



Regional Plan Implementation Committee

January 25, 2023

AGENDA ITEM No. 5

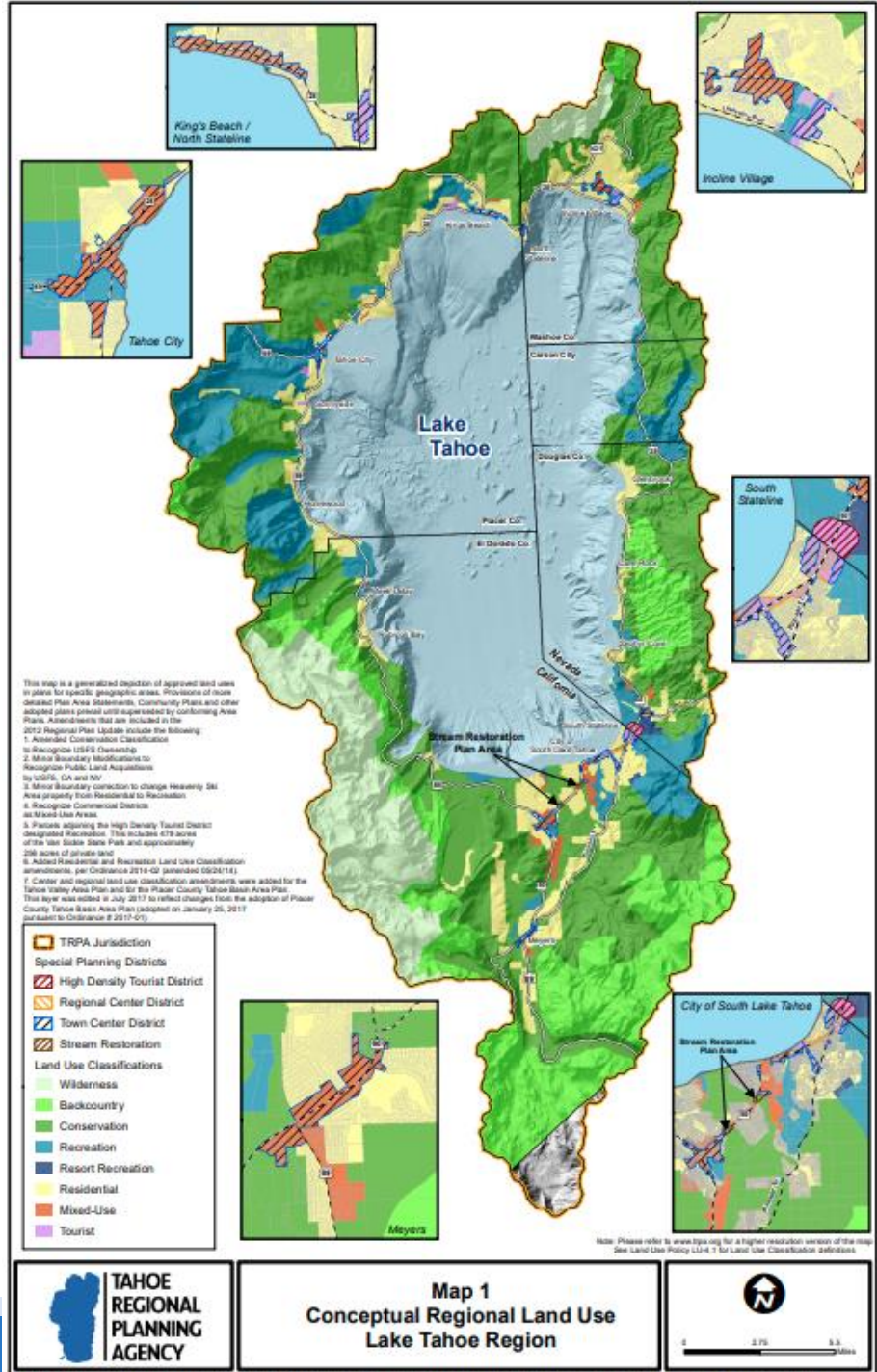
Amendment to Plan Area Statement 146 & 147

Emerald Bay & Paradise Flats



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REGIONAL PLAN MAP AMENDMENTS





**146
EMERALD BAY**

PLAN DESIGNATION:

Land Use Classification	RECREATION
Management Strategy	MITIGATION
Special Designation	NONE

DESCRIPTION:

Location: This area extends north from Cascade Lake to Rubicon Point and is depicted on Agency maps D-15, E-17 and the Rookbound Quadrangle.

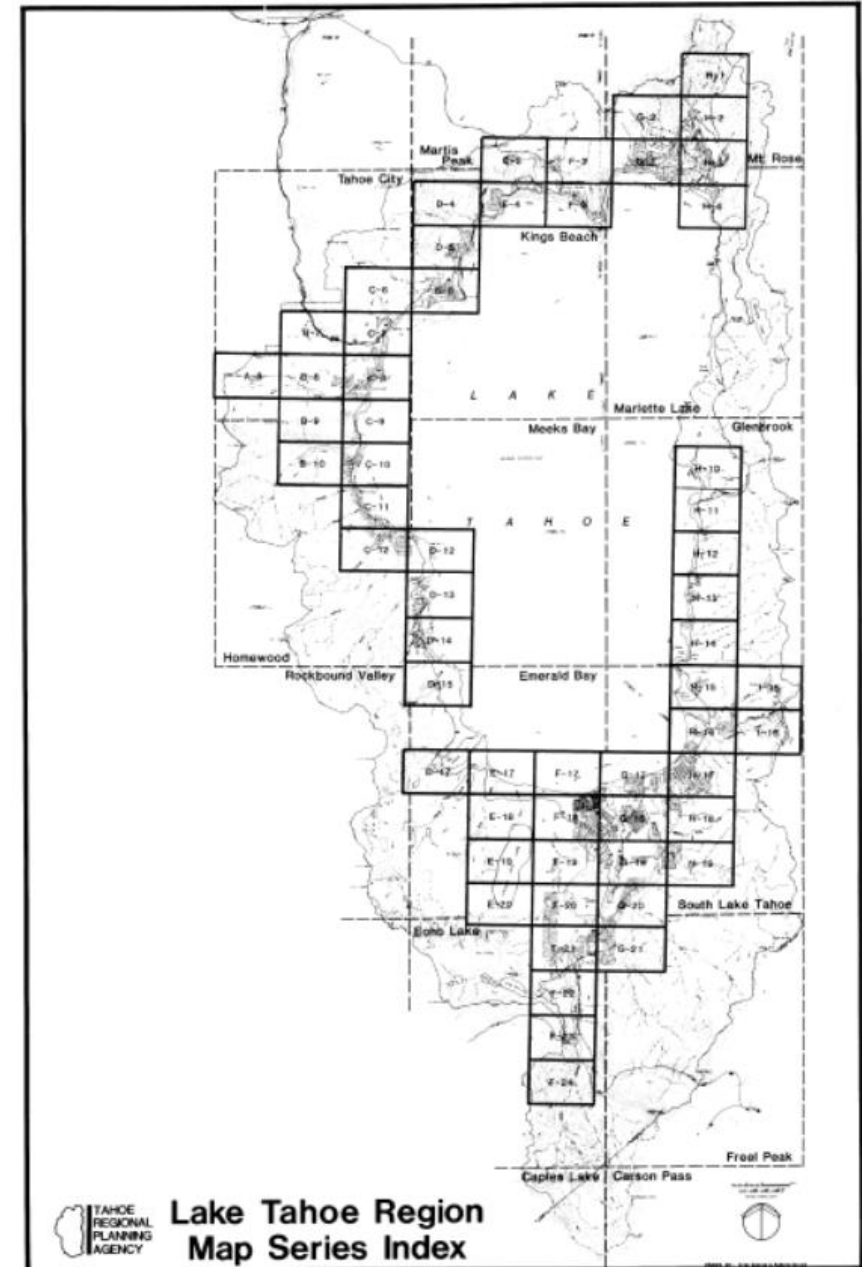
Existing Uses: This area is a scenic travel corridor and provides numerous opportunities for both dispersed and more intensive forms of recreation. Developed facilities include Emerald Point Park Campground, Emerald Bay Boat Campground, Bayview Campground and trailhead, Eagle Falls picnic area and trailhead, Inspiration vista point, Vikingsholm historical site, National Forest summer homes, and D.L. Bliss campground. Hiking trails provide several points of entrance to Desolation Wilderness, Emerald Bay, and the shoreline of Lake Tahoe. Public boat docking facilities and a swimming beach are available in Emerald Bay. Excellent fishing opportunities are available in Cascade Lake and Emerald Bay.

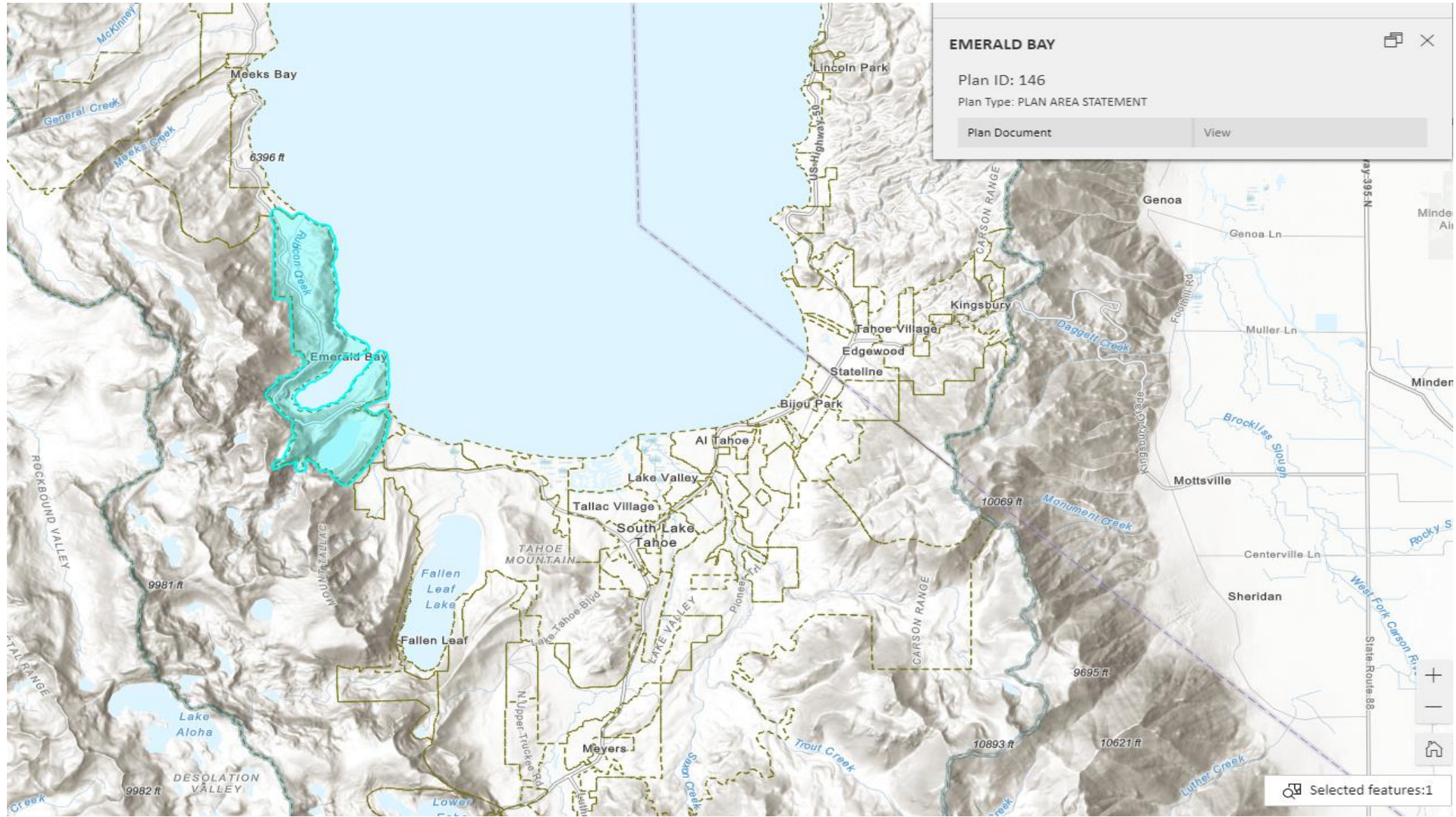
Existing Environment: Most of this area is classified as high hazard. Despite the rather large size of the planning area (2,900 Acres), the plant composition is dominated by a few species - red and white fir, greenleaf manzanita, and mountain whitehorn. Cascade Lake and Emerald Bay are the dominant landscape features. Canada geese nest on Fannette Island and a pair of osprey also nest in Emerald Bay. Bald eagles use Emerald Bay during the winter months. Habitats for *Rorippa subumbelata* are found along the beach areas of Emerald Bay. The Shorezone is tolerance districts 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7.

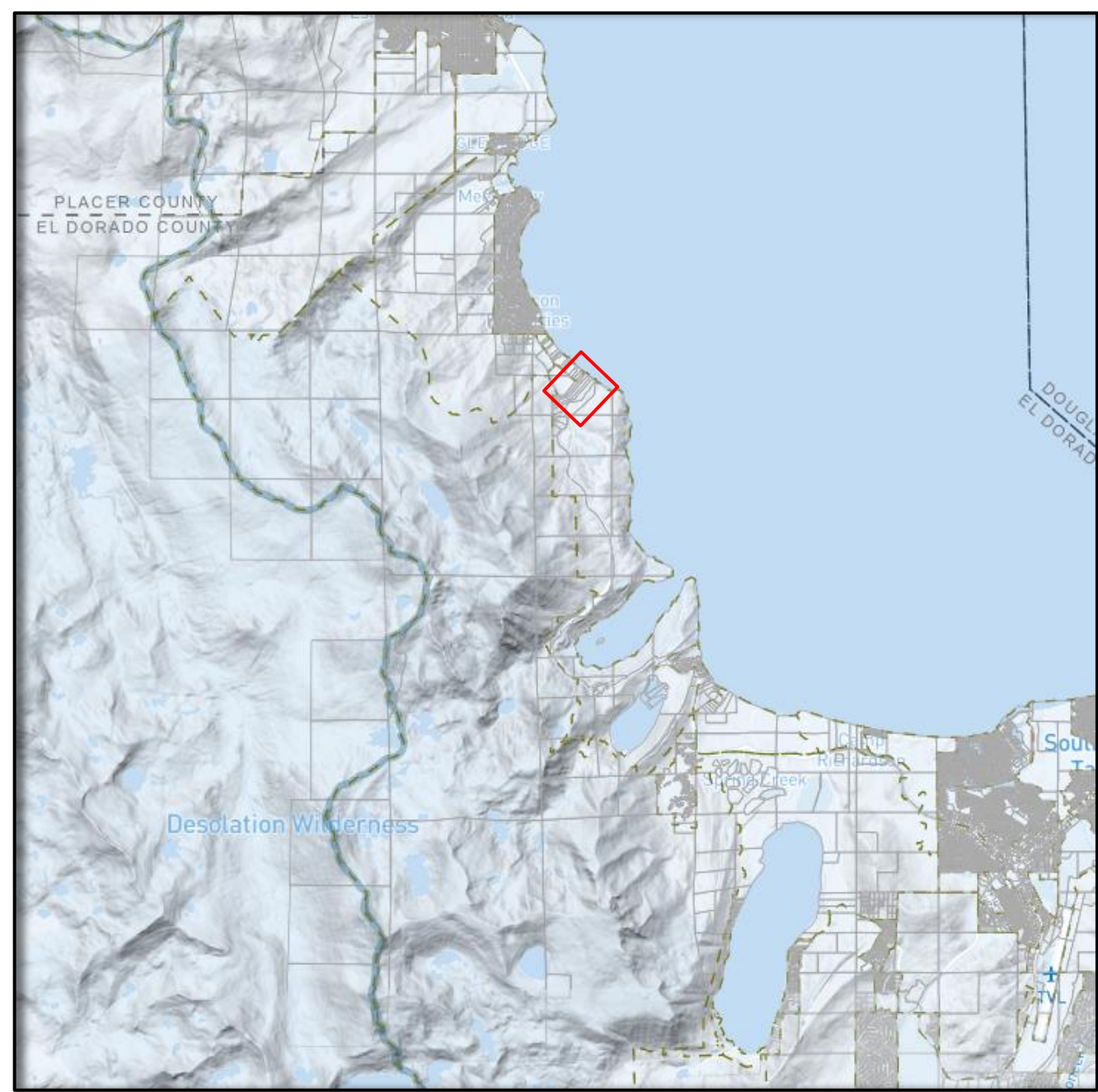
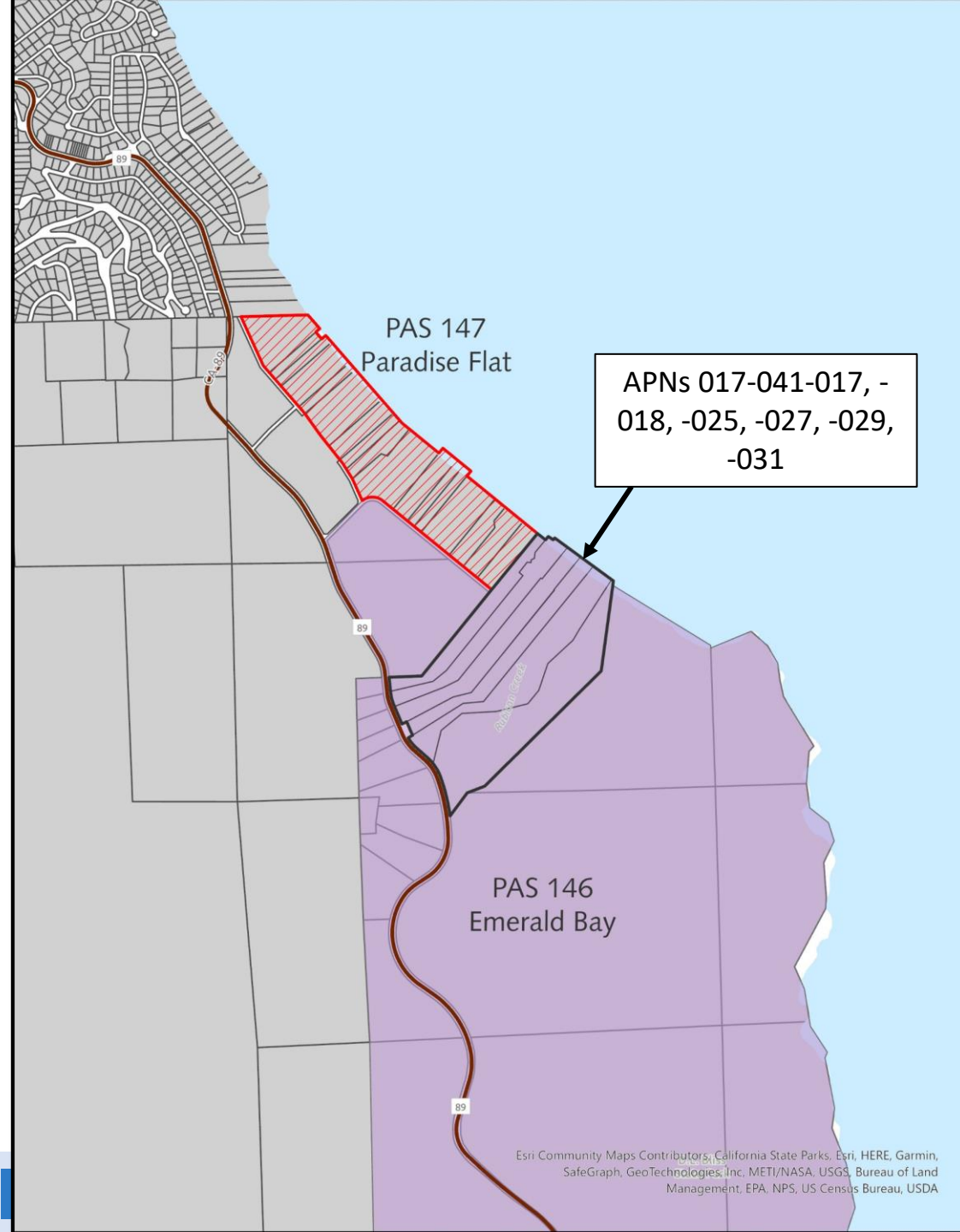
PLANNING STATEMENT: This area should continue to provide the current range of recreational opportunities to the extent that conflicts between uses can be minimized and the quality of the recreational experience can be maximized.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

1. The landslide danger in this area poses problems for public safety and contributes debris to the Lake.
2. Parking for the trailhead to Vikingsholm and to Desolation Wilderness is unimproved and unable to accommodate peak demand.
3. Public use of Cascade Lake is limited by the type of access.
4. Traffic congestion is severe during the summer months due, in part, to numerous switchbacks and "blind" corners.
5. Public recreation conflicts with the nesting success of geese on Fannette Island is addressed by an El Dorado County ordinance.

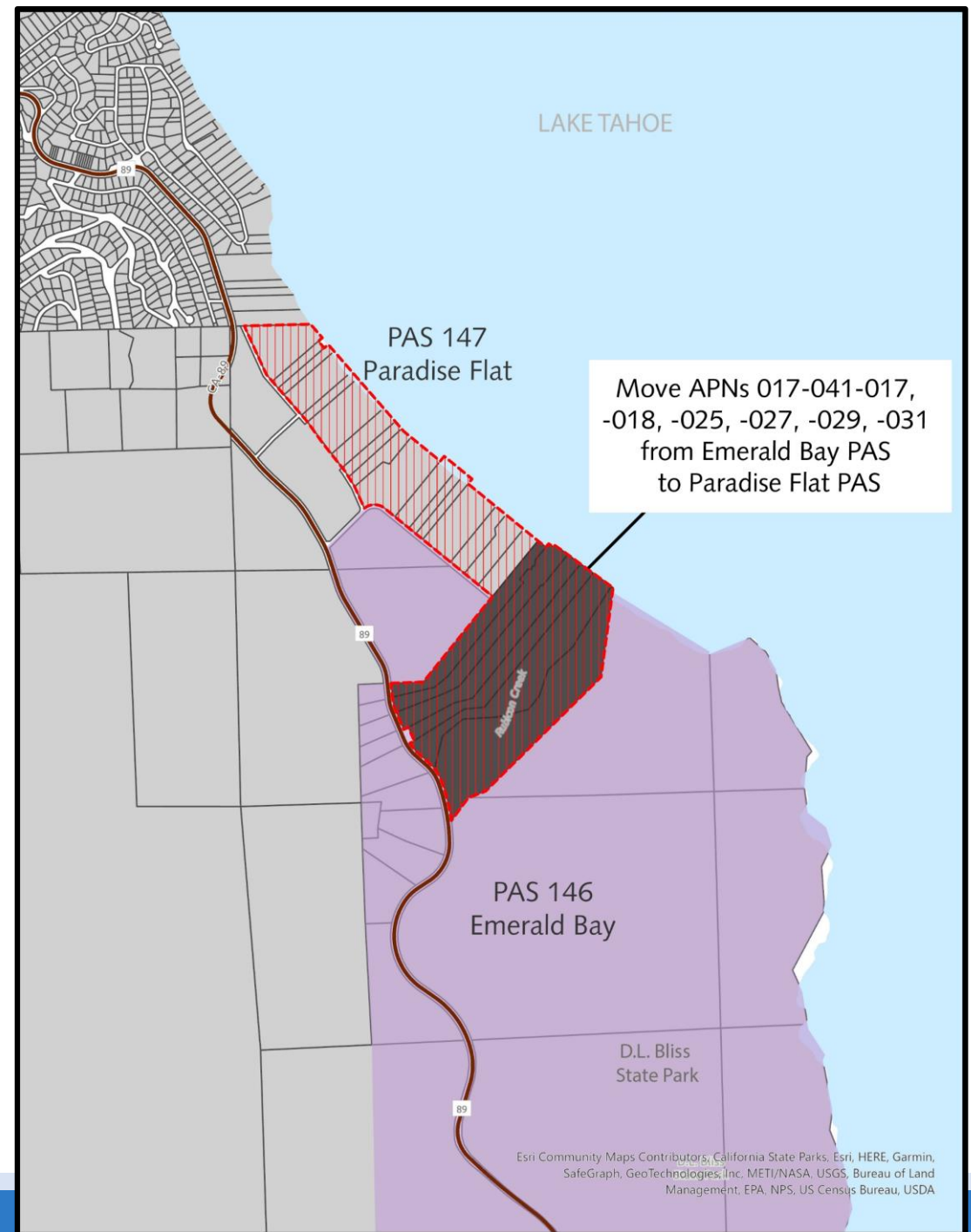






Proposed Boundary Correction

- Six parcels incorrectly included in Emerald Bay PAS
- Single family homes are currently being used year-round
- Single Family residential is not a permissible use in the Emerald Bay PAS
- Residential is a permissible use in the Paradise Flat PAS
- Allowable uses are not changing in either plan document



Recommendation

- *APC reviewed the proposal on January 11 and recommended approval*

Recommend that the Governing Board:

- Adopt the Findings (Attachment B)
 - Including a finding of no significant effect
- Adopt the Ordinance (Attachment A)

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Committee Member Comments

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Public Comment



Motions

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1. A motion to recommend approval of the Required Findings, as described in Attachment B, including a finding of no significant effect, for adoption of the Plan Area Statement amendment as described in the staff report; and
 - 1) A motion to recommend adoption of Ordinance 2023-___, amending Ordinance 1987-9, to amend the Plan Area Statements as shown in Attachment A, Exhibit 1.