



County of Placer  
**North Tahoe Regional Advisory Council**  
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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – FINAL approved February 13, 2020**

**6:00 PM, Thursday, January 9, 2019**

**Tahoe City Public Utility District**

**221 Fairway Dr.**

**Tahoe City, CA**

**1. Call to Order**

LYANS called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. A quorum was established.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fulda, Hill, Lyans, McFadden, Steakley, and Roeder

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lutkemuller, Kern, and Chillemi

STAFF PRESENT: Gustafson, Romack and Friedman

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**2. MAC Member Introductions**

**3. Approval of Agenda for January 9, 2019**

**ROEDER/MCFADDEN/UNANIMOUS**

**4. Approval of Minutes of December 12, 2019**

**STEAKLEY/MCFADDEN/Carried with abstention from Lyans**

**5. Approval of Joint MAC Minutes from August 1, 2019**

**ROEDER/HILL/Carried with abstentions from Fulda and Steakley**

**6. Reports**

**A. Supervisor/District Director Reports**

Supervisor Gustafson reported on last night's town meeting regarding the proposed Dollar Creek Crossing project. The County has taken the process over from the developer to handle it more as a Master Planning process at the County level. An appropriate developer will be selected when the Plan is in place. There was confusion at last night's meeting because the original developer's concepts were used as a starting point, which led people to believe the process was further along than it is. Parking, traffic, density, and housing for the "missing middle" were the main topics of discussion last night.

Placer County is working with the North Tahoe Fire Protection District (NTFPD) to draft a Best Management Practices document and County permitting process for fireworks displays over the lake. Placer County will cover the cost for meeting BMP requirements for fireworks this year.

A two-year pilot program offering free-to-the-rider TART service began January 1, 2020. Ridership is already up 12%.



The MAC is composed of appointed community members whose purpose is to advise the Board of Supervisors about activities and problems of the area represented. Residents are encouraged to attend and talk about issues important to them. More info at [www.placer.ca.gov/bos/macs](http://www.placer.ca.gov/bos/macs). Placer County is committed to ensuring that persons with disabilities are provided the resources to participate fully in public meeting. If you require disability-related modifications or accommodations, including auxiliary aid or services, to attend or participate in this meeting, please contact the Board of Supervisor's Office.

Other projects Gustafson is working on include consumer surveys about fire insurance and the impacts of the PG&E power shut-offs. The Board of Supervisors has approved a temporary suspension of permitting fees for property owners to install generators in the impacted power shut-off areas through July 2020. In addition to those two issues, Gustafson's priorities include housing and transit and her commitment to transparency and public engagement.

Local issues include the old Tahoe City fire station, economic development in Tahoe City and Kings Beach town centers, forest health and management, the proposed North Lake Tahoe TBID and structuring TOT allocations to consider long-term funding needs. Gustafson showed the long list of Board and Commissions she serves on.

The Placer County CEQA Active Projects list was distributed.

### **B. Community Reports**

Peter Kraatz from Placer County DPW reported he is working with three other public agencies to promote responsible use of the Rubicon Trail, while still providing appropriate maintenance and BMPs. He would like include this topic on a future NTRAC agenda for a more in-depth discussion.

Kraatz said results of the SR 28 Pedestrian Delay study done last summer are being reviewed. The monitors may not have been too helpful with keeping traffic flowing, but the study did confirm pedestrian's crossing definitely impact congestion. The report will be presented at a future NTRAC meeting.

Kraatz participated in a CHP, Caltrans, and Ski Area traffic management meeting that focused on the I80 corridor and importance of consistent messaging, particularly during bad storm days and when the road is closed. The group will continue to meet to develop strategies to provide accurate, real-time information to the public.

Hill noted an increased amount of cut-through traffic and asked that solutions be considered.

NTRAC Chief Mike Schwartz reported on staffing changes. NTRAC responded to a record number of calls in December; 16% more than the previous year. Most of those were medical calls. Schwartz noted the recent CO issues and urged everyone to make sure they have monitors in their homes. During the summer, NTRAC conducted over 2000 defensible space inspections and responded to 800 chipping requests.

Stacie Lyans from TCPUD reported the Winter Sports Park is fully open. She is developing a Parks & Facilities presentation that will include results of last summer's bike trail surveys. Lyans hopes to get that on the March NTRAC agenda.

### **C. NTRAC Member Reports**

McFadden asked about addressing forest fuels on vacant lots. Schwartz said there is a County ordinance for private properties and NTFPD has a grant to treat Conservancy-owned parcels. Contact NTFPD, which can track down ownership.

McFadden noted speeding vehicles in the Highlands and asked about traffic calming measures. Schwartz said there can be unintended consequences due to increased response times when equipment needs to deal with street bumps.

Hill announced the Tahoe City Downtown Assn. Member Appreciation Party on January 21 at Blue Agave. Hill noted the County policy is for neighbors to pay for traffic calming measures, but residents are usually not speeding and causing issues. It is other users cutting through.

## **7. Public Comment**

There were no comments on items not on today's agenda.

## **8. Council Action to Be Taken**

### **A. Selection of 2020 Chair and Vice Chair**

**At the beginning of each year, MAC members vote to select a Chair and Vice chair to lead monthly MAC meetings for the upcoming year.**

**Motion to appoint Don Fulda as 2020 NTRAC Chair. ROEDER/LYANS/UNANIMOUS**

**Motion to appoint Steakley as 2020 NTRAC Vice-Chair. ROEDER/HILL/UNANIMOUS**

## **9. Information Items**

### **A. Placer County Short-Term Rental Ordinance Update**

**Placer County staff will provide an update on the Short-Term Rental Ordinance that went into effect on January 1, 2020. The update will include a discussion on permitting requirements, regulations, and enforcement.**

**Presenter: Kelli Nevills, Placer County Code Compliance Officer**

Nevills presented details of the STR Ordinance that was approved for the unincorporated areas of Placer County above 5000'. Permits are required for rentals of 30 days or less and applications are available at [placer.ca.gov/str](http://placer.ca.gov/str). The ordinance went into effect in January, but owners are not required to complete the permitting process until March.

There is a 24/7 hotline for complaints (448-8003 or [safe.hostcompliance.com/tips/route](http://safe.hostcompliance.com/tips/route)) and the property owner can be fined or multiple time offenders may have their permit revoked. Host Compliance received four complaints over the Christmas holiday. The Sheriff's office received 33 calls for service and of those, four were short-term rental issues. Nevills described code enforcement procedures and said she cannot enforce parking issues. That said, there is a County parking ordinance in effect between November and April.

Nevills answered questions clarifying details of the ordinance, enforcement, and parking issues. There was a brief discussion about lofts, which are not considered legal bedrooms unless there is a window for egress.

**B. Discussion on NTRAC protocols and Outlook for 2020**

**The discussion will cover protocols for NTRAC members and members of the public for meetings as well as provide opportunities for feedback for the coming year.**

Gustafson reviewed proper protocol for public meetings. Council members should not state opinions until after public comment. It can be intimidating for the public to speak out if they have a different opinion and the Council should hear comments before reaching a decision.

**10. Future Agenda Items**

- SR 28 Pedestrian Delay survey
- Rubicon Trail issues
- Traffic in the neighborhoods; cut throughs

**11. Adjournment at 8:19 PM to the next regular meeting on February 13, 2020 at the North Tahoe Event Center, 8318 N Lake Blvd., Kings Beach, CA 96143**