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**To:** Public Comment <PublicComment@trpa.gov>  
**Cc:** John Hester <jhester@trpa.gov>; Julie Regan <jregan@trpa.gov>; TRPA <trpa@trpa.gov>;  
**Subject:** Public Comment TRPA APC Mtng 5-8-24 Agenda Item III  
**Attachments:** [5-7-24 Public Comment - TRPA APC Mtng 5-8-24 TahoeCleanAir.org.pdf](#)

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Dear TRPA APC,  
Please make this email and attachment part of the record and the minutes in connection with Agenda Item III in connection with the May 8, 2024 TRPA APC meeting.

Sincerely,  
Doug Flaherty, President  
Tahoe Sierra Clean Air Coalition (DBA TahoeCleanAir.org)  
A Nevada 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Corporation  
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Incline Village, NV 89451

TahoeCleanAir.org Organizational Purpose

Tahoe Sierra Clean Air Coalition (DBA TahoeCleanAir.Org) is a Nevada 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation registered to do business in the State of California. Our organizational purpose extends beyond protecting clean air, and includes, among other purposes, protecting and preserving natural resources, including but not limited to clean air, clean water, including lake and stream clarity, soils, plants and vegetation, wildlife and wildlife habitat including wildlife corridors, fish and fish habitat, birds and bird migration, insects, forest and wilderness from adverse environmental impacts and the threat and potential of adverse environmental impacts, including cumulative adverse impacts, within the Nevada and California Sierra Range, and its foothill communities, with corporation/organization geographical purpose priority being that of the Lake Tahoe Basin. Our purpose further extends to all things incidental to supporting environmental impact assessments and studies, including the gathering of data necessary to analyze the cumulative adverse environmental, health and safety impacts from public and private projects inside and outside the Lake Tahoe Basin, and addressing and supporting safe and effective evacuation during wildfire. Our purpose further extends to supporting transparency in government to ensure that our purpose and all things incidental to our specific and primary purposes are achieved.



May 7, 2024

To: TRPA APC

Re: Public Comment – Agenda Item III – TRPA APC Meeting May 8, 2024

Dear APC Committee Members,

Many believe a public vote of no confidence in the TRPA is now in order in connection with TRPA's pro-growth, pro-developer, and pro international destination recreation project and code change approvals. This, additionally in connection with the failure to prevent and reduce the microplastic, algae, aquatic invasive species and human over capacity crisis. **Caught up in regulatory capture, this includes the ongoing manipulation of threshold language and attainment dates to avoid any real accountability.**

Everyone knows the Lake Tahoe Basin is out of harmony and out of equilibrium, but TRPA Board and Committee Members continue to rubber stamp TRPA's staff findings and suggestions, failing to provide new leadership prioritizing true cumulative environmental analyses and public safety over pro-growth and failing to ask relevant hard questions of the staff.

The lack of leadership provided by the TRPA and the APC since 2012 continues to degrade the lake and jeopardize public safety in connection with increased human capacity, and most recently, within town center choke points and dense human recreation areas, which could easily lead to loss of life during wildfire evacuation.

This lack of confidence in the TRPA has been played out recently with the filing of two lawsuits connected with Area Plan and Code of Ordinance changes that were approved upon TRPA's continued "**findings of no significant environmental effect.**" This, utilizing the TRPA sham desktop environmental checklist which consistently circumvents comprehensive cumulative environmental analysis and prevents a cumulative supplemental EIS since the adoption of the 2012 Regional Plan.

The recent court ruling in favor of the Sierra Club in connection with Tahoe Keys herbicide use further demonstrated TRPA's ineptness as they bent over backward to approve this three year "test." These lawsuits have been joined by a constant barrage of local, state and international news articles driven by TRPA's continuing demonstration of mismanagement.

Thank you.

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**From:** Ellie <tahoellie@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** 5/1/2024 10:23:58 AM  
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Please provide this General Public Comment to the TRPA Governing Board and Advisory Planning Commission members ~Thank you, Ellie Waller

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Overtourism, conflicts of interest, developer-initiated blight, vast pollution combined with microplastic contam...