation or support.

The members of the Committee may vote to send as many letters as they choose; however, pursuant to *Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218D.160*, the Committee is limited to ten BDRs, including requests for the drafting of legislative resolutions. The Committee must submit its BDRs by September 1, 2014, unless the Legislative Commission authorizes submission of a request after that date. (The deadline is extended to September 2, 2014, since September 1 falls on a holiday.)

The “Work Session Document” contains a summary of proposals for BDRs or other actions that have been presented during public hearings, through communication with individual Committee members, or through correspondence or communications submitted to the Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the TRPA and the Marlette Lake Water System. The source of each recommendation is noted in parentheses unless the proposal was raised and discussed by numerous individuals and entities during the course of the Committee’s meetings.

Committee members should be advised that Legislative Counsel Bureau staff may, at the direction of the Chair, coordinate with interested parties to obtain additional information for drafting purposes or for information to be included in the final report.

If action is taken to adopt a recommendation, it will become part of the Committee's final report. The approved recommendations for legislation resulting from these deliberations will be prepared as BDRs and submitted to the 2015 Session of the Nevada Legislature.

Subsection 5 of NRS 218E.560 requires that any recommended legislation proposed by the Committee be approved by a majority of the members of the Senate and by a majority of the members of the Assembly appointed to the Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

- 1. Send a Committee letter** to Governor Brian Sandoval in support of an increase in the Governor's *Executive Budget* for the 2015–2017 Biennium in an amount up to \$500,000 in each fiscal year for the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency funding request for the Lake Tahoe Aquatic Invasive Species Program.

(Requested by Joanne S. Marchetta, Executive Director, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency. Discussed at the August 4, 2014, meeting, where other presenters voiced support.)

THE LAKE TAHOE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- 2. Send a Committee letter** to Governor Brian Sandoval to urge the issuance of the general obligation bonds authorized, but not yet sold, by Senate Bill 438 (Chapter 437, *Statutes of Nevada 2011*) to fund Nevada's apportioned share of the costs for the Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program (EIP).

The EIP is a partnership between Nevada and California, the federal government, local governments, and the private sector. Nevada's EIP projects are carried out by a State interagency team referred to as the Nevada Tahoe Resource Team, which is coordinated by the Division of State Lands (DSL) of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (SDCNR).

In 2009, the Nevada Legislature enacted Assembly Bill 18 (Chapter 431, *Statutes of Nevada*), which was structured so that each legislative session, the DSL, SDCNR, as the coordinating entity for the EIP, would return to request legislative authorization for each installment of those bond sales. Assembly Bill 18 authorized the issuance of not more than \$100 million in general obligation bonds for the State's apportioned share of the costs for the second phase of the EIP between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2020. The Committee sponsored S.B. 438, which required an amount of not more than \$12 million through the sale of general obligation bonds be provided to carry out Nevada's share of the EIP. Senate Bill 438 became effective on July 1, 2011.

Budgetary constraints resulted in a temporary suspension of bond sales. On February 20, 2014, and March 20, 2014, the Committee received updates on the status of the bonds. On March 11, 2014, the State Board of Finance approved the sale of \$1.5 million of these authorized bonds. The bond revenue is used to leverage continued investment of federal dollars in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

(Discussed at the February 20, 2014, and March 20, 2014, meetings. Requested by Chair Sprinkle.)

FOREST HEALTH

- 3. Send a Committee letter** to the Nevada State Office, Bureau of Land Management, United States Department of the Interior, and Nevada's Congressional Delegation, to commend the fire districts in the Lake Tahoe Basin for their work and to encourage continued funding of hazardous fuels projects in the Lake Tahoe Basin from the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998 (SNPLMA).

(Requested by James R. Lawrence, Special Advisor to the Director, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, at the June 20, 2014, meeting.)

- 4. Include a statement** in the final report of the Committee affirming the Committee's support for the immediate release of the federal grant funds previously awarded to the Nevada Fire Safe Council for hazardous fuels treatment in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

The Committee voted unanimously on May 2, 2014, to send a Committee letter to Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, to request assistance in securing the release of the federal grant funds to pay the long-standing

debt for hazardous fuels treatment work completed in good faith. The letter was sent on June 16, 2014 (letter with attachments available on the Committee's webpage at <http://leg.state.nv.us/Interim/77th2013/Committee/StatCom/Tahoe/?ID=53>).

(Requested by Chair Sprinkle.)

TRANSPORTATION

5. **Send a Committee letter** to Governor Brian Sandoval in support of issuing the general obligation bonds authorized, but not yet issued, for the Conservation and Resource Protection Grant Program, commonly referred to as the "Question 1 Program." Specifically, the letter would support the \$2.1 million that is designated for the Stateline-to-Stateline Bikeway.

Voter approval of Ballot Question No. 1 on November 5, 2002, authorized the State of Nevada to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$200 million in order to preserve water quality; protect open space, lakes, rivers, wetlands, and wildlife habitat; and restore and improve parks, recreational areas, and historic and cultural resources. The question was considered in the 2001 Legislature as A.B. 615, and it was ultimately authorized in A.B. 9 (Chapter 6, *Statutes of Nevada 2001, 17th Special Session*). The money from the bonds was to be allocated to seven areas, including \$65.5 million to the DSL, SDCNR, to provide grants for State agencies, local governments, or qualifying private nonprofit organizations for various programs, including conservation easements.

Budgetary constraints resulted in a temporary suspension of bond sales. On Tuesday, March 11, 2014, the State Board of Finance approved the sale of \$1.25 million of these authorized bonds. There is a remaining authority to issue more than \$19 million in these bonds.

(Discussed at the June 20, 2014, meeting.)

6. **Send a Committee letter** to Governor Brian Sandoval in support of an increase in the Governor's *Executive Budget* for the 2015–2017 Biennium in the amount of \$85,000 in each fiscal year for the Division of State Parks, SDCNR. These funds will provide a match for federal transportation funding that was previously matched by SNPLMA funds. This will allow continued operation of the shuttle service operated by the Tahoe Transportation District between Incline Village and Sand Harbor State Park.

Some additional information received from James R. Lawrence, Special Advisor to the Director, SDCNR, regarding the shuttle service:

- It provides an option for visitors otherwise unable to enter Sand Harbor State Park.

- It has been instrumental in accomplishing the public safety goals of the Division of State Parks, SDCNR; Nevada Highway Patrol, Department of Public Safety; and Nevada's Department of Transportation by reducing traffic congestion on State Route 28 and reducing the number of pedestrians walking in or adjacent to the highway travel lanes.
- This service further allows park staff to focus efforts on issues within the perimeter of the park rather than conducting traffic control and/or issuing citations.

(Discussed at the June 20, 2014, meeting.)

7. **Send a Committee letter** to Nevada's Congressional Delegation in support of a revision to technical language in the reauthorization of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act of 2012 (Public Law 112-141 – Map 21) to allow the Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization to receive federal formula funds for capital projects and transit services under Map 21.

(Requested by Carl Hasty, District Manager, Tahoe Transportation District, at the June 20, 2014 meeting.)