

Strategic Initiatives Monthly Report – December 2015

Strategic Initiative	Status
1. Commodities System Changes	<p>Progress/Accomplishments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed stakeholder interview questions for the Commodities System Changes and Permitting Assistance “Welcome Mat” and conducted orientation for APC members that are going to help with interviews • Developed a Commodities Tracking/Banking Tool
	<p>Future Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APC members will be working with TRPA staff on conducting stakeholder interviews
	<p>Team Lead: Jennifer Cannon, Senior Planner, (775) 589-5297 or jcannon@trpa.org</p>
2. Permitting Assistance “Welcome Mat”	<p>Progress/Accomplishments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified 7 Tasks for improving permitting (<i>TRPA Continuous Improvement, Technology, Applicant Playbook, Policies and Regulations, Site Bank, Regional Permitting Process and Customer Service, and Ongoing Advisory User Groups</i>) • Developed cross-division TRPA staff “Task Teams” to work on the 7 Tasks
	<p>Future Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task Teams to meet and identify/prioritize projects • Use the Task Teams recommendations (internal) and stakeholder interviews (external) for developing a project list and recommendations for moving forward
	<p>Team Lead: Wendy Jepson, Current Planning Manager, (775) 589-5269 or wjepson@trpa.org</p>
3. Local Government Area Plans	<p>Progress/Accomplishments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked with Placer County on updating the Draft Placer County Tahoe Basin Area Plan to reflect transportation plans and projects and developed the Project Alternatives to be evaluated in the joint EIR/EIS
	<p>Future Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to coordinate with Placer County on the preparation of the joint EIR/EIS • Coordinate with El Dorado County on determining the level of environmental review necessary for the Meyers Area Plan • Coordinate with the City of South Lake Tahoe on initiating the public outreach process for the City’s next Area Plan • Coordinate with Douglas County on updating the Draft Tahoe Douglas Area Plan and South Shore Area Plan
	<p>Team Lead: Brandy McMahan, Principal Planner, (775) 589-5274 or bmcMahon@trpa.org</p>

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4. Forest Health	Progress/Accomplishments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met with U.S. Forest Service and local fire protection districts to identify additional qualified exempt activities and discuss Code and MOU changes to facilitate forest fuels reduction in Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)
	Future Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate/Support efforts to secure funding for forest fuels reduction, such as the new Wildfire Defense Act
	Team Lead: Mike Vollmer, Environmental Improvement Program Manager, (775) 589-5268 or mvollmer@trpa.org
5. Aquatic Invasive Species Control	Progress/Accomplishments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied for CA Prop 1 funding for environmental review of warm water fish removal projects Attended the national AIS Task Force meeting Completed survey work and identified new locations of invasive plants in Crystal Bay
	Future Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure funding for NV-side weed removal projects in Crystal Bay
	Team Lead: Dennis Zabaglo, Aquatic Resources Program Manager, (775) 589-5255 or dzabaglo@trpa.org
6. Stormwater Management Operations and Maintenance	Progress/Accomplishments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held one on one stakeholder meetings to discuss draft recommendations and refine platform/ messaging to obtain long term funding for operations and maintenance (O&M) of stormwater management facilities Refined platform and recommendations from stakeholder feedback
	Future Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present platform, recommendations and options for next steps to stakeholders and agency executives at December 3rd meeting Endorsement of next step for long term strategy
	Team Lead: Shay Navarro, Stormwater Program Manager, (775) 589-5282 or snavarro@trpa.org

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7. Shoreline Strategy	<p>Progress/Accomplishments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formed a Shoreline Steering Committee (TRPA staff, League to Save Lake Tahoe, and Tahoe Lakefront Owners' Association) to guide process • Issued a Request for Proposals for Mediation and Planning Services and organized an interview panel (TRPA staff, Shoreline Steering Committee, Nevada Division of State Lands, Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board, and California State Lands Commission) to select the consultant
	<p>Future Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter into a contract with a consultant and develop a process for moving forward
	<p>Team Lead: Brandy McMahon, Principal Planner, (775) 589-5274 or bmcMahon@trpa.org</p>
8. Regional Transportation Plan Update	<p>Progress/Accomplishments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Began to identify 20 year transportation project list using EIP Tracker • Corridor planning underway; 3 meetings have been held • Met with CA Air Resources Board to discuss GHG reduction targets
	<p>Future Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present RTP Public Outreach Participation Plan to Governing Board
	<p>Team Lead: Karen Fink, Principal Planner, (775) 589-5204 or kfink@trpa.org</p>
9. Thresholds Evaluation Report	<p>Progress/Accomplishments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most of the monitoring work for the 2015 Threshold Evaluation Report has been completed • Now focusing on writing chapters for the Report
	<p>Future Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to work on writing chapters for the Threshold Evaluation Report for the peer review scheduled to begin in April 2016
	<p>Team Lead: Jeanne McNamara, Principal Planning Analyst, (775) 589-5252 or jmcmamara@trpa.org</p>
10. Streamline Monitoring and Update Thresholds	<p>Progress/Accomplishments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working internally on developing a process to evaluate each threshold standard
	<p>Future Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present the process for evaluating threshold standards to RPIC and/or GB and include it in the draft Threshold Evaluation Report for peer review
	<p>Team Lead: Dan Segan, Principal Natural Resource Analyst, (775) 589-5233 or dsegan@trpa.org</p>