Strategic Initiatives Monthly Report - January 2016		
Strategic Initiative	Status	
1. Commodities System Changes	Progress/Accomplishments:  • Partnered with Advisory Planning Commission (APC) members to complete approximately 16 stakeholder interviews for the Commodities System Changes and Permitting Assistance "Welcome Mat" Strategic Initiatives  • Continued to upgrade the Commodities Tracking/Banking Tool	
	<ul> <li>Future Focus:</li> <li>TRPA staff and APC members will continue to conduct stakeholder interviews</li> <li>Present the results of the stakeholder interview results to the Regional Plan Implementation Committee</li> <li>Team Lead: Jennifer Cannon, Senior Planner, (775) 589-5297 or jcannon@trpa.org</li> </ul>	
2. Permitting Assistance "Welcome Mat"	Progress/Accomplishments:  • Active Task Teams (Continuous Improvement, Technology, and Regional Permitting Process) identified top long-term priority projects and short-term projects that can be implemented in six months or less  • Task Leads presented these projects to larger collaborative group for feedback	
	Future Focus:  • Task Teams will continue to work on short-term projects, and developing strategies for moving forward with long-term priority projects	
	Team Lead: Wendy Jepson, Current Planning Manager, (775) 589-5269 or wjepson@trpa.org	
3. Local Government Area Plans	<ul> <li>Progress/Accomplishments:</li> <li>Worked with Placer County to ensure consistency with ongoing County/Regional planning efforts and incorporate updates into the Draft Placer County Tahoe Basin Area Plan to reflect transportation plans and projects</li> <li>Future Focus:</li> <li>Continue to coordinate with Placer County on the preparation of the joint EIR/EIS</li> <li>Coordinate with El Dorado County on determining the level of environmental review necessary for the Meyers Area Plan</li> <li>Coordinate with the City of South Lake Tahoe on initiating the public outreach process for the City's next Area Plan</li> <li>Coordinate with Douglas County on updating the Draft Tahoe Douglas Area Plan and South Shore Area Plan</li> </ul>	
	Team Lead: Brandy McMahon, Principal Planner, (775) 589-5274 or bmcmahon@trpa.org	

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4. Forest Health	Progress/Accomplishments:  • With U.S. Forest Service and local fire protection districts, identified additional qualified exempt activities and discussed Code and MOU changes to facilitate forest fuels reduction in Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)
	Future Focus:  • Investigate/support efforts to secure funding for forest fuels reduction, such as the CAL FIRE SRA Fire Prevention Grant  • Continue working with the U.S. Forest Service on an MOU update and permit streamlining
	<b>Team Lead:</b> Mike Vollmer, Environmental Improvement Program Manager, (775) 589-5268 or mvollmer@trpa.org
5. Aquatic Invasive Species Control	<ul> <li>Progress/Accomplishments:</li> <li>Collaborating with AIS Program partners on an application to the NDSL License Plate         Grant for control of AIS on the NV side of Lake Tahoe</li> <li>Coordinated with CA State Parks on the deployment of an Asian clam removal         technology slated for February 2016</li> <li>Attended demonstration using UV light for the removal of invasive weeds</li> </ul>
	Future Focus:  • Secure AIS dollars (\$47,000, increase from \$24,000) available through the US Fish & Wildlife Service for entities with an approved AIS Management Plan  Team Lead: Dennis Zabaglo, Aquatic Resources Program Manager, (775) 589-5255 or dzabaglo@trpa.org
6. Stormwater Management Operations and Maintenance	Progress/Accomplishments:  • Presented platform recommendations and options to obtain long term funding for operations and maintenance (O&M) of stormwater management facilities to stakeholders and agency executives  • Partnering with Tahoe RCD and consultants to prepare Unified Action Plan, including an overview of stakeholders and the outreach process, financial outlook document, outcomes, and recommended next steps for the Stormwater Funding Partnership  Future Focus:  • Continue core group meetings and outreach to partners and executives  • Initial preparations for public polling in summer 2016
	Team Lead: Shay Navarro, Stormwater Program Manager, (775) 589-5282 or snavarro@trpa.org

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7. Shoreline Strategy	Progress/Accomplishments:  • Interview panel (TRPA staff, League to Save Lake Tahoe, Tahoe Lakefront Owners' Association, Nevada Division of State Lands, Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board, and California State Lands Commission) selected a mediation and facilitation consultant for the Shoreline Strategic Initiative
	<ul> <li>Future Focus:         <ul> <li>Contract with the selected consultant, the Consensus Building Institute, and move forward with stakeholder interviews</li> <li>Hold a meeting with public safety officials to discuss low water level implications on public safety and access</li> </ul> </li> <li>Team Lead: Brandy McMahon, Principal Planner, (775) 589-5274 or bmcmahon@trpa.org</li> </ul>
8. Regional Transportation Plan Update	Progress/Accomplishments:  • Discussing updated GHG reduction targets with CA Air Resources Board  • Updating the TRPA Transportation Model to incorporate new visitor data
	Future Focus: • Present RTP Public Outreach Participation Plan to Governing Board
	Team Lead: Karen Fink, Principal Planner, (775) 589-5204 or kfink@trpa.org
9. Thresholds Evaluation Report	Progress/Accomplishments:  • Chapters for the 2015 Threshold Evaluation Report are either completed or on schedule to be completed by February 15, 2016
	<ul> <li>Future Focus:</li> <li>Completing chapters for the 2015 Threshold Evaluation Report for the peer review scheduled to begin in April 2016</li> <li>Solicit RFP for the Peer Review process</li> <li>Team Lead: Jeanne McNamara, Principal Planning Analyst, (775) 589-5252 or</li> </ul>
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10. Streamline  Monitoring and  Update  Thresholds	Progress/Accomplishments:  • Developing a process for threshold standard review/evaluation
	Future Focus:  • Present the proposed process for the review/evaluation of threshold standards to RPIC (January)
	Outline proposed approach in draft chapter of the 2015 Threshold Evaluation Report     Team Lead: Dan Segan, Principal Natural Resource Analyst, (775) 589-5233 or dsegan@trpa.org