

APPENDIX V

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY AND
DOUGLAS COUNTY SEWER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

JUNE 1992

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into this 24th day of June, 1992, by and between the TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY (TRPA), through its Executive Director as authorized by the Governing Board, and the DOUGLAS COUNTY SEWER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (DCSID), by and through its District Manager.

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 Subsection 4.3.B of the TRPA Code. All activities undertaken by the DCSID 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 DCSID, in addition to those exempt pursuant to Section 4.2. 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/or revegetated within 72 hours to prevent erosion.

A. WASTEWATER COLLECTION ACTIVITIES

1. Repair and replace wastewater collection system related equipment such as pumps, valves, motors, compressors, generators, electrical systems, control systems, alarm systems, pipes, service connections, odor control facilities, pumping stations, meters, and wet wells provided there is no increase in size or capacity and replacement facilities are similar in type and function.
2. Grouting, sealing and pressure testing of sewer lines, service laterals, and appurtenances.

3. Prune vegetation around existing sewer facilities and within easement areas involving no removal of vegetation.
4. Locate underground lines and manholes.
5. Repair of 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.
6. Smoke and dye test sewer lines to locate sources of surface and sub-surface water intrusion.

B. WASTEWATER PLANT, SEWER PUMP STATIONS AND OTHER DCSID FACILITY SITES

1. Maintenance of existing roads, trails and related drainage facilities, including patching, sealing, overlaying of existing paved areas, and striping.
2. Landscape and revegetate with TRPA-approved species, including installation, repair and replacement of irrigation systems.
3. Pruning of vegetation to maintain adequate site distance and removal of hazardous limbs on roads and trails.

C. 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.

D. 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 in commercial floor area, or an increase in density.

E. 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 any 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.

F. MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

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

II. QUALIFIED EXEMPT ACTIVITIES

The following activities of DCSID are not subject to review and approval by TRPA, provided DCSID 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 to October 15) in land capability districts 4-7 and/or within an existing paved area, and the site is stabilized and/or 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), DCSID 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 Section 4.3 of the TRPA Code.

A. WASTE WATER COLLECTION ACTIVITIES

1. Replace existing sewer lines and service connections for a distance of not more than 750 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 BMPs.

2. Install new sewer lines for a distance of not more than 750 lineal feet to intertie existing facilities or extend service to TRPA-approved projects, provided all excavation is within an existing road right-of-way, there is no increase in capacity, 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 BMPs.

B. WASTEWATER PLANT, SEWER PUMP STATIONS AND OTHER DCSID FACILITY SITES

1. Replacement of existing fences, provided there is no increase in height, and the fence is consistent with the TRPA Design Review Guidelines.
2. Tree removal for public health and safety pursuant to Section 71.4.E(2) of the TRPA Code.
3. Regrading and graveling of existing roads, parking lots and trails provided that BMPs are in place, including dust control measures.

C. 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 (Chapter 1, Section C(7) and Section 30.13.C(2) of the TRPA Code, 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.

D. MISCELLANEOUS

1. DCSID may request and obtain emergency permits from TRPA for certain projects in accordance with Article V. of the TRPA Rules of Procedure.

III. TREATMENT AND ACCOUNTING OF COVERAGE

It is understood by the DCSID 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 20. The DCSID 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 resource in the Region.

V. TERMINATION

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

DOUGLAS COUNTY SEWER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

DATED: _____

11/13/92



Jim Martin, District Manager

TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

DATED: _____

Nov. 25, 1992



David S. Ziegler, Executive Director