

STAFF REPORT

Date: April 17, 2019

To: TRPA Catastrophic Wildfire Committee

From: TRPA Staff

Subject: Catastrophic Wildfire Committee Name Change and Charter Amendment

Summary and Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Committee recommend to the Governing Board approval of the Catastrophic Wildfire Committee name change and charter amendment.

Required Motion:

In order to approve the Catastrophic Wildfire Committee name change and charter amendment, the Committee must make the following motion, based on the staff report:

- 1) A motion to approve the Catastrophic Wildfire Committee name change and charter amendment as shown in Attachment A.

In order for the motion to pass, a majority of the committee quorum must vote to recommend approval to the Governing Board.

Background:

The TRPA Governing Board is authorized by Article 2 of the TRPA Rules of Procedure to conduct business through the work of various Committees created by the Board. Each Committee functions under an adopted charter, developed by the Committee and approved by the Board, stating the scope of subject matter authorized for the Committee's consideration. The Catastrophic Wildfire Committee's current charter authorizes it to "(a) seriously review, and recommend amendment and streamlining, of regulation and permit procedure for removal of forest fuels and for tree thinning so as to make such regulations and permit procedure more efficient, cost effective and understandable; (b) make periodic reports, and eventual recommendations to the Governing Board; (c) give direction to, and be supported by TRPA planning staff" (See Attachment A). The proposed new language would be more encompassing of forest health, which includes fuel treatments and wildfire issues. By adding more comprehensive language, the Committee can be engaged in more forest health related topics and projects across the Basin.

The Committee Charter is attached to this staff summary as Attachment A. It shows in blue text the recommended changes. Recommended deletions are shown in "strikethrough" text.

Contact Information:

For questions regarding this agenda item, please contact Christina Restaino at crestaino@trpa.org or Kimberly Caringer at kcaringer@trpa.org.

Attachment:

A. Catastrophic Wildfire Committee Charter, with proposed amendments

Attachment A

Catastrophic Wildfire Committee Charter, with proposed amendments

Forest Health and Catastrophic Wildfire Committee

Committee: Forest Health and Wildfire Committee

Charter: The responsibilities of this committee of the Board will be to: (a) address any policy issues, regulatory changes, and project permitting related to forest health, (b) review updates to vegetation threshold standards and code of ordinances pertaining to forest health,~~(a) seriously review, and recommend amendment and streamlining, of regulation and permit procedure for removal of forest fuels and for tree thinning so as to make such regulations and permit procedure more efficient, cost-effective and understandable;~~ (c)~~(b)~~ make periodic reports, and eventual recommendations to the Governing Board; (d)~~(e)~~ give direction to, and be supported by TRPA planning staff

Members: To be determined by the Board

Staff: ~~Mike Vollmer, Program Coordinator~~ Forest Ecosystem Health Program Manager

Meeting: This committee meets as needed