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STAFF REPORT

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To: TRPA Governing Board

From: TRPA Staff

Subject: Additional Public Comment Opportunity on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIR/DEIS) for the Tahoe Keys Lagoons Aquatic Weed Control Methods Test

Summary and Staff Recommendation:

No action is required at this time. Staff requests that the Governing Board (GB) offer comments and solicit additional public comments on the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), CEQA Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Tahoe Keys Lagoons Aquatic Weed Control Methods Test. Presentations on the project and DEIS/DEIR occurred at the July 23, 2020 Governing Board meeting, a public workshop on August 11, 2020, and at the August 12, 2020 Advisory Planning Commission meeting.

Public Comment:

The Draft EIR/EIS is available for public review and comment until September 3, 2020. Interested agencies, organizations, and individuals are encouraged to submit comments on the completeness and technical adequacy of the Draft EIR/EIS and alternatives. Comments are requested to be concise and focused on the specifics of the proposed project and alternatives to ensure that the impacts are adequately determined before the lead agencies make a final decision. The document can be referenced electronically at trpa.org and tahoekeysweeds.org. Project information can also be referenced at tahoekeysweeds.org.

In accordance with Article 6.13(b) of the TRPA Rules of Procedure, the comment period for the Draft EIR/EIS commenced on July 6, 2020 and will conclude on September 3, 2020. The purpose of the sixty-day comment period is to gather input from the public regarding the adequacy of the Draft EIR/EIS in terms of identified impacts and proposed mitigation measures that are addressed in the environmental document. After the comment period a Final EIR/EIS will be prepared that will include responses to all written comments received during the comment period and may include responses to oral or late comments per Article 6.14, TRPA Rules of Procedure. TRPA action on the project, including a hearing on certification of the Final EIR/EIS by the Governing Board, will be after publication of the Final EIS.

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