

MEMORANDUM
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COUNTY EXECUTIVE
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Thomas M. Miller, County Executive Officer
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DATE: April 3, 2007

SUBJECT: Status Report Presentation Regarding Placer County's Place-Based Planning Component of Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's (TRPA) Pathway 2007 20-Year Regional Plan

Action Requested

No action is being requested at this time.

Background

Pathway 2007 is collaborative effort by the TRPA, United States Forest Service, Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board and the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection to develop consistent regional planning. Place-Based Planning is a component of that larger regional effort that integrates individual community character and vision into the agencies' broader goals and policies.

Following a Memorandum of Agreement with TRPA in October, 2005 which agreed to participation in three phases leading to development and follow-up to the Regional Plan, the County appointed a 13-member planning working group with representatives from various local governments, interest groups and the public at large to oversee the Place-Based process. Four well-attended public workshops were held to develop guiding principles for Placer County communities. In addition to shaping goals and policies, the principles will be used to implement demonstration projects and programs that satisfy community needs and also strive to attain environmental threshold improvements as required by TRPA.

Your Board will be asked later this month to review a revised MOA with TRPA which agrees to mutual participation and support on two Scopes of Work for Phase 1.5 of this planning process. The first Scope of Work includes Placer County Participation in development of the Regional Vision and includes development of criteria that will be applied to potential Demonstration Projects.

These projects will demonstrate, in advance of adoption of the Regional Plan, how TRPA and County code changes can work toward development of projects that not only show exemplary environmental improvements, but also make significant strides toward economic development and quality of life improvements in blighted redevelopment areas. The second Scope of Work will define the process for project application and implementation, including refinement of regional criteria so that it is applicable to desired conditions in Placer County, net gain analysis, stakeholder and developer input and a community workshop to ensure continued acceptance of concepts under consideration.

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact at this time. Placer County in October, 2005 approved a MOA with TRPA to provide CEO and Planning staff resources and \$50,000 in consultant team funding. Two additional Scopes of Work under an amended MOA will be brought to the Board for consideration later this month.

Recommendation: This is one in a series of updates regarding Placer County's role in TRPA's Pathway 2007 20-year regional plan.