



Tahoe In Brief

Governing Board Monthly Report

August 2022

TRPA CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

AUGUST 2022

- August 17: Destination Stewardship Standing Core Team Meeting
- August 23: Cutting the Green Tape Interagency Workshop
- August 24: TRPA Governing Board Meeting* (*NOTE: A tour of the South Shore Events Center project is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. as a part of the meeting and closed-toed shoes are required*).
- August 31: Destination Stewardship South Shore Spanish-Speaking Workshop

SEPTEMBER 2022

- September 1: Destination Stewardship North Shore Spanish-Speaking Workshop
- September 14: TRPA Advisory Planning Commission Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- September 21: Destination Stewardship Standing Core Team Meeting
- September 28: TRPA Governing Board Meeting*

OCTOBER 2022

- October 12: TRPA Advisory Planning Commission Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- October 12: Threshold Update Initiative Stakeholder Working Group Meeting
- October 19: Destination Stewardship Standing Core Team Meeting
- October 25: Destination Stewardship North Shore Public Workshop
- October 26: TRPA Governing Board Meeting*
- October 26: Destination Stewardship South Shore Public Workshop

NOVEMBER 2022

- November 9: TRPA Advisory Planning Commission Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- November 16: TRPA Governing Board Meeting*
- November 16: Destination Stewardship Standing Core Team Meeting

*Each month from July to December the meeting theme will relate to one of the strategic initiatives in the 2022-2023 Annual Work Plan. The themes by month are July-Housing, August-Innovation, September-Transportation and Destination Stewardship, October-Climate Change and Forest Health, November-Environmental Improvement Program, December-Thresholds.

TRPA STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

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Set by the Governing Board, these strategic initiatives reflect the agency's commitment to protect Lake Tahoe's environment while improving regional transportation, increasing diverse housing options, and facilitating community revitalization.

- **Building Resiliency: Climate Change and Sustainability**
- **Keeping Tahoe Moving: Transportation and Sustainable Recreation**
- **Tahoe Living: Housing and Community Revitalization**
- **Restoration Blueprint: Environmental Improvement Program Implementation**
- **Measuring What Matters: Thresholds and Monitoring Update**
- **Digital First: Innovation**

BUILDING RESILIENCY: CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGIC INITIATIVE

Every TRPA initiative includes strategies to strengthen the resilience of Tahoe's environment, communities, and economy to the emerging stresses of climate change and to improve the region's sustainability. The Climate Change Strategic Initiative harmonizes the goals of both states and local governments in the Tahoe Region while maintaining the region's reputation as a global leader in sustainability.

Climate Resilience Dashboard: To better track progress toward Tahoe's climate resilience goals, TRPA will be updating the existing Lake Tahoe Info Sustainability Dashboard (<https://sustainability.laketahoeinfo.org/>). The metrics will help tell the story of climate resilience and engage the public in the conversation around climate action. The California Tahoe Conservancy board will be considering approval of funding to support the dashboard update at their September meeting.

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Associated Working Group(s)/Committee(s):

- Tahoe Interagency Executive Steering Committee

Website(s):

- <https://www.trpa.gov/programs/climate-resilience/>
- <https://sustainability.laketahoeinfo.org/>

KEEP TAHOE MOVING: TRANSPORTATION & DESTINATION STEWARDSHIP STRATEGIC INITIATIVE

This initiative includes an update of the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, which encompasses greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction, the work of the Bi-State Consultation on Transportation, destination stewardship planning, and ongoing transportation corridor planning.

Accelerating Regional Transportation Plan Implementation: Maintaining and updating the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) is part of the TRPA Metropolitan Planning Organization core responsibilities. Any transportation project receiving federal funds, considered regionally significant, or requiring a federal action must be included in the FTIP. The FTIP must be consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan and related local, state, and federal planning processes. In September, the Program of Projects and funding sources will be provided to the TRPA Governing Board Operations Committee seeking recommendation for approval to the Governing Board. The FTIP can be found on the transportation planning program page: <https://www.trpa.gov/notice-of-30-day-public-comment-period-draft-2023-federal-transportation-improvement-program/>



Transportation Metrics: Staff will be bringing forward the Transportation Performance Technical Advisory Committee Charter to the Governing Board in September. Staff will present the details of the Charter that include purpose, goals, membership and roles at the TRPA Governing Board Environmental Improvement Program Transportation and Outreach Committee in September, seeking recommendation for approval to the full Governing Board. The final work of the Technical Advisory Committee including metrics framework and recommendations reports for the vehicle miles traveled reduction and the Regional Transportation Plan performance will be brought forward in December of this year.

Tahoe Destination Stewardship: The Destination Stewardship Plan is organizing outreach with the broader community to inform strategies to address shared recreation and tourism challenges in the Tahoe Region. Active outreach includes visitor and resident surveys and Spanish and English destination stewardship workshops in September and October.

Tahoe Science Advisory Council Recreation Monitoring and Evaluation Plan: Staff is working with the Tahoe Science Advisory Council on the development of a Sustainable Recreation Monitoring and Evaluation Plan scope of work. The plan is designed to target the needs of outdoor recreational activities in the Lake Tahoe Basin through a science-based adaptive management structure. Using existing research, input from stakeholders, the public, and working groups the project will offer recommendations for meaningful tourism monitoring plan and indicators. The plan is set to launch later this year.

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Associated Working Group(s)/Committee(s):

- Bi-State Consultation on Transportation
- Transportation Performance Technical Advisory Committee
- Tahoe Transportation Implementation Committee
- Lake Tahoe Destination Stewardship Plan Core Team and Executive Team
- Lake Tahoe-Truckee Destination Stewardship Coordinating Committees
- Regional Trails Plan Steering Committee

Website(s):

- <https://www.trpa.gov/transportation/#programs>
- <https://www.trpa.gov/programs/sustainable-recreation/>
- <https://stewardshiptahoe.org/>

Newsletter: Sign up to receive news by sending an email to enews@trpa.gov and put "Transportation" or "Destination Stewardship" in the subject line.

TAHOE LIVING: HOUSING & COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION STRATEGIC INITIATIVE

This initiative addresses strategies for implementing affordable and achievable workforce housing as a key component of healthy, sustainable communities in the region. The Tahoe Living initiative implements the Regional Plan, the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, the Regional Housing Needs Allocation, and other identified regional housing needs.

Lake Tahoe Community College Student Housing: Lake Tahoe Community College (LTCC) has made significant progress towards bringing affordable student residential living to its South Lake Tahoe campus. LTCC will receive nearly \$40 million in the new California budget to construct a 100-bed dormitory serving California residents who are low-income,

full-time college students. Construction for the on-campus housing could begin as soon as Summer 2023, with students moving in by Fall 2025.



Rendering of the proposed Lake Tahoe Community College housing facility.

TRPA Local Government Coordination Program staff are working with LTCC and the City of South Lake Tahoe

on preparing an area plan for the campus. That plan will reflect the Campus Master Plan presented to the Governing Board earlier this calendar year, make it an adopted component of the TRPA Regional Plan and Code, and facilitate permitting of this needed housing project later in 2023.

Regional Early Action Planning Grant: In July and early August TRPA received the first round of input from community partners on its Tahoe Housing Catalyst Grant application to California’s Regional Early Action Planning (REAP 2.0) program, administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development. REAP 2.0 grant program goals are to accelerate infill housing development, reduce vehicle miles traveled, increase housing supply at all affordability levels, and facilitate the implementation of adopted regional and local plans to achieve these goals. TRPA anticipates using REAP funding to accelerate planning on and implementation of recommendations of the Tahoe Living Working Group, presented to the Governing Board in July.

In September, TRPA will bring a draft of key program elements to the TRPA Governing Board Local Government and Housing Committee for input, before finalizing the grant application, which will then go to the full Governing Board for approval before the end of the year.

Preserving Existing Housing: TRPA is ramping up outreach to owners of income-restricted condominiums in Incline Village, NV this month to pursue full compliance with important income limitations that preserve housing for local workers and lower-income households.

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Associated Working Group(s)/Committee(s):

- Tahoe Living Working Group
- TRPA Governing Board Local Government & Housing Committee

Website(s):

- Meeting materials are posted here: <https://www.trpa.gov/tahoe-living-housing-and-community-revitalization-working-group-2/>

- Tahoe Housing Story Map:
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/62ae9110d85c43ecb381eb3f3ccec196>

Newsletter: Sign up to receive housing news by sending an email to enews@trpa.gov and put "Housing" in the subject line.

RESTORATION BLUEPRINT: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

This initiative focuses on accelerating the pace and scale of Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) implementation to keep pace with current threats and to build resiliency to climate change. The EIP has a proven track record over 25 years. This bi-state, cross-boundary restoration partnership has implemented more than 700 projects to improve the environmental and economic health of the Tahoe Basin. To build on the program's success, TRPA staff are accelerating EIP program implementation through a variety of ways including streamlining EIP project permitting ("Cutting the Green Tape"), augmenting program funding, and building partnerships at the national and regional level.



Cutting the Green Tape Interagency Workshop. EIP projects often require multiple permits from a variety of agencies that can take months to years to complete. EIP Department staff are collaborating with partner agencies to identify permitting efficiencies, improve interagency coordination, and propose process or regulatory changes for the permitting environmentally beneficial projects. These proposed changes would allow ecological restoration to occur more quickly, simply, and cost-effectively.

This month, TRPA is partnering with the Consensus Building Institute to convene an interagency workshop for the Cutting the Green Tape Taylor/Tallac Case Study. Partners include the Lahontan Water Quality Control Board, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the USDA Forest Service, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This workshop will focus on lessons learned from implementation of the Taylor Tallac Ecosystem Restoration Project. A final report coming later this fall will include recommendations for streamlining the EIP project permitting process. This report will be presented to the Tahoe Interagency Executive Steering Committee for review and direction on next steps. It will also be presented this fall to the TRPA Governing Board.

Lake Tahoe Summit: US Senator Jacky Rosen Hosted the 26th Annual Tahoe Summit on August 16.



Speakers at the 26th Annual Tahoe Summit (Photo by David Calvert, The Nevada Independent).



John Hester (TRPA) and Jason Vasquez (California Tahoe Conservancy) addressed the audience at a post-Summit luncheon.

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- Governing Board Environmental Improvement Program Committee
- Tahoe Interagency Executives Steering Committee

Website(s):

- EIP Project Tracker: <https://eip.laketahoeinfo.org/>
- Cutting the Green Tape: <https://resources.ca.gov/Initiatives/Cutting-Green-Tape>

MEASURING WHAT MATTERS: THRESHOLD & MONITORING UPDATE STRATEGIC INITIATIVE

This initiative focuses on how information is collected, analyzed, and applied to support better decisions that accelerate environmental improvement. The initiative’s scope includes review of the threshold standards that establish the basin’s goals and updating the performance measures the Environmental Improvement Program uses to assess effectiveness of all components of the Regional Plan.



The Threshold Update Initiative Stakeholders Working Group discussed the proposed Threshold Standard Outline and recommended modifications to the Forest Health Threshold Standards at its July meeting and the Air Quality standards at its August meeting. Discussion at the October meeting will focus on the Biodiversity and Watershed and Water Quality thresholds. Materials for these meetings can be found at:

- August meeting materials: <https://www.trpa.gov/august-10-2022-threshold-update-initiative-stakeholders-working-group/>
- July meeting materials: <https://www.trpa.gov/july-13-2022-threshold-update-initiative-stakeholders-working-group/>

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Associated Working Group(s)/Committee(s):

- Threshold Update Initiative Stakeholders Working Group
- Tahoe Science Advisory Council

Website(s):

- Tahoe Science Advisory Council: <https://www.tahoesciencecouncil.org/>
- Threshold Dashboard: <https://thresholds.laketahoeinfo.org/>

DIGITAL FIRST: INNOVATION INITIATIVE

This initiative recognizes the key agency opportunity to address external events, technology changes, and pursue continuous improvement. It involves significantly improving the ability of the agency to provide services in a “digital first” way by rethinking processes, using innovative technology.

A Digital First Strategic Initiative briefing will be held at the August Governing Board meeting. This briefing will outline progress to date on the initiative and upcoming milestones. It will include the Current Planning Process Improvement Action Plan that will be presented by the project consultant. The Action Plan will include permitting process improvements that will help set some of the parameters for the technology improvements that are part of this initiative, as well as identify needed general system process improvements. These improvements are already being made and following the briefing, staff will prioritize and begin implementing the Action Plan.

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Website(s): Not a direct website for the initiative but associated ones include:

- <https://www.laketahoeinfo.org/>

ADDITIONAL UPCOMING ITEMS OF INTEREST

Proposed Mixed Use Residential/Commercial Project in Stateline, NV: The Latitude 39 project at 110 Lake Parkway, Stateline, NV will likely be coming to the Governing Board for action in September or October. The 1.81-acre site is at the corner of U.S. Highway 50 and Lake Parkway, directly across the street from the new events center and next door to the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino parking garage. The site has had many commercial uses, the longest commercial use was Wells Fargo bank.

This project will demolish the existing building and construct 40 new luxury residential condominiums and a 3,700-square-foot commercial restaurant/bar open to the public. The building will include a fitness center, rooftop lap pool, sauna, and sports courts.



Simulation of the Latitude 39 mixed use project adjacent to the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Stateline, NV.

Area Plans: TRPA staff received notice from local jurisdictions that they are intending to amend area plans. Douglas County will be amending the South Shore Area Plan to include religious assemblies as an allowed use in the district and Washoe County seeks to amend the Tahoe Area Plan to allow single family dwelling condominiums in Special Area 1 of the Incline Village Commercial Regulatory Zone. Placer County is proposing amendments to the Tahoe Basin Area Plan aimed at attracting environmentally and economically beneficial investments in town and village centers. The City of South Lake Tahoe is proposing a new area plan for the Lake Tahoe Community College site. Dates for when these amendments will come to the Governing Board for action are still being developed.

Land Banks & Transfer of Development Rights Program: The California Tahoe Conservancy land bank is working towards an acquisition and site stabilization and restoration of the 27-acre South Lake Tahoe Motel 6 site within a prime stream environment zone and stream restoration area. The project has the potential to make significant advancements in Regional Plan performance measures, environmental thresholds, and Regional Plan and area plan goals. TRPA staff is providing staff level support in an advisory capacity including availability and use of mitigation funds and future use of banked development rights and coverage.