Tahoe Basin Development Challenges Case Study: Tahoe City Lodge TAHOE

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Project Concept



- Lodging property of 118 units
- Mix of hotel rooms, One, Two and Three BR suites
- Redevelopment of dilapidated property in town center of Tahoe City
- Public/Private partnership with TCPUD/golf course
 - Conference facilities and new clubhouse at golf course
- Economic Incentive program: TAUs from Placer County

Project Support



- First significant new hotel project in Tahoe City in at least 50 years
- Substantial environmental gains
- Major economic boost to North Lake Tahoe
- Approved unanimously at all steps of Placer County and TRPA approval
 - Staff support at all levels, leadership was key
- Enjoyed tremendous community support and endorsement from League to Save Lake Tahoe

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Project Timeline



- Enter into contract to purchase: Sept 2013
- Entitlement approval December 2016/January 2017
 - Approved as part of Placer County Area Plan
- Frivolous Lawsuit #1: December 2016
 - Settlement and dismissal December 2017
- Frivolous Lawsuit #2: May 2018
 - Could take 2 years or more to resolve
- Project on the ground:?????

Investment Community



- Takes too long
- Too expensive/risky to get approvals
- Too litigious
- Too expensive to build
- Highly seasonal

"Tahoe is an IRR killer"