

**MEMORANDUM**  
OFFICE OF THE  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Thomas M. Miller, County Executive Officer  
Submitted by: Rich Colwell, Chief Assistant County Executive Officer *REC Colwell*

DATE: May 8, 2007

SUBJECT: COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS- Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Advisory Planning Commission- Approve the appointment of Jennifer Merchant, and Leo Poppoff designated as alternate.

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve the appointment of Jennifer Merchant, and Leo Poppoff, designated as alternate, as requested by Supervisor Kranz, to the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's Advisory Planning Commission.

**BACKGROUND**

The TRPA is a regulatory and planning agency charged with protecting Lake Tahoe's famed clarity and the region's environment. In 1969, the United States Congress ratified an agreement between California and Nevada governors and lawmakers and created a bi-state compact that formed a regional planning agency to oversee development at Lake Tahoe. The Compact, as revised in 1980, gave the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency authority to adopt environmental quality standards, and to enforce ordinances designed to achieve these thresholds.

The Compact created a 15-member Governing Board, seven from California, seven from Nevada and one non-voting Presidential Appointee. Six members, who are locally elected officials or their designees, represent the units of local government. Supervisor Bruce Kranz is the County's appointment to the Governing Board. The Governing Board's mandate is to set policy and to approve amendments to the Regional Plan. Each month, the Governing Board and Advisory Planning Commission hold open meetings and encourage the public to take an active role in the decision-making process.

The 19-member Advisory Planning Commission assists the Governing Board with technical and scientific issues. The Commission is made up of local planners, general members of the community and other representatives who are experts in their fields. Placer County has two appointments to the APC, one by the Planning Director and one at-large position appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None

