

REQUIRED FINDINGS / RATIONALE

TRPA Code of Ordinances Section 3.3—Determination of Need to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

Finding: TRPA finds the proposed Code amendments will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Rationale: An Initial Environmental Checklist (IEC) was prepared to evaluate the effects of the proposed amendments to the Code of Ordinances (see Attachment C). The IEC found that the proposed Code amendments would not have a significant effect on the environment.

The proposed amendments are consistent with and will implement Chapter 84 Development Standards Lakeward of High Water in the Shorezone and Lakezone. The amendments are not anticipated to result in significant environmental effects. As demonstrated in the accompanying findings, amendments to Chapter 84 and 2 will not result in a significant impact on the environment or cause the environmental threshold carrying capacities to be exceeded.

TRPA Code of Ordinances Section 4.4—Threshold-Related Findings

1. Finding: The amendments to the Code of Ordinances are consistent with and will not adversely affect implementation of the Regional Plan, including all applicable Goals and Policies, plan area statements and maps, the Code, and other TRPA plans and programs;

Rationale: The proposed code amendments will not have significant environmental impacts and will improve TRPA's ability to implement the Shoreline Plan and Chapter 84 Development Standards Lakeward of High Water in the Shorezone and Lakezone. The Code amendments are consistent with the Regional Plan policies and goals and all implementing elements of the Regional Plan.

2. Finding: The proposed amendments will not cause the environmental threshold carrying capacities to be exceeded; and

Rationale: The proposed amendments are consistent with the threshold attainment strategies in the Regional Plan. As demonstrated in the findings, these amendments will not cause the environmental threshold carrying capacities to be exceeded.

3. Finding: Wherever federal, state, or local air and water quality standards apply for the region, the strictest standards shall be attained, maintained, or exceeded pursuant to Article V(d) of the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact.

Rationale: The proposed amendments would not exceed any state, federal, or local standards. The amendments are intended to authorize existing buoy fields and to streamline the permitting process for buoys associated with private, single-family littoral parcels. The amendments will not result in environmental impacts and will remove an unnecessary burden from the Hearings Officer's schedule which can be directed to evaluating more complex projects with greater potential environmental impact.

TRPA Code of Ordinances Section 4.6—findings Necessary to Amend or Adopt TRPA Ordinances, Rules, or Other TRPA Plans and Programs.

Finding: The Regional Plan and all of its elements, as implemented through the Code, Rules, and other TRPA plans and programs, as amended, achieves and maintains thresholds.

Rationale: As discussed in Sections 4.4 and 4.5 above, the Regional Plan and all of its elements, as amended, achieves and maintains thresholds. The proposed amendments will support and improve implementation of the Shoreline Plan and Chapter 84 of the TRPA Code of Ordinances.