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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY AND
TAHOE PARK WATER COMPANY

MARCH 1999

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This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into this 23 day of May, 1999, by and between the TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY (TRPA), through its Executive Director as authorized by the Governing Board, and the TAHOE PARK WATER COMPANY (TPWC), by and through its Board President.

All activities described in this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) shall be in accordance with the Regional Plan package of TRPA as adopted by Ordinance No. 87-9, as amended from time to time. Activities exempt under this MOU shall not result in the creation of additional land coverage, relocation of existing coverage, or an increase in vehicle trips in excess of that otherwise exempt pursuant to Chapter 4 of the TRPA Code. All activities undertaken by the TPWC pursuant to this MOU shall comply with applicable Best Management Practices (BMPs), and all provisions of the TRPA Code of Ordinances (Code), as it may be amended from time to time, except for the procedural provisions replaced by this MOU, and such guidelines as may be adopted by TRPA.

I. EXEMPT ACTIVITIES

The following activities of TPWC, in addition to those exempt pursuant to Chapter 4 of the TRPA Code, are not subject to review and approval by TRPA, provided any related excavation or backfilling work does not exceed 10 cubic yards (unless modified below), occurs during the grading season (May 1 to October 15) in land capability districts 4 through 7 and/or within an existing paved area, and the site is stabilized and revegetated within 72 hours to prevent erosion.

A. WATER SUPPLY ACTIVITIES

1. Repair and replacement of existing waterworks equipment such as pumps, valves, motors, compressors, generators, electrical systems, control systems, alarm systems, fire hydrants, pipes, screens, wells, water meters, service connections, service boxes, water tanks, and treatment facilities provided there is no increase in size or capacity and the replacement facilities are similar in type and function.
2. Install new service connections for TRPA-approved projects, or for existing improved properties which have abandoned their existing well or that require fire protection service, provided there is no increase in development potential.
3. Prune vegetation around water facilities and within easement areas provided no vegetation is removed.

4. Install new valves, fire hydrants and sampling hydrants (for water quality testing) along existing water lines within existing roadways and easements provided there is no increase in capacity.
5. Locate existing underground lines and appurtenances.
6. Install observation wells for groundwater monitoring and soil investigation.
7. Repair emergency leaks at any time provided all repair work is conducted within land capability districts 4 through 7 and/or within an existing paved roadway or compacted road shoulder.

B. SIGNS

1. Installation of roadside warning signs related to construction/ maintenance activities or needed for safety purposes, provided signs are removed within 10 business days following completion of the activities, or within 10 business days of the removal of the safety hazard.

C. STRUCTURES

1. Demolition of structures provided the structure is not designated, or pending designation on the TRPA Historic Resource Map, as amended from time to time.
2. Structural repair or remodeling less than \$5,000 per year which does not result in an increase in the dimensions of a structure (including height), a change of use, an increase of commercial floor area, or an increase in density.

D. EROSION CONTROL AND RESTORATION ACTIVITIES

1. Installation of erosion control devices such as:
 - a. Sediment basins not exceeding 150 square feet in size.
 - b. Swales.
 - c. Rock slope protection not visible from TRPA-designated scenic roadway or shorezone unit, Class I bike paths, or recreation area.
 - d. Rock-lined ditches.
 - e. Willow wattling.
 - f. Access barriers, i.e. bollards and split-rail fencing.
 - g. Installation of temporary erosion control devices.

2. Restoration of disturbed areas of one acre or less provided scarification does not exceed 6" in depth and excavation and filling does not exceed 20 cubic yards, and a complete set of plans showing all proposed plant materials and grading is submitted to TRPA at least 14 days prior to the commencement of restoration.

E. MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

1. Land surveys, corner recovery, re-monumentation and land-line posting.
2. Use of portable instruments for research and monitoring of water systems.

II. QUALIFIED EXEMPT ACTIVITIES

The following activities of TPWC are not subject to review and approval by TRPA, provided TPWC certifies, on a form provided by TRPA, that the activity does not result in the creation of additional land coverage or relocation of land coverage, excavation and backfilling does not exceed 25 cubic yards (unless modified below), occurs during the grading season (May 1 through October 15) in land capability districts 4 through 7 and/or within an existing paved area, and the site is stabilized and revegetated within 72 hours to prevent erosion, and the activity is in conformance with the applicable provisions of the TRPA Code. The statement shall be filed with TRPA at least five working days before the activity commences. For those activities involving in excess of 25 cubic yards of excavation (as provided below), TPWC shall submit the statement to TRPA at least 30 days before the activity commences. The following activities are in addition to those activities deemed "Qualified Exempt" pursuant to Chapter 4 of the TRPA Code.

A. WATER SUPPLY ACTIVITIES

1. Replace existing water lines and service connections for a distance of not more than 2,500 lineal feet, provided all excavation is within an existing road right-of-way, there is no increase in capacity, relocation of main lines is within existing paved areas or compacted road shoulders, the amount of excavation is the minimum necessary, and all stockpiling of spoil material is accomplished in accordance with TRPA BMP's.
2. Repair or replace existing water intake lines (provided no disturbance occurs in the shorezone or land capability districts 1, 2, or 3), vertical wells, horizontal wells, and infiltration galleries with facilities of similar type and function, and no increase in size or capacity.
3. Install new water lines and service connections for a distance of not more than 750 lineal feet to intertie existing facilities or extend service to TRPA-approved projects or to existing improved

properties which have abandoned their existing well or that need fire protection service, provided all excavation is within an existing road right-of-way, there is no increase in capacity or development potential, the main line is within an existing paved area or compacted road shoulder, the amount of excavation is the minimum necessary, and all stockpiling of spoil material is accomplished in accordance with TRPA BMP's.

B. EROSION CONTROL AND RESTORATION ACTIVITIES

1. Installation of retaining walls not exceeding 200 feet in length and 3 feet in height, provided that if located within a TRPA-designated scenic roadway or shoreline unit, the wall design is consistent with the TRPA Design Review Guidelines, and an inventory of existing retaining walls is completed prior to the installation of any new walls.
2. Restoration of disturbed areas not exceeding 2 acres, provided scarification does not exceed 6" in depth, and a complete set of plans showing all proposed plant materials and grading is submitted to TRPA at least 30 days prior to the commencement of restoration.

III. TREATMENT AND ACCOUNTING OF COVERAGE

It is understood by the TPWC and TRPA that the activities set forth herein may result in a requirement to mitigate existing excess coverage. Further, many of the activities involve removal of existing land coverage or restoration of disturbed lands.

Chapter 38 of the Code provides for the accounting, tracking, and banking of coverage in conjunction with Chapter 30. The TPWC shall report to the Executive Director of TRPA annually on the status of compliance with all excess coverage mitigation, coverage removal and restoration requirements as related to all activities undertaken pursuant to this MOU.

IV. LOSS OF EXEMPTION

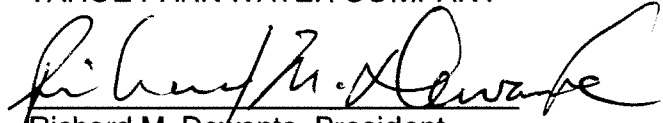
Any exempt activity set forth herein shall be considered a project requiring TRPA review if the Executive Director determines that, because of unusual circumstances, the activity may have a substantial effect on the land, air, water, space, or any other natural resources in the Region.

V. TERMINATION

This MOU may be terminated by either party upon sixty (60) days notice in writing.

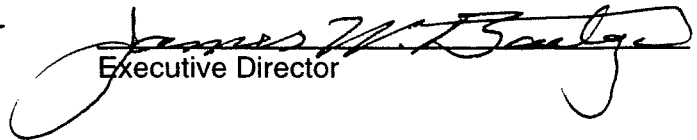
TAHOE PARK WATER COMPANY

DATED: 5-20-99


Richard M. Dewante, President

TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

DATED: 5-10-99


Executive Director