



County of Placer
North Tahoe Regional Advisory Council
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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – Final approved September 14, 2023

6:00 PM, Thursday, August 10, 2023

Tahoe City Public Utility District

221 Fairway Dr, Tahoe City

1. Call to Order

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steakley, McFadden, Hanson, Roeder, Fulda, and Miller

MEMBERS ABSENT: Hill, Chillemi, Herrick

STAFF PRESENT: Gustafson, Powers, and Friedman

There were approximately 15 additional participants including presenters.

2. Welcome & MAC Member Introductions

3. Approval of Agenda for August 10, 2023

ROEDER/MILLER/UNANIMOUS

4. Approval of Minutes from July 13, 2023

RODER/MCFADDEN/Carried with Steakley abstaining

5. Public Comment

Northstar resident Jim O'Gara said the Porcupine Hill subdivision is not needed and would be very impactful.

6. Reports

A. Community Reports

i. Placer County Sheriff's Office

Lt. Don Nevens was present. There were no questions or comments.

ii. CalFire

Bob Counts reported there have been fewer fires burning less acreage than in past years. He reviewed the staffing and equipment available in the area. A helicopter was stationed in Truckee last week during Red Flag Warning days.

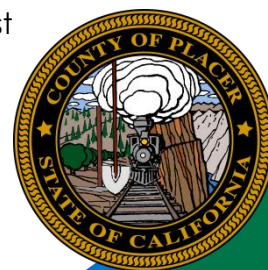
Counts reviewed the fuel reduction efforts in the area. There was a Unified Command Training last month at Palisades Tahoe.

Counts noted Supervisor Gustafson is hosting a Town Hall meeting on August 17 regarding wildfire mitigation and evacuation plans for the area. It will be recorded.

iii. North Tahoe Fire Protection District

No report was given.

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iv. North Tahoe Public Utility District

Justin Broglio reported the grant-funded scenic overlook at the Tahoe Vista Recreation Area has opened.

Broglio reviewed the infrastructure being installed, including new grid connections and fire hydrants.

The NTPUD and TCPUD are beginning Phase 3 of the North Lake Tahoe Aquatic and Recreation Center Feasibility Study. A consultant is being hired to review funding options and poll likely voters.

v. Tahoe City Public Utility District

Denise Springsteel reported TCPUD continues to advocate on state and federal levels for funding for fire suppression.

Springsteel described the \$55 million system reconstruction project on the Tahoe Cedars and Madden water systems, which will include 45 new fire hydrants. The project will be paid through an infrastructure improvement fee to those customers and property tax.

The TCPUD Board received a report on the state of the 20-year-old bike trail system. The estimate to repair and replace portions as prioritized over the next 7 years is \$12 million. Work should begin on the west shore next year and the north shore in 2025.

vi. Tahoe Regional Planning Agency

Victoria Ortiz reported on yesterday's 27th Annual Tahoe Summit. Environmental accomplishments and achievements were recognized, as well as the need to renew the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act.

The new TRPA Executive Director Julie Ragan has been hosting coffee talks around the area. In September, TRPA will host a webinar on the Code Amendments.

As part of the SR 28 Corridor Management Plan, USFS is doing parking management on the east shore. They have 130 spaces available in their lot and they will block off many unauthorized parking areas. That is consistent with the Resort Triangle Transportation Plan.

vii. North Tahoe Community Alliance

Tony Karwowski described the transition of the organization from a Destination Marketing Association to a Destination Management Association, with more focus on stewardship. He described the mechanisms to allocate TBID and TOT funds.

viii. Tahoe City Downtown Association

Katie Biggers reported on the events TCDA has been doing this summer, including the 160th Tahoe City Birthday, the Food & Wine Classic, and the 4th of July drone show. She has heard great comments about the drones and will be sending out a survey.

TCDA is always looking for Committee members.

ix. North Tahoe Business Association

Alyssa Reilly reviewed NTBA's goals and strategies to work with businesses to improve economic vitality. Kings Beach businesses reported consistent or higher than normal numbers this summer, but all are struggling with staffing.

Reilly reviewed this summer's events, including Music on the Beach and the Labor Day drone show.

There are many opportunities to be involved in NTBA's committees and advocacy. The Economic Vitality Committee is focused on the Lower Secline Water Quality Improvement Project, Placer County's Parking Management Program, and many of the developers looking at the area. There are 30 storefront vacancies in a one-mile radius and Kings Beach has not had a sales tax spike since 2008.

TCDA and NTBA continue to work with NTCA to identify efficiencies and how best to utilize TBID dollars.

B. NTRAC Member Reports

McFadden voiced ongoing concerns about crosswalks, pedestrian safety, and speeding in the Highlands.

Miller announced TTCF's webinar on August 17 about Community Wildfire Protection Plans.

Roeder reminded the group that Northstar voters approved a 10-year parcel tax to fund wildfire safety. Calfire has approved a matching grant. A biomass facility, the Wood Energy Project, has gone through environmental reviews. It should be on the Planning Commission agenda soon.

C. County Supervisor Report

Supervisor Gustafson reported on the items presented at the July 25 Supervisor's meeting at Granlibakken. There was a full presentation about evacuation, but very few audience members. The Board entered into an agreement with TTD for regional transportation and parking enforcement in the basin, received an update on the Tahoe City Fire Station, and increased the funding for the Lease to Locals program. The Board is meeting in Auburn next week. Agenda items include the Calfire contract and historic DeWitt Theater.

Gustafson reiterated the need to get the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act renewed.

The new District 5 Director, Bridget Powers, introduced herself.

At today's meeting, the Planning Commission approved rafting permits, took comments on the draft EIR for the SNOW Museum, and approved the Tahoe Basin Area Plan Amendments as proposed without the height and massing items that were originally included. TRPA may consider those items on a regional basis.

Powers has been attending meetings with several other agencies to consider increasing passenger rail service between the Bay Area and Nevada. Powers said it would be a 15-year project. Talks have just begun but there is a lot of interest in the idea.

Gustafson said TRPA is providing real time traffic counts. It may seem like there is more traffic than ever because of road construction and rough roads, but in fact the numbers are not at 2019 levels and below 2009. There does seem to be less tolerance, but real time data will be available in the final report. Gustafson reported TART fixed route and TART Connect numbers are up, in spite of the lack of TART fixed route drivers available.

The Homewood developer is submitting a new public use plan.

7. Action Items: None

8. Information Items

A. Lower Secline Water Quality Improvement Project

Much needed stormwater improvements will be constructed this summer to help protect Lake Tahoe's water clarity. The Placer County DPW Lower Secline Water Quality project will pave about 650 feet of roadway on Secline Street and Brockway Vista Avenue in Kings Beach. The intent of the project is to pave the existing dirt roads, formalize parking areas, manage drainage, and install water quality improvements to reduce the quantity of sediment transport. This project will help prevent sediment from entering Lake Tahoe while also providing a better experience for residents and those recreating at the lake. Construction is set to begin on August 15, 2023 and complete by October 15, 2023.

Presenter: Rebecca Taber, Department of Public Works

Taber showed photos describing existing conditions and the proposed plan. Tonight's presentation is a result of public input, including a meeting yesterday with the NTBA Economic Vitality Committee. Taber discussed the objectives and funding for the project. The adjacent properties are owned by the California Tahoe Conservancy and NTPUD. Their plans are unknown. Construction is scheduled for August 15 – October 15.

Taber answered questions clarifying her presentation, including parking and the plan revisions made recently.

The topic was open to Public Comment. Andrew Ryan is on the NTBA Economic Vitality Committee. He appreciated Taber for her taking over this project so quickly and reacting

to the concerns. He described the changes the Committee has been advocating for, particularly to making the area accessible to pedestrians. There is a lot of parking, it just needs to be managed properly.

Mark Sura reported on his meetings with the engineers. Reducing parking is the right thing to do. However, those on Brockway Vista want to make sure there is adequate parking for their guests.

Danielle Hughes said NTPUD is considering this parcel in its planning efforts. She described some of the items for discussion.

Public comment was closed. Discussion followed as the next steps were clarified. There was some concern that this project is moving very quickly and has not been fully flushed out, given there are additional components to be considered such as a boardwalk and curbs. Gustafson said staff was tasked with a water quality improvement project, which is what there is funding for. The additional items could take years for design and planning and there are no dollars available for those at this time.

B. Correspondence

i. Correspondence received for RAC between July 13, 2023 and August 7, 2023

9. Future Agenda Items: Biomass update (October), Ritz CUP Modification

Steakley asked for an item explaining how decisions are made to prioritize plowing certain roads.

10. Next Meeting Date: September 14th, 2023

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Friedman
Recording Secretary