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Public Overwhelmingly in Support of Regional Plan Update at Recent Governing Board Meetings

Stateline, NV – The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Governing Board completed their two-day meeting on the final draft Regional Plan Update this week, leading up to the decisive meeting on December 12 when they are scheduled to take final action on the Plan and associated documents.

The meetings, which occurred on Wednesday, November 14 at The Chateau in Incline Village, NV and Thursday, November 15 at Harvey's Resort in Stateline, NV spurred extensive public input on the final draft documents. A total of 78 people addressed the Governing Board with 5:1 in support of passing the update. In total, 64 spoke in support of the final draft Plan and 14 spoke against.

Joe Lanza, a 40-year resident of Lake Tahoe who raised his nine children in the Basin reminded the Governing Board that, "Every one of us is an environmentalist. As a Board, it is important that you set an example and pass the Regional Plan."

Karen Houser, Executive Director of the South Lake Tahoe Boys and Girls Club asked the Governing Board to "show our children that we (the adults) are willing to take the risk and have the courage to pass this Plan so they can have a future."

Dan McHale, General Manager of Inn by the Lake said, "We are all dependent on Lake Tahoe's beauty. Passing the Regional Plan Update is a major step in the right direction to protecting both the Lake and our communities."

On Wednesday's agenda was a Regional Plan Update Committee meeting in which members deliberated on approximately 10 issues raised by two Governing Board members concerning the final draft documents during their October Governing Board meeting. Of these, the Committee agreed to advance just two to the full Governing Board for inclusion in the final Regional Plan Update. One was a list of technical corrections and clarifications to the final Plan, and the other an update to language describing how area-wide Best Management Practices for stormwater should be implemented.

“I am pleased that everyone on the Governing Board had a chance to be heard,” said E. Clement Shute, Jr., Chair of the Regional Plan Update Committee, “and that we are on target with our goal of delivering a Regional Plan Update by the end of this year.”

The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency cooperatively leads the effort to preserve, restore, and enhance the unique natural and human environment of the Lake Tahoe Region now and in the future. For additional information, call Kristi Boosman at (775) 589-5230 or send an email to kboosman@trpa.org.

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