

February 21, 2022

TRPA Governing Board
Att: Clerk of the Board

TRPA Governing Board members.

My name is Andy Chapman and I have lived in the South Lake Tahoe region for 30 years and I care deeply about this place we call home and its natural environment where we have raised our three children. I am a recreationalist, a golfer, a community member, and proponent of fixing the river issues. Thank you for hearing my comments during the scoping process. As a member of the community of South Lake Tahoe, here are a few things I'd like to make sure are included in the EIR analysis and project alternatives.

First on the economy. The golf course is an economic engine to South Shore, driving overnight visitor revenue and jobs. Make sure to include an economic analysis, and if it isn't planned in this EIR, please refer to previous studies that note 2/3 of the golf play is made up of visitors who generate significant lodging, dining, and restaurant revenue. Keep our jobs: Many locals, including our youth, depend on the golf course. It provides 75+ jobs. In these challenging times, this is important.

Second on park access. It is important that the analysis includes a thorough examination as to how the connectivity to the area mountain bike trails will improve the overall access to WMSP from several different points, while reducing conflicts between user groups. How will the project ensure equitable access for our visitors and locals? Please make sure to include analysis in the EIR to offer as much public access as possible. Currently the Park is accessible only through a neighborhood and most people cannot find it.

Third on the river. In the EIR analysis, will you be studying the impacts to Lake Tahoe that have taken place in the last decade due to lawsuits holding up this project? It is unfathomable that sediment continues to dump into Lake Tahoe when this could have been avoided if not for a small group of individuals who don't want to share what they consider to be "their private Park" with anyone else. This group's obstructions have been the Lake's demise.

And forth on golf. The EIR alternatives need to ensure the golf course remains a championship 18-hole golf course and that it remains affordable. The EIR should outline what things would be improved at the golf course. Currently the golf course is often water-logged with irrigation pipes breaking, which requires a lot of labor on a continuous basis, contributes to driving range closures and variable playing conditions throughout the course.

Thank you again

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Chapman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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From: [Carol Chaplin](#)
To: [Marja Ambler](#)
Subject: Truckee River Scoping Project
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Thank you for accepting written comments for this project. I respectfully request the following being included for consideration:

Dear TRPA Governing Board Members,

On behalf of the Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority, thank you for including these comments during the scoping process for the EIR/EIS analysis and project alternatives.

The Lake Tahoe Golf Course is an economic driver for the south shore region and it should be noted that as many as two thirds of the golf play is generated by visitors who lodge, dine, shop and further recreate here. The draft EIR/EIS should acknowledge these contributions to our economy.

The scoping process should also inform the EIR/EIS analysis about the importance of the golf course being and remaining a championship 18-hole golf course. The project alternatives should ensure a sustainable, playable golf course into the future. It is a key economic and recreational asset to the region.

As we all embrace the importance of outdoor recreation to our residents and visitors, we hope that the EIR/EIS analysis clarifies how access to the Washoe Meadows State Park will be improved, taking into consideration regional connectivity, disabled access to parking solutions, etc.

Thank you again for considering this input during the scoping process.

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Dear TRPA Board Members,

My name is John Sattler and I've lived in this community for 47 yrs. I care about this community and its environment. I am also a golfer, recreationist and a proponent for fixing the Truckee River issues at the golf course. Thank You in advance for reading my comments.

As a member of the community of South Lake Tahoe, there are a couple of issues that I believe need to be addressed in the environmental review and project alternatives.

I am requesting that all EIR alternatives ensure the golf course remain an affordable, 18 hole, championship golf course. This golf course is an economic engine for the south shore, so it is important that the EIS include an economic analysis. If it does not, please refer to previous economic studies. As noted in previous studies, 2/3 of the rounds played at LTGC are made up of visitors generating significant lodging, dining, and restaurant revenue. Not to mention the 75+ jobs created at the course alone.

In addition to being an economic stimulus, the golf course is also a recreational community hub. This is evidenced by the Lake Tahoe Players Club (a discount driving range and green fee program) boasting enrolment of over 800+ community members, an additional 100+men and women belonging to the Lake Tahoe Golf Club, and numerous charity golf tournaments benefitting different charities in South Lake Tahoe. With this kind of support the EIR may wish to study the possibility of keeping the driving range and practice facilities open during renovations.

I believe it is important that the environmental review includes ensuring sustainability with saving water and additional environmental improvements. Will the project completely replace the existing irrigation? Will that reduce water usage? Will the porta-potty be replaced with a plumbed restroom? And is the LTGC going to remain Audubon certified?

The golf course is not the only activity being studied at the Washoe Meadows State Park.

Mountain Biking: The analysis needs to include an examination as to how the connectivity to the area trails will improve access to the Park from several different points.

River Sports: Clarify how the river use activities and the access points needed for river uses will ensure safe passage down the river.

And finally, please make sure the EIR explains the uses of the bridges where walking paths will be located, and address parking areas and disabled accessibility.

Thank You

John Sattler