

**TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY  
GOVERNING BOARD**

North Tahoe Conference Center  
8318 North Lake Blvd.  
Kings Beach, CA

July 26, 2006

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - UPDATED**

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chairman Biaggi called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Members Present: Ms. Aldean, Mr. Biaggi, Mr. Harris for Mr. Galloway, Mr. Kranz, Mr. Merrill, Ms. Motamedi, Mr. Ruthe, Ms. Santiago, Mr. Smith, Mr. Swobe, Mr. Waldie, Mr. Weber, Mr. Yount

Members Absent: Ms. Bresnick, Mr. Heller

III. PUBLIC INTEREST COMMENTS

None

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Merrill stated that he did not support the open session for the Executive Director performance feedback. He doesn't feel you can have a constructive feedback session in front of the public. Mr. Weber also agreed with Mr. Merrill's statement and suggested that in the future there is a way that the Chair and Vice-Chair could implement a process in advance on items that we would like addressed between the Board and the Executive Director.

Ms. Santiago moved approval of the agenda.  
Motion carried unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Aldean moved approval as amended.  
Motion carried unanimously.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mr. Waldie stated that the Legal Committee unanimously approved Item #3. Ms. Motamedi moved approval of the Consent Calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Acceptance of June 2006 Monthly Financial Statement was continued until the August

Governing Board.

***The following Consent Calendar items were approved:***

2. New Commercial Business, Gonzales Marine, 1630 Shop Street, South Lake Tahoe, South Wye Industrial Community Plan, APN 032-313-23, File# 20060672
3. Resolution of Enforcement Action, Unauthorized Material Damage to Trees, John and Cheryl Wingo, 824 Tyner, Washoe County, Incline Village, Nevada, APN 125-156-06

**VII. GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Mr. Waldie stated that he would like to comment on the City of South Lake Tahoe's position in regards to TRPA and the ongoing situation involving the removal of several hundred trees at the airport. The press accounts that he has seen consistently refer to the inability of TRPA to be significantly sensitive to the safety issues and that if we do not follow the recommendation, we will be encouraging violations of safety regulations and do great harm. He wants to make it clear that the TRPA hasn't anything to do with running the airport and if there is a safety problem because of action or inaction of TRPA; it's up to City to close the airport down. If they run night flights and they run them dangerously because in their view TRPA hasn't acquiesced to their demands; that are their fault. It's a shameful thing for the City to suggest that they would not abide by safety regulations that are their obligation.

Ms. Motamedi stated that on July 18 she attended the Pathway Place-Based Planning session in Tahoe City and was very impressed with the collaborative workshop that was held. She thanks Mr. Yount for encouraging her to attend this workshop. There was a wide variety of the community that attended the workshop and they were very dedicated and committed to the work that they were doing. They had some excellent concerns and contributions that they provided. She encourages other Board members to attend these sessions.

Mr. Weber requested topics for future agendas: 1) A Senior Official from EPA to address the Board on EPA smart growth policies and practices, 2) A leading National expert on ground water mitigation technologies, 3) An Erosion Control Engineer, 4) Traffic mitigation strategies to enhance flow through and reduction of air pollution, 5) Algae expert on milfoil eradication methodologies we can implement soon and, 6) A Green development expert to encourage that kind of growth and development in the Basin.

**VIII. REPORTS**

**A. Executive Director Status Report.**

1. Monthly Status Report on Permit Processing
2. Forest Fuels Management Update

Mr. Singlaub gave the Director's Status Report and introduced Carl Hasty, Steve Hall and Elwood Miller who gave an update on forest fuels management.

**B. Legal Division Monthly Status Report.**

Ms. Marchetta stated that today the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board is holding the continuation of their hearing on the sewer spill that occurred last August in Kings Beach. Jordan Kahn from TRPA Legal staff is attending that hearing to monitor the proceedings and any results that may come out of this hearing. The Governing Board had recommended to staff that we make some changes to our existing permit conditions to include some reference or statement to call the USA Digs number in the event of any project that was going to undertake any kind of subsurface excavation. We have made that change and have included that provision in our permits.

## IX. PLANNING MATTERS

### A. Pathway 2007 Place-Based Planning Status Report

Staff member Coleen Shade introduced members of the four place-based areas of the planning working groups which includes South Lake Tahoe, Placer County, Washoe County/IVGID and Public Lands. Rex Norman, Diane Severance, Jennifer Merchant/Emilio Vaca and Joy Curry gave a presentation on their planning group's place-based work.

Terri Marceron, representing the USFS, joined as the Federal member to the TMPO Board.

Adjourned as the TRPA and convene as the TMPO

## X. TAHOE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

### A. Resolution Adopting the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) for the Lake Tahoe Region

Staff member Marc Reynolds presented the resolution to adopt the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Weber moved approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned as the TMPO and convene as the TRPA

## XI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

### A. Public Comment on the DRAFT EIR/EIS/EIS for the Heavenly Mountain Resort Master Plan Amendment

Staff member Jeanne McNamara stated that the EIR/EIS/EIS comment period has been extended an additional nine days to allow for additional public comment at this meeting.

Public Comment:

Steve Kenninger strongly supported the plan amendment.

Carl Ribaldo, President South Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce and Chair of the Transition Board for the merger of the two chambers stated that that he

supports the triple bottom line concept advocated by TRPA. He sees this as the only viable strategy to improve the environment, the economy and the social impacts to the Community. He supported the master plan amendment.

Carole Chaplan, Aramark, stated that she supports Heavenly's master plan amendment Alternative 4.

Jerry Bendale, President of the South Lake Tahoe Lodging Association, stated that he has seen the positive influences of Vail Resorts on Breckenridge and has also seen the positive results here in Lake Tahoe as well.

Nicole Gibson, summer intern with the Sierra Nevada Alliance, stated she has encouraged the alternative that evaluates the feasibility of a kinked chair lift at the North Bowl, which has the potential to spare over 240 old growth trees under the preferred alternative.

Shaun Rolls, real estate developer, stated that he thinks that Heavenly is the key of our community and really important. He feels however there needs to be more review done on the 120 Stage Coach residential project.

Autumn Bernstein, Land Use Coordinator for Sierra Nevada Alliance, stated that she urges the Board to revise the draft environmental impact statements to include a new alternative which includes building a kink lift in the North Bowl.

John Friedrich, League to Save Lake Tahoe, stated the League feels that Heavenly is committed to doing the right thing and feel that by working together, they can find the best possible alternative that meets Heavenly's objectives and is done in a way that has the most environmentally responsible outcome.

Ken Daly, President of Area Transit Management, stated that he supports the master plan amendment Alternative 4. He has first hand knowledge of Heavenly's commitment to environmental stewardship in the Basin.

Josh Bennen, stated that Heavenly is a bad neighbor. They routinely plow snow from the streets below the California Lodge parking lot onto Saddle Road, frequently after the City has finished plowing it. They are going to have to pave Saddle Road this year as they did two years ago because of the snow and because of the clogged drainage that results from the run off from the California Lodge parking lot.

Rod Hays, stated his concern is the run off from the California Lodge and the pollution that occurs there. The existing best management practices are not working properly and the existing tributaries and creeks are being over burdened. Heavenly consistently violates the state water quality standards for oil, grease, abrasives, de-icers, and iron.

Linda Dengler, did not support the cutting of trees in the North Bowl and supported the kink lift concept.

Trish Ronald, League to Save Lake Tahoe, stated that the League has

a good working relationship with the management of Heavenly and hopefully they can work things out in this new plan. The Board should make sure that the environment is protected and there is no further degradation of the Lake.

Mr. Waldie stated that when staff is considering the lift problem, he would be interested in two things: 1) cost of the environmental damage as well as the cost of the lift and 2) what mitigation is now proposed for the loss of the 200 trees.

## XII. PROJECT REVIEW

### A. Approval of the South Tahoe Redevelopment "Project 3", City of South Lake Tahoe, California, TRPA File Number 20060223

Staff member Lyn Barnett presented the project and conditions of the recommended approval of the South Tahoe Redevelopment "Project 3".

#### Public Comment:

Joy Curry, store owner in the Heavenly village, stated that people don't come to South Lake Tahoe for one night, they usually stay for several nights. She is in the village on a day by day basis and the majority of the visitors walk from hotels around the area or are staying in the Marriott Village. So traffic and parking for this project should not be a major problem.

John Friedrich, League to Save Lake Tahoe, stated they support the recommended addition to the plan to add adaptive management with a component for parking and traffic monitoring, as they believe this project will in fact lead to increased traffic.

Mr. Weber moved approval with no significant environmental effect with the following amendments: 1) require a will serve letter from the City of South Lake Tahoe for offsite capacity for their storm water basin, 2) require perpetual parking monitoring and corrective measures if there are parking problems and also pay an annual reimbursement fee to TRPA to offset the costs of that monitoring program, and 3) monitor traffic volume and if there are changes in traffic that are related to this project that go beyond what was predicted, and apply an adaptive management strategy to correct those changes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Weber moved approval of the project based on staff's summary subject to the standard and special conditions of the approval and the endorsed draft permit with the amended conditions.

Motion carried unanimously.

### B. Crosswhite Shorezone Pier addition/modification, located at 4676 North Lake Blvd, Placer County, CA, Assessor's Parcel Number 115-070-10, File Number 20060326

Staff member Gretchen Gibson presented the addition/modification of the Crosswhite Shorezone pier.

Public Comment:

Jan Brisco, representing the applicant, stated that this project is the kind of project that we want to see with the new Shorezone ordinances.

Mr. Kranz moved approval of the findings with no significant environmental effect. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kranz moved approval of the project with the amendments contained in the staff summary dated July 24, 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

### XIII. ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

#### A. Executive Director's Performance Review

The Board held a discussion on the Executive Director's performance for the past year. The Governing Board approved the Executive Director's Salary Adjustment of 4% effective 7/1/2006 and an increase of \$100/month in car allowance.

### XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Biaggi adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Nikkel  
Clerk to the Board

*The above meeting was taped. Anyone wishing to listen to the tapes of the above mentioned meeting may call for an appointment at (775) 588-4547. In addition, written documents submitted at the meeting are available for review at the TRPA Office, 128 Market Street, Stateline, Nevada.*