

ATTACHMENT B

REQUIRED FINDINGS / RATIONALE

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

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

Rationale: An Initial Environmental Checklist (IEC) has been 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 61 Vegetation and Forest Health. The amendments are not anticipated to result in significant environmental impacts. As demonstrated in the accompanying findings, amendments to Chapter 61 Vegetation and Forest Health will not result in an unmitigated 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 increase forest resilience while decreasing fire risk in the Tahoe Basin. 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 adversely affect any state, federal, or local standards. The amendments are intended to allow implementors opportunity to increase pace and scale of treatment, decrease fire risk, and increase forest resilience in the face of climate change, insects and disease, and drought.

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 within 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 improve the implementation of threshold attainment by improving forest resilience and health and decreasing high severity fire risk.