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STAFF REPORT

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To: TRPA Governing Board
From: TRPA Staff
Subject: Briefing on 2019 Threshold Evaluation and TRPA's Digital First Initiative

Background:

TRPA will release the results of the 2019 Threshold Evaluation in early 2021. This evaluation will be the seventh comprehensive assessment of the Tahoe Region's ecosystem health relative to the adopted standards and the progress of the partners in the region towards achieving our shared goals. The evaluation process is a collaborative endeavor that draws on the monitoring work and analytic expertise of federal, state, and local agencies, academic institutions, local businesses, and private consultants. The evaluation will provide a comprehensive overview of the environmental health of the region as indicated by more than 150 threshold standards in nine threshold categories using data collected through the end of 2019.

The 2019 Threshold Evaluation will look very different from evaluations of the past. Gone are the more than 1,000 pages of text and equally voluminous appendices. The 2019 evaluation will take its cues from TRPA's Digital First initiative and will be an online, interactive dashboard, representing the best practice in informing the public, decision makers and stakeholders. As we move into this digital era, we are making this information more accessible and meaningful, and better linking regional actions to outcomes. Using a mix of interactive charts, maps and nested links, the new threshold dashboard will summarize key information to make it more accessible and digestible, while providing easy access to more detailed reports and documentation.

At the December Governing Board meeting, staff will present the new format for the evaluation, as well as other key components of the Digital First Initiative. The Digital First Initiative is a multi-year internal initiative that recognizes the key agency opportunity to evaluate its systems, processes and tools, and to pursue continuous improvement by transforming the agency's services in a "digital first" way. This initiative involves rethinking TRPA's technology, systems, people and processes to reimagine how we do what we do, what we track, how we tell the TRPA story.

This item is for informational purposes and no action is required.

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