



Regional Plan Update

Milestone #5: Conservation

Wildlife & Fisheries, Vegetation, Soil Conservation,
Monitoring & Evaluation, and Shorezone

Governing Board and APC Presentation
July 28, 2010

Today's Meeting Agenda

- 9:30 Agenda Overview and Introduction
- 9:35 Summary of the one major issue in Wildlife & Fisheries and the one major issue in Soil Conservation
- 9:45 Clarifying questions and comments from APC and GB – taken issue by issue, in order
- 10:15 General public comment
- 10:45 Board adjournment (Board goes into closed session with TRPA Legal staff for one hour)



Today's Meeting Agenda (cont'd)

- 10:45 APC discussion – development and synthesis of technical advice to GB
- 11:45 Board reconvenes, and APC Chair or designee presents synthesized technical advice
- 11:50 Board clarifying questions on APC advice
- 12:00 Public comment – *limited to APC advice only*
- 12:15 Board votes to provide direction to staff on the major issues/any minor issue that was raised

9:35 item

Summary of the one major issue in
Wildlife & Fisheries and the one major
issue in Soil Conservation

W&F Issue #1: The Staff Proposal

Staff proposes to codify that it is TRPA's policy to protect the populations and habitats of special status species in the Tahoe Basin.

Wildlife & Fisheries in the Compact and the Thresholds

- unique environmental and ecological values are irreplaceable
- ecological values and public opportunities for use of public lands are threatened
- public interest = protecting ecological values for residents and visitors alike
- Thresholds: “Wildlife adds to enjoyment of Lake Tahoe.”

Soil Conservation Issue #1: New Land Capability Mapping

Staff proposes to make it TRPA's policy to use the best, most up-to-date, most complete scientific and technical information to update the 1974 land capability map.

9:45 item

Clarifying questions and comments from
APC and GB – taken issue by issue, in order

- ❖ Shane Romsos - Measurement & Reporting
- ❖ Patrick Stone - Wildlife & Fisheries
- ❖ Ted Thayer - Aquatic Invasive Species
- ❖ Mike Vollmer - Forest Fuels
- ❖ Paul Nielsen - Regional Plan Update Team Lead



10:15 item

General public comment



10:45 item

Board adjournment

10:46 item

APC discussion (working
lunch) – development and
synthesis of technical advice
to GB

APC Technical Advice

Wildlife & Fisheries Issue #1: Special Status Species

- The APC supports the policy direction proposed by staff and recommends that the species that must be considered during project review include “the seven species mentioned in the Threshold as well as the species listed by state and federal agencies as Threatened, Endangered, or Rare.”

APC Technical Advice (cont'd)

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End of Presentation

THANK YOU

W&F Issue #1: Existing Code Section

TRPA Code of Ordinances, 78.3.B,
“Adverse Impacts:”

- Uses, projects or activities, outside existing urban areas and within the disturbance zone of special interest, threatened, endangered or rare species, shall not, directly or indirectly, significantly adversely affect the habitat or cause the displacement or extirpation of the population.

W&F Issue #1: Proposed Policy and IM

- GOAL WF-2:

- ENDANGERED/SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES: Populations of, and environmental conditions and processes important to, native threatened, endangered, rare, special interest or sensitive species are at a sustainable level.

- Policy WF-2.1:

- PROJECT REVIEW EVALUATION: Evaluate and disclose potential beneficial and negative impacts to special status wildlife and fish species populations and their habitats during project review.

- Implementation Measure WF.IMP-5:

- Modify Code language so that protections for “species populations” are specifically described for populations “in the Tahoe Basin.” This more narrow definition of “population” would increase species protection by decreasing the area for which an impact is being considered in the environmental analysis, thus avoiding dilution of the impact in a larger population.

Soils Issue #1: Proposed Policy and IM

Proposed Soil Conservation Policy S-2.1 states:

- Allowable land coverage in the Tahoe Basin shall be set in accordance with the land capability district classification methodology and district based coverage limitations set forth in the Land Capability Classification of the Lake Tahoe Basin, California and Nevada, A Guide for Planning (Bailey 1974).

To implement the proposed policy direction in italics above, staff would retain Policy S-2.1 and amend Implementation Measure S.IMP-2 as follows:

- Adopt an updated, planning-level land capability map of the Lake Tahoe Basin that is based on the best available geology, hydrology, geomorphology, vegetation, and soils data and information. ~~the 2007 soil survey update prepared by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service.~~