

Appendix D: Existing Recreation and Public Service Goals, Objectives, and Policies

Table D-1 presents existing Placer County goals, objectives, and policies related to recreation and public services. The goals, objectives, and policies are from the nine community and general plans and over 50 Plan Area Statements that apply in the Placer County portion of the Tahoe Basin. The goals, objectives, and policies are arranged according to the Regional Plan Policy topic areas discussed in the body of the Existing Conditions Report.

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General		
<i>Goals and Objectives</i>		
Preserve and enhance the high quality recreational experience of Tahoe Vista and the Region.		
Providing Opportunities for Recreation		
<i>Goals and Objectives</i>		
Use should be made of all appropriate opportunities for increasing public access to Lake Tahoe. These opportunities include the public acquisition programs, land exchanges and where appropriate and suitable, the development of easements to the Lake.		
Use all appropriate opportunities consistent with the Recreation Element for increased public access to Lake Tahoe.		
Maintain the viability of the Brockway Golf Course.		
As discussed in the commercial development section, recreation is recognized to be a critical element of the commercial viability of the downtown area.		
<i>Plan Policies</i>		
A special assessment district, or other financing mechanism, shall acquire land or easements to construct a public access trail to Lake Tahoe. The trail should originate in the casino core area and pass through the lake vista mini-park site. In lieu of development the lake access trail, a shuttle shall include transit to public beaches.		
Implement the Parks and Recreation Master Plan of the Tahoe City Public Utility District as the recreation element of the Plan along with the planning programs of the California State Parks Department, and the U.S. Forest Service.		
Improve and enhance those areas where lake access exists and where access is obtained in the future.		
This Plan Area should accommodate the full connection of the proposed North Tahoe PUD Bike Trail.		
Use all appropriate opportunities (land acquisition, obtaining easement rights, etc.) to increase opportunities for public access to the shoreline of Lake Tahoe.		
<i>PAS Policies</i>		
161	Tahoe Pines	Public access to the shoreline should be maintained or expanded on public lands, particularly on the county lands at Tahoe Pines.
174	64 Acre Tract	Use all appropriate opportunities to increase opportunities for public access to the Truckee River and Lake Tahoe.

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012	North Tahoe High School	This Plan Area should accommodate the connection of the North Tahoe PUD Bike Trail.
004	Burton Creek	Provide opportunities to expand public camping opportunities.
152	McKinney Lake	Additional developed camping opportunities on good capability State Park lands should be provided.
163	Lower Ward Valley	This area should provide additional recreation facilities for day use on State Park land and overnight camping at Kaspian Campground.
166	Upper Ward Valley	Paige Meadow camping opportunities and winter trailhead should be expanded.
012	North Tahoe High School	Continue to provide winter recreational opportunities for cross country skiers.
157	Homewood/Tahoe Ski Bowl	Access for cross country skiing should be improved.
162	Blackwood	Opportunities should be provided for snowmobile use and staging area when such uses do not include the location of concession base facilities in this Plan Area.
Developing Outdoor Recreational Uses Appropriately		
<i>Goals and Objectives</i>		
Coordinate with the U.S. Forest Service, the overall development of the 64-Acre Tract property pursuant to requirements set forth in the Recreation Element. This development should include a Visitor Center/Interpretive Facility, as well as public parking for accessing the Truckee River and adjacent trail systems.		
The community plan target for outdoor recreation is an increase of 1,100 PAOTs (design capacity) in summer day use. The 1,100 PAOT target will be achieved by implementing the proposed recreation improvements.		
The Community Plan target for outdoor recreation is an increase of 650 DCP (design capacity for people) in summer day use. The target will be achieved by implementing the proposed recreation improvements.		
The recreation plans of the Tahoe City P.U.D. are to be used as a guide for evaluating future recreational development on federal property under their jurisdiction.		
The recreation plans of the U.S. Forest Service are similarly to be used as a guide for evaluating future recreational development on federal property under their jurisdiction.		
The targeted allocations for "persons at one time" (PAOTS) within the geographic area of this Plan are intended to be consistent with the recreation programs of the TRPA.		
Increase the total mileage of bicycle trails available for public use in the General Plan area, complete linkages in the system, and complete alignments as established in the Plan.		
Coordinate, with the Tahoe Conservancy the overall development of the Conservancy owned property to requirements set forth in the Recreation Element. This development should include consideration of playgrounds, senior citizen facilities, restrooms, and snow play areas.		
The Recreation Element shall consider the "Recreation and Parks Master Plan, 1991-2001" of the North Tahoe Public Utility District Department.		
The Community Plan target for outdoor recreation is an increase in 500 DCPs (design capacity) in summer day use. The 500 DCP target will be achieved by implementing the proposed recreation improvements.		

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Use all appropriate opportunities consistent with the Recreation Element for increased public access to Lake Tahoe.		
Increase the total mileage of bicycle trails available for public use in the General Plan area, complete linkages in the system, completing a trail through Kings Beach, and complete alignments as established in the North Tahoe PUD Master Plan.		
The Recreation Element shall consider the "Parks and Recreation Master Plan" of the North Tahoe Public along with the planning programs of the California Tahoe Conservancy, and the U.S. Forest Service.		
The Community Plan target for outdoor recreation is an increase of 750 DCP (design capacity for people) in summer day use. The target will be achieved by implementing the proposed recreation improvements.		
Expand bicycle paths and increase opportunities for safe bicycling.		
Encourage the development of on-site recreational opportunities which enhance the destination resort experience. Such opportunities may include court games and exercise fitness courses.		
Enhance and improve access opportunities to Lake Tahoe and its shoreline by visitors and residents.		
Develop landscaped, open space areas within the Plan Area.		
<i>Plan Policies</i>		
Coordinate with the U.S. Forest Service, the overall development of the 64-acre Tract property pursuant to the requirements set forth in the Recreation Element. This development should include a Visitor Center/Interpretive Facility, as well as public parking for accessing the Truckee River and adjacent trail systems.		
Employ the parks and recreation objectives of the North Tahoe Public Utility District as the recreation element of the Plan along with the planning programs of the California State Department of Parks and Recreation and the U.S. Forest Service.		
In Special Area 3, public outdoor recreation uses are encouraged by the permissible use list. This area is targeted for increased public access to lake and river access.		
The State Park should consider development of a public pier in the vicinity of the existing boat launch area. Improved parking would also be desirable.		
<i>PAS Policies</i>		
003	Lower Truckee	Optimize recreation and travel use of the river corridor to that which maintains its attractiveness and environmental stability.
003	Lower Truckee	Public recreation opportunities on Lake Tahoe and the Truckee River should be encouraged. Prior to any expansion, the total number of rafts operating at one time on the Truckee River should be established by a comprehensive environmental analysis. This analysis should include, but not be limited to, determination of overall recreation needs, attractiveness of the facilities, environmental constraints and impacts, parking and traffic constraints, and various water flow limitations. Parking for commercial rafting should be provided by the businesses and in locations that do not further congest the "wye" area.
008	Lake Forest	The Skylandia property should be maintained as a subregional recreation area as should the Tahoe City Public Utility District beach. Community involvement must be encouraged in any planned development of recreation facilities in this area.

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008	Lake Forest	To be consistent with the development standards contained in Chapter 54 of the Code and Goal #1, Policy 10 of the Goals and Policies Plan, the shoreline should be limited to one multiple use pier on Placer County property. The existing piers should be allowed to remain.
008	Lake Forest	The shoreline area should remain in public ownership, and additional access and parking should be provided at Skylandia.
015	Northstar	Base facilities for cross country ski and snowmobile courses should be located outside the Basin.
016A	Carnelian Woods Residential	Base facilities for cross country ski and snowmobile courses should be located outside the Basin.
152	McKinney Lake	Efforts to stabilize and remedy water quality problems on the Rubicon Trail should continue.
162	Blackwood	Snowmobile use should be prohibited in important wildlife habitat.
163	Lower Ward Valley	Viewing opportunity at Eagle Rock should be provided.
166	Upper Ward Valley	Paige Meadows should remain closed to snowmobile use.
174	64 Acre Tract	Coordinate with the U.S. Forest Service the overall development of the 64-Acre Tract property pursuant to requirements set forth in the Recreation Element. This development should include a Visitor Center/Interpretive facility and pier, as well as public parking for accessing the Truckee River and adjacent trail systems.
174	64 Acre Tract	The Recreation Element shall consider the "Parks and Recreation Master Plan" of the Tahoe City Public Utility District along with the planning programs of the California State Parks Department, and U.S. Forest Service. Capital improvements in the Plan Area should be responsive to the needs assessment that was included in the Tahoe City P.U.D. Master Plan.
159	Homewood Commercial	The marina facilities should be expanded and upgraded to accommodate increasing boating needs.
013	Watson Creek	The development or relocation of recreational facilities should be limited to good capability lands within close proximity to urban services.
Addressing Ski Facilities		
<i>PAS Policies</i>		
015	Northstar	Coordinate with the USFS and operators of the North Star ski facility to assess the feasibility of, and demand for, expanding the North Star operations into this planning area.
015	Northstar	Ski expansion within the Basin should be limited to lifts and runs. Access should be from base facilities outside the Basin.
015	Northstar	Other accessory uses to ski areas, such as warming huts and eating and drinking establishments, should be serviced from outside the Basin. Also, such facilities, if constructed, should be screened from views originating from within the Basin.
157	Homewood/Tahoe Ski Bowl	All affected parties should coordinate planning to assess the feasibility and demand for expanded ski facilities.

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157	Homewood/Tahoe Ski Bowl	Multi-use of ski area base facilities is encouraged, especially joint use agreements between the ski areas and local marinas to share parking space.
157	Homewood/Tahoe Ski Bowl	Common management and consolidation of the two ski areas is encouraged.
157	Homewood/Tahoe Ski Bowl	Upgrading and redevelopment of the Homewood base ski facilities should be encouraged.
157	Homewood/Tahoe Ski Bowl	New commercial facilities are limited to the base areas of the existing facilities.
Infrastructure and Public Services		
<i>Objectives and Goals</i>		
Public services and facilities should be upgraded to support existing and new development and to ensure attainment of environmental targets.		
Public and private infrastructure should be planned for a 20 year commercial growth at one percent a year plus projected residential, tourist accommodation, and recreation growth permissible under the Community and Regional Plans.		
The supporting infrastructure (e.g. roads, parking, drainage, fire, schools, and police) of the Community Plan shall be designed for a planned buildout projected for twenty years.		
Ensure the continued provision of reliable water, sewer, fire protection and postal services.		
Continue to provide adequate facilities in appropriate locations to provide public services to the existing population as well as new residents and businesses.		
<i>Plan Policies</i>		
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The supporting infrastructure (e.g. roads, parking, drainage, fire, schools, and police) of the Community Plan shall be designed for a minimum future growth equivalent of 15,000 sq. ft. of commercial floor area, 400 DCPs of day use, and 300 PAOTs of overnight use.		
Consolidate Placer County facilities at the “Burton Creek” site through the construction of new facilities. Coordinate this project with an overall coverage reduction and “best management practice” retrofit.		
Encourage strategies to provide adequate new and more appropriate sites for existing facilities, such as the Cal-Trans corporation yard, out of environmentally and visually sensitive areas.		
Home mail delivery should be provided throughout the Plan area.		
The provision of public and private service should be coordinated to reduce costs of service and avoid duplication of services		
<i>PAS Policies</i>		
167	Alpine Peaks	There are problems with fire protection service and TCPUD service to this area due to its remote location. Buyout programs and other economic alternatives should be offered to the property owners in this area to encourage transfer out of existing developments.
170	Tahoe Park/Pineland	Additional fire protection facilities are encouraged in this area.

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Protecting Surface and Groundwaters		
<i>PAS Policies</i>		
154	Tahoma Residential	Water treatment facilities such as settling ponds should be located in this area.
Ensuring Educational and Safety Services		
<i>Goals and Objectives</i>		
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<i>Plan Policies</i>		
Ensure that all proposed developments are reviewed for fire safety standards by local fire agencies responsible for its protection, including providing adequate water supplies and ingress and egress.		
Relocation of the fire station, in order that NLTFPD can more readily provide emergency response to the casinos, is supported.		
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