

TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
TRPA RESOLUTION NO. 2020 –

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING WILLIAM CRAVEN,
CHIEF CONSULTANT, CALIFORNIA SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES & WATER COMMITTEE
FOR HIS CAREER SERVICE TO CALIFORNIA’S AND LAKE TAHOE’S
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION

WHEREAS, William “Bill” Craven is an Illinois native and former reporter who never lost his Midwestern sensibilities or his passion for pursuit of the truth; and

WHEREAS, Bill also spent time in Lawrence, Kansas, hometown for Kansas University, and as a result he continues to bleed “JayHawk Blue” during March Madness every collegiate basketball season, except for this past season; and

WHEREAS, while living in Kansas Bill began working for the Sierra Club; soon his Sierra Club colleagues realized Bill was ready for a bigger stage and he was selected to be the State Director for Sierra Club California; and

WHEREAS, while it was Bill’s Midwestern charm, good humor, intellect, and dogged determination to protect the Golden State’s natural resources that quickly earned him a well-deserved reputation as a leading environmental advocate at the State Capitol, it was Bill’s ability to listen, pay attention to changing situations, and react quickly within a fluid political arena that made him a leading environmental strategist within California; and

WHEREAS, much to the surprise of many political insiders within Sacramento, Bill successfully made the transition from being the Sierra Club’s principal advocate within the hallowed legislative halls and hearing rooms of the California State Capitol to becoming a respected staff policy consultant to the California State Senate; and

WHEREAS, Bill became the chief consultant of the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee, and for nearly 20 years in this capacity he drafted and shaped scores of historic environmental laws including numerous climate change legislative actions; and

WHEREAS, Bill’s service to the Senate Committee covered legislation pertaining to coastal and ocean protection, water, flood policy, mining, forestry, endangered species and wildlife, state lands and conservancies, state parks, and Lake Tahoe issues; and

WHEREAS, Lake Tahoe has been better served thanks to Bill’s oversight and stewardship in Sacramento; he demanded accountability from TRPA in meeting its environmental targets, and championed the creation of a bi-state science entity so that policy decisions protecting the Lake Tahoe are guided by the best available science; and

WHEREAS, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency owes Bill a debt of gratitude for his fortitude in preserving the Bi-State Tahoe Regional Planning Compact with Nevada, a key moment in Lake Tahoe's conservation; and

WHEREAS, Bill has contributed immeasurably over four decades to the protection of California's air, water, and wildlife in his decades-long career in environmental and conservation public policy; and

WHEREAS, Bill's commitment to the environment will reap benefits for future generations in Lake Tahoe and throughout the state of California, and

WHEREAS, we wish Bill and his wife many happy camping adventures in their retirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency express their sincere appreciation to Bill Craven for his service, his commitment, and his many value-added contributions to the Lake Tahoe Region.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency this 22nd____ day of July, 2020, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

William Yeates, Chair
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
Governing Board