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**CAPITAL PROJECTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
FOR EASTERN PLACER COUNTY  
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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, May 30, 2019  
Tahoe City Public Utility District Board Room  
221 Fairway Drive, Tahoe City, CA 96145**

**1. Call to Order**

STAUDENMAYER called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM

**Committee members in attendance**

Seat #1 Business Association - Dave Wilderotter, North Lake Tahoe  
Seat #2 Business Association – Krista Voosen, Donner Summit arrived at 9:20 AM  
Seat #3 Special District – Sarah Coolidge, Kings Beach/Tahoe Vista  
Seat #4 Special District – John Wilcox, Squaw Valley  
Seat #5 County General – Danielle Grindle, Squaw Valley  
Seat #6 County General – Mike Staudenmayer, Northstar  
Seat #7 NLTRA – Jim Phelan, Tahoe City  
Seat #8 NLTRA – Ron Parson, West Shore  
Seat #9 Transportation – Jaime Wright, Eastern Placer County  
Seat #11 Ski Resorts – Greg Dallas, Donner Summit arrived at 10:14 AM  
Seat #12 At-Large – David Hansen, Tahoe City/West Shore Seat  
Seat #13 At-Large – Rick Stephens, Martis Valley, North Lake Tahoe  
Seat #10 Lodging – Drew Conly, Squaw Valley

**Absent**

None

**Staff in attendance:** Erin Casey and Katelynn Hopkins, Placer County Executive Office, Bonnie Bavetta, North Lake Tahoe Resort Association, and Judy Friedman, Recording Secretary.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Approval of May 30, 2019 meeting agenda  
PARSON/PHELAN/UNANIMOUS**

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**4. Approval of April 25, 2019 meeting minutes  
PARSON/HANSEN/UNANIMOUS**

**5. Public Comment**

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

**6. Information Items**

**a. Tourism Master Plan Grant Presentations – Grant applicants will present their proposals and answer committee member questions.**

Each applicant presented their request and the Committee asked questions clarifying the presentation. Committee members had received packets that included the grant application as well as ranking sheets. Requests total \$3,273,071.00. Deliberation on requests will be done at the June 5, 2019 CAP Committee meeting.

**1. Placer County Facilities request for \$26,400 for Tahoe City Firehouse Properties Developability Studies:** Suzy Vose presented the request for a geotechnical engineering investigation and architectural historian. If the Feasibility Study underway that is considering economic and financial components of the two preferred proposals is approved by the Board of Supervisors in June, these studies will be added to the Ogilvy Consulting scope of work.

Wilderotter noted the Feasibility Study received TOT funding and asked about the status. Vose explained it is not at the point where it can be shared with the community. She answered additional questions regarding the status of that Study and options for the property. Parson asked that past studies and options for the site be incorporated in this evaluation.

There was a brief discussion about how to “score” requests for studies of projects that may or may not relate to tourism. Those items can be flushed out during deliberations.

**2. Tahoe City Public Utility District request for \$20,000 for Skylandia Park – Stair and Retaining Wall Replacement:** Kim Boyd said this request is to improve public access to the beach, address safety concerns, and improve drainage. She showed pictures of existing conditions. California State Parks owns the Park, but TCPUD operates it under an Operating Agreement. The Park is open year round and use includes TCPUD Summer Camps.

Boyd answered questions about specifics of the project, parking, and use of the park. Hansen noted a previous question about whether this is maintenance or a capital project. The current stairs and retaining wall were installed about 40 years ago. This is not annual or routine maintenance.

The Committee discussed funding long-term replacement projects, and routine maintenance versus new projects. Coolidge suggested that if only new projects are considered, “older” projects will just go away if funding is not available to address rehabilitation. This discussion will be continued as a future agenda item.

### **3. Tahoe City Public Utility District request for \$10,660 for Commons Beach Power**

**Upgrades:** Kim Boyd presented the request to improve the power infrastructure at the beach. Power is needed for Concerts, Farmer’s Market, and other events. Discussion followed regarding timing of the request, given TCPUD would like to get this project done as soon as possible. It was suggested TCPUD may consider moving forward with the project and hope to be reimbursed. Staudenmayer asked for a discussion on a future agenda about approving out-of-cycle requests to better coincide with the summer construction schedule.

**4. Squaw Valley Business Association request for \$99,000 for Signage Plan:** Christine Horvath explained this request is to repair and possibly replace the Olympic tower and torch at the entrance to Squaw Valley. She discussed the funding, timeline, and alternatives being considered. These funds would be allocated to planning, design, and permitting per a proposal from Ward-Young. Horvath answered questions clarifying the request, including the proposed public outreach on the design and location, timeline, and the possibility of combining the sign with the proposed Olympic Museum.

**5. North Tahoe Public Utility District request for \$70,000 for the North Tahoe Regional Park Snowcat Replacement:** Brad Johnson presented the request to purchase a used PistenBully snowcat, currently owned by IVGID. IVGID is trading this in on a new piece of equipment. Johnson explained how the snowcat would be used to maintain the Nordic trails. The current snowcat is an LMC, which is no longer in business and replacement parts cannot be purchased. Johnson is confident in the value of the PistenBully cat and the high level of maintenance it has received.

Discussion followed regarding this replacement request. Johnson noted the discussion above and said that if the TOT is only allocated to new amenities and new facilities, at some point they need to be maintained or replaced. That puts an unfair burden on the public to insure older facilities don’t go to rot. Replacement is as important as new. Parson questioned whether or not this is an appropriate use of TOT. He asked Casey to investigate if TOT can be used to “loan” funds for a project such as this, with a payback schedule.

**6. North Tahoe Public Utility District request for \$78,000 for Wayfinding and Destination signage:** Loren Holt said this project is for design and permitting signage at National Avenue directing people to the North Tahoe Regional Park and in the Kings Beach grid to locate public parking lots. A brief discussion followed regarding bundling signage needs in the area to get a better price as a more efficient way of handling these requests.

### **7. Tahoe Rim Trail Association request for \$9000 for Watson Lake Area Trail**

**Improvements:** Chris Binder explained how the funds would be used to realign and rebuild about 2500’ of single track trail to improve the user experience and safety. Signage is part of the request.

**8. Tahoe Public Art request for \$40,000 for Ursa Mater at Heritage Plaza:** Steve Miller said the total cost of the sculpture is \$95,000, but \$24,000 has already been paid in rental fees, all of which will be allocated to the purchase price. Miller explained the history of the piece and additional funding being sought. It is anticipated Placer County will own the sculpture.

**9. Placer County Parks request for \$180,000 for Winter Access and Wayfinding Signage for Squaw Valley Park:** Ted Rel presented the request for a pavement overlay to maintain the parking lot, given the pilot program underway to clear snow. When the parking lot was originally installed, winter use and plowing equipment was not anticipated. The project would be phased over two years. Signage will direct users to park amenities.

The Committee asked questions clarifying how this would impact the plans for an Olympic Museum. Also, when the County first started the pilot program, it was agreed that winter use would be monitored. Winter use at this point is fairly low, but additional monitoring is needed. Casey suggested this request may be premature.

**10. Donner Summit Association request for \$115,000 for Donner Summit Visitors' Center State 2:** Bill Ogest noted that Phase 1 TOT funds were used for a Feasibility Study. The Study found that the visitor's center was feasible and would provide an economic benefit to the area. Today's request is for design and permitting. A representative from Nevada County Board of Supervisors was present to offer support of the project. Nevada County may consider contributing funds at some point. Details of the project and proposed site were clarified.

**11. Donner Summit Association request for \$107,511 for Public Use and Recreation Master Plan for Donner Summit:** Chris Parker explained a coordinated community development plan is necessary to address all the activity at the Summit and the many agencies, associations, and businesses involved. Discussion followed regarding how this Plan complements the Placer County Parks & Trails Master Plan, the issues to be considered, and Nevada County's possible involvement.

**12. Squaw Valley Public Service District and Truckee Donner Land Trust request for \$1 million for the Olympic Meadow Preserve Acquisition:** Perry Norris and Mike Geary presented the request to purchase 30 acres at the eastern end of Squaw Valley Meadow. The total purchase price is estimated to be \$12.5 million. Norris and Geary discussed potential uses, zoning, how ownership will be split, and additional funding strategies including a parcel tax that would need to be approved by property owners.

**13. Northstar Community Services District request for \$250,000 for the Martis Valley Trail:** Eric Martin showed the area on a site map that included components of the overall trail. This request is for a segment that could be completed this year, assuming the challenges with land ownership in the area. The proposed alignment is the preferred alternative.

**14. Placer County Public Works request for \$500,000 for the Fanny Bridge project:** Peter Kraatz gave an update on the SR 89/Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project. The east and west roundabouts are scheduled to be completed this summer. Kraatz described the issues with the current project and the delays. A new contract will be bid and a new contractor selected for the roundabout at the wye and the new Fanny Bridge, which are now scheduled for 2021. This request is to leverage the \$3.3 million in matching funds that need to be raised to match the \$9 million in federal funds needed to complete the project.

Discussion followed as the project, funding, and challenges were clarified.

**15. The Related Companies of California LLC request for \$767,500 for Dollar Creek Crossing Trails and Traffic Planning:** Mia Kang, the developer selected by Placer County to develop the Dollar Creek Crossing housing project, presented the request for studies, planning and design, and permitting trails, pathways, and plaza facilities that would be part of the project.

The Committee asked questions clarifying the overall project plans and these amenities. It was noted the property is still in escrow. During discussion, the portion of the project that will address traffic mitigations was considered. Kang suggested these components would be needed regardless of any housing project on the site.

## **7. Action Items: No Action Items**

## **8. Future Agenda Items**

- Replacement/maintenance?
- Changing funding cycle to better coincide with summer construction season
- Setting aside funds for out of cycle requests?
- Can loans be made from TOT?
- Possible budget revision request for the Stages at Northstar project
- Committee member term; when to change?

## **9. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.

The next CAP Committee meeting is scheduled for June 5 at 4:30 PM at Northstar.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Friedman  
Recording Secretary