



# GB 2015 Retreat Summary: Action Initiatives

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# Presentation

- Introduction and Initiatives – Joanne Marchetta
- Possible APC Role in Initiatives – John Hester
- Discussion and Possible Direction - APC

# Introduction

## ***Framing Question:***

***“What are the most significant accomplishments needed in the next 5 years to advance our mission positively over the next 50?”***



# Introduction

## Themes for recommended action from APC: **Threshold Gain/Sustainability Leader**

1. REMAKE COMMODITY SYSTEM
2. REMOVE BARRIERS TO ENVIRONMENTAL REDEVELOPMENT
3. SIMPLIFY CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REDEVELOPMENT AND STREAMLINE REDEVELOPMENT PERMITTING PROCESS
4. FOCUS/PRIORITIZE LAKE CLARITY ACTIONS
5. MANAGE EIP PROGRAMMATICALLY AND COLLECTIVELY SET PRIORITIES
6. COMPREHENSIVE FIRE SAFETY PLAN
7. REDUCE PERSONAL AUTO USE/PROVIDE EFFICIENT, FREE TRANSIT



# Introduction

## Themes for recommended action from APC: **Using the Best Data/Science**

8. Update compact and thresholds to current purposes
9. Eliminate silos in thresholds/prioritize; streamline thresholds and metrics



# Priority Areas

## 3 Action Initiatives address Legacy Land Uses

- Accelerate SEZ and other sensitive land restoration in high priority watersheds
- Remove barriers to environmental redevelopment
- Remove/ replace legacy development

# Initiative # 1

## Commodities System Changes

- While retaining growth limits, evaluate impediments that discourage needed environmental redevelopment, and consider alternatives.
- Identify and implement feasible financing concepts and funding sources to “buy-out” and retire excess development.



# Initiative # 2

## Permitting Assistance “Welcome Mat”

- Complicated, confusing, overlapping, and difficult to understand multi-jurisdictional permitting processes and requirements discourage potential willing investors from improving or removing legacy development.
- Completing and making available a coordinated multi-jurisdiction permitting assistance “welcome mat” would address process barriers to env redevelopment.



# Initiative # 3

## Local Government Area Plans

- Primary tool to bring local land use plans up to date to implement the 2012 RPU and encourage streamlined permitting all at the local level.
- TRPA is supporting and collaborating with local gov'ts to complete all Area Plans in Region by 2020.



# Priority Areas

## 4 Action Initiatives address Environmental Improvement Program Priorities

- Seek innovation and new sources of funding for high priority EIP implementation needs
  - Forest health & fire defensible space
  - Aquatic Invasive Species Control
  - Stormwater Program O&M
  - Non-Auto transportation alternatives
- Address APC recommended themes 4-7

# Initiative # 4

## Forest Health & Fire Defensible Space

- Completing fuels and defensible space treatments in the WUI by 2020.
- Extending integrated forest management actions into the “threat zone” to accomplish multiple benefit forest restoration
  - planned through a collaborative, multi-agency process led by USFS and supported by TFFT

# Initiative # 5

## Aquatic Invasive Species Control

- We secured stable \$\$ to continue the basin's AIS Prevention Program. Now we are turning attention to funding and implementing AIS control programs.
- Establish priorities within control program and secure funding for highest priority control programs and projects to push back existing populations.



# Initiative # 6

## Stormwater Program O & M

Collaboration with partners on a strategy to secure long-term stable funding for O & M activities to sustain the function of stormwater management infrastructure installed through private, public, and public-private partnership investment.

# Initiative # 7

## Shoreline Adaptation Strategy

- Baseline information and climate change scenarios to be established.
- Dated prohibition on new structures in fish habitat and policies governing shoreline access and recreation to be updated.
- Study, understand, and establish policies and management protocols related to Tahoe's nearshore conditions.



# Initiative # 8

## Non-Auto Transportation Alternatives

To reduce carbon emissions and VMT

- Secure the funding sources needed to complete the round the Lake bike and ped trail system by 2020.
- Improving transit – specifically creating seamless, round the lake, “free to the passenger,” technologically up to date transit system to serve the basin.



# Priority Areas

2 Action Initiatives address use of best available data and science

- Streamline monitoring and reporting of thresholds compliance
- Update threshold standards to make them current and relevant to today's issues and concerns





# Initiative # 9

## 2016 Thresholds Evaluation

2016 Report will be the 6<sup>th</sup> since the start of threshold reporting and will set the stage to streamline monitoring and update threshold standards as recommended by 2012 independent peer review.



# Initiative # 10

## Streamline Monitoring & Update Thresholds

- Streamline monitoring and reporting of 151 standards for relevance, importance, and cost feasibility
- Review, prioritize, and consider updates to 30 year old standards to more current set of integrated landscape scale measures that apply today's best scientific approaches



# APC Role in Initiatives

- Overview of Initiatives and APC Roles

Initiative	APC Role
1. Commodities	
2. "Welcome Mat"	
3. Area Plans	
4. Forest Health	
5. Aquatic Invasive Species	
6. Stormwater	
7. Shoreline Adaptation Strategy	
8. Transportation	
9. Thresholds Report	
10. Thresholds Update	

Review & Recommend  
 Member Participation  
 Periodic Reports



# Discussion and Possible Direction



