

Attachment B

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This document contains required findings per Chapter 3 and 4 of the TRPA Code of Ordinances for amendments to the TRPA Threshold Standards and TRPA Regional Plan Goals and Policies.

TRPA Code of Ordinances Section 3.3: Determination of need to prepare Environmental Impact Statement

Finding: TRPA finds that the amendments to the threshold standards and Regional Plan will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Rationale: TRPA staff prepared an Initial Environmental Checklist (IEC) pursuant to Article VI of TRPA Rules of Procedure and Chapter 3: *Environmental Documentation* of the TRPA Code of Ordinances to evaluate potential environmental effects of the proposed action as presented seen in Attachment C. Based on the information contained within the IEC, the proposed amendments would not have a significant effect on the environment and TRPA staff prepared a finding of no significant effect in accordance to TRPA's Rules of Procedure Section 6.6 and Code of Ordinance Section 3.3.2.

TRPA Code of Ordinances Section 4.4: Threshold Related Findings

Finding: The project (ordinance) is 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 amendments are consistent with and will not adversely affect the Regional Plan, including all applicable Goals and Policies (as discussed below), plan area statements and local planning areas, the Code and other TRPA plans and programs.

Finding: The project will not cause the environmental threshold carrying capacities to be exceeded; and

Rationale: The proposed amendments will not cause the environmental threshold carrying capacities to be exceeded. The Regional Plan Environmental Impact Statement prepared in 2012 for an amendment of the Regional Plan analyzed full development build out potential within the Tahoe

Region. The findings for adoption of the 2012 Regional Plan demonstrated that implementation of the Regional Plan would not cause Environmental Threshold Carrying Capacities to be exceeded. The updating of the standards in three categories to reflect current science and best practice will not alter the policies or implementation of the Regional Plan.

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 will not affect any state, federal, or local standards. The amendments increase clarity and transparency in reporting on threshold standard progress.

TRPA Code of Ordinances Section 4.5: Findings Necessary to Amend the Regional Plan, Including Goals and Policies and Plan Area Statements and Maps

Finding: The Regional Plan, as amended, achieves and maintains the thresholds.

Rationale: The proposed amendments do not alter the substance of the Regional Plan.

STATEMENT OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT

Project Description: The adoption of four new environmental threshold carrying capacities (threshold standards) and the removal of nine threshold standards.

Staff Analysis: In accordance with Article IV of the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact, as amended, and Section 6.6 of the TRPA Rules of Procedure, TRPA staff reviewed the information submitted with the subject project.

Determination: Based on the Initial Environmental Checklist, Agency staff found that the subject project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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TRPA Executive Director/Designee

April 2, 2024

Date