

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION'S COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE
THE REVIEW OF THE TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY (TRPA)
(Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2, File No. 15, *Statutes of Nevada 1997*)

November 6 and 7, 1997

Incline Village, Nevada

The first meeting of the Legislative Commission's Committee To Continue the Review of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) (S.C.R. 2) was held on Thursday, November 6, and Friday, November 7, 1997, at the Regency Ballroom, Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe Resort & Casino, Country Club Drive At Lakeshore Drive, Incline Village, Nevada. On November 6, a tour of the Nevada portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin was conducted from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. The Committee's meeting commenced at 9:20 a.m. on November 7. Pages 2 and 3 contain the "Meeting Notice and Agenda."

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblyman Brian E. Sandoval, Chairman

Senator Lawrence E. Jacobsen

Senator Mark A. James (November 7, 1997, only)

Senator Michael (Mike) A. Schneider

Assemblywoman Marcia de Braga (November 7, 1997, only)

Assemblywoman Vivian L. Freeman

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU STAFF PRESENT:

Fred W. Welden, Chief Deputy Research Director

Eileen G. O'Grady, Principal Deputy Legislative Counsel

M. Scott McKenna, Deputy Legislative Counsel

Susan Furlong Reil, Research Secretary

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

FOR

TWO-DAY MEETING

Name of Organization: Legislative Commission's Committee To Continue the Review of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) (S.C.R. 2)

The Legislative Commission's Committee To Continue the Review of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency will hold a two-day meeting on November 6 and 7, 1997.

AGENDA FOR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1997

Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday, November 6, 1997

9 a.m. (Tour)

Place of Meeting: Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe Resort & Casino

Main Entrance to the Hotel Lobby

Country Club Drive At Lakeshore Drive

Incline Village, Nevada

AGENDA

I. Tour of Nevada Portion of Lake Tahoe Basin (9 a.m.)

Participants on the tour will review projects relating to control of erosion along highways, planning for parking and bikeways, restoration of stream zones, shorezone management, and forest health.

At 9 a.m., the Committee will depart from the main entrance to the hotel lobby, Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe Resort & Casino. The public is cordially invited to participate. A limited number of seats are available on the bus that will transport the Committee members and staff, so it will be necessary for additional participants to arrange for their own transportation. For more information, please contact Fred W. Welden, Committee Research Staff, at 702/684-6825.

See Reverse Side for Friday's Agenda.

AGENDA FOR

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1997

Date and Time of Meeting: Friday, November 7, 1997

9 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe Resort & Casino

The Regency Ballroom

Country Club Drive At Lakeshore Drive

Incline Village, Nevada

AGENDA

I. Introductions and Opening Remarks

Assemblyman Brian E. Sandoval, Chairman

II. History of Legislative Committee To Continue the Review of the TRPA

Fred W. Welden, Chief Deputy Research Director, Legislative Counsel Bureau

III. Overview of the Lake Tahoe Presidential Forum and Related Future Activities

Steve Teshara, Rochelle Nason, and Stan Hansen

Co-Chairs of the Lake Tahoe Transportation and Water Quality Coalition and Members
of the Local Steering Committee for the Forum

IV. Federal Role in Implementation of Actions and Agreements Resulting from the Forum

Juan Palma, Forest Supervisor, Tahoe Basin Management Unit, U.S. Forest Service

V. Nevada's Role in Implementation of Actions and Agreements Resulting from the Forum

Pamela B. Wilcox, Administrator, Division of State Lands

VI. Lunch

VII. Explanation of TRPA "Environmental Impact Program"

James W. Baetge, Executive Director, TRPA

VIII. Public Testimony

*IX. Committee Discussion of Future Meetings

X. Adjournment

*Denotes item on which the Committee may take action.

Note: We are pleased to make reasonable accommodations for members of the public who are disabled and wish to attend the meeting. If special arrangements for the meeting are necessary, please notify the Research Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, in writing, at the Legislative Building, Capitol Complex, Carson City, Nevada 89701-4747, or call Susan Furlong Reil at 702/684-6825 as soon as possible.

Notice of this meeting was posted in the following Carson City, Nevada, locations: Blasdel Building, 209 East Musser Street; Capitol Press Corps, Basement, Capitol Building; Carson City Courthouse, 198 North Carson Street; Legislative Building, Room 1214, 401 South Carson Street; and Nevada State Library, 100 Stewart Street. Notice of this meeting was faxed for posting to the following Las Vegas, Nevada, locations: Clark County Office, 500 South Grand Central Parkway; Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1997

TOUR OF NEVADA PORTION OF LAKE TAHOE BASIN

On November 6, 1997, the Committee toured the Nevada portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin to view on-the-ground environmental threshold issues and examine some of the projects designed to address these concerns.

- Daniel M. St. John, Director of Engineering, Incline Village General Improvement District (IVGID), surveyed the Third Creek Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Project and discussed its major components. Please see Exhibit A.
- The Committee viewed Memorial Point. James W. Baetge, Executive Director, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA), discussed the water quality improvement program. Jeffrey Fontaine, P.E., Deputy Director, Nevada's Department of Transportation (NDOT), supplied the Committee with a handout (Exhibit B) and discussed environmental improvement projects completed along State Route 28.
- Spooner Lake State Park was the next tour site visited by the Committee. Bradley Kosch, Park Supervisor, Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park, overviewed the park's structure and organization. Please see Exhibit C. Mr. Kosch and Steve Chilton, Vegetation Threshold Manager, TRPA, addressed forest health issues and furnished the Committee with an additional handout (Exhibit D).
- The Committee stopped at a pullout on U.S. Highway 50, and Mr. Fontaine (previously identified on this page) and Carl Hasty, Principal Planner, Environmental Improvement Program Coordinator, TRPA, reviewed erosion control efforts. Please see Exhibits E and F provided by Mr. Fontaine.
- Phil Caterino, Project Manager, American Land Conservancy; Dr. Glenn C. Miller, Professor, Environmental & Resource Sciences, Director, Environmental Sciences & Health, University of Nevada, Reno; and Shari Chase, Owner, Chase International, guided the Committee through the Thunderbird Lodge/Dreyfus property. Discussion ensued regarding the potential purchase of the property by the State of Nevada. Please see Exhibit G provided by Mr. Caterino.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1997

INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING REMARKS

Chairman Sandoval called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. and directed the secretary to call roll. All Committee members were present. On behalf of the Committee, Chairman Sandoval extended thanks to the TRPA for its efforts in facilitating the November 6, 1997, tour. The Committee members introduced themselves and each gave a brief summary of his or her interest in serving on the Committee.

Mr. Sandoval reviewed the Committee's directives as set forth in S.C.R. 2 and indicated that future agendas will be structured accordingly.

OVERVIEW OF THE TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING COMPACT AND

HISTORY OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE

THE REVIEW OF THE TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Fred W. Welden

Fred W. Welden, Chief Deputy Research Director, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, gave an overview of

the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact (*Nevada Revised Statutes 277.200*) (Compact) and the history of the Committee To Continue the Review of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA). Please see Exhibits H and I.

In accordance with the directives contained in the Compact, the TRPA has adopted environmental threshold carrying capacities; a regional plan to achieve and maintain those standards; and ordinances to implement the plan. It has also drafted an Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) delineating the actions which must be completed within the next ten years in order to achieve and maintain environmental threshold values.

The Nevada Legislature has established an oversight committee to review the operation of the TRPA during all but one interim since 1985. Bulletins detailing the results of these studies have been published, and a compilation of the recommendations is contained in Exhibit J. Mr. Welden also highlighted the major Committee actions undertaken since its inception.

OVERVIEW OF THE LAKE TAHOE PRESIDENTIAL FORUM

AND RELATED FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Steve Teshara

Steve Teshara, Executive Director, Lake Tahoe Gaming Alliance, and Co-Chair, Lake Tahoe Transportation and Water Quality Coalition (Coalition), summarized the events leading up to the Presidential Forum:

- Members of the Coalition, the TRPA, and other interested parties around the region had discussed the possibility of holding a federal summit at Lake Tahoe for a couple of years. They were concerned about fading knowledge of Lake Tahoe issues in the United States Congress, declining appropriations of money for the Burton-Santini Act, and a lack of coordination amongst the federal agencies in the Lake Tahoe Basin. They were of the opinion that a federal summit would achieve a number of goals:
 1. Build awareness at all levels — national, state, and local — about the serious environmental issues facing the Lake Tahoe Basin;
 2. Increase the likelihood of substantially increased assistance from the Federal Government and from the states in resolving those problems;
 3. Address the lack of coordination amongst the federal agencies serving the Lake Tahoe Basin; and
 4. The States of California and Nevada would recommit their interests and resources to the Lake Tahoe Basin.
- Through a letter to U.S. Senator Harry Reid (D-Nevada) from Peter Chase Neumann, a nonvoting member of the TRPA Governing Board, the organization of the Presidential Forum began to unfold. A 13-member Tahoe Basin Steering Committee (Steering Committee) was formed, and two community forums were held to gather public input. The Steering Committee developed an agenda which focused on the key issues facing the Lake Tahoe Basin: water quality, forest health, and transportation. A series of workshops and meetings ensued.
 1. A water quality workshop was held on June 18, 1997, at the Tallac site on the south shore of Lake Tahoe.
 2. A forest health workshop was held on June 30, 1997, at the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe Resort & Casino, at Incline Village.
 3. A transportation workshop was conducted on July 19, 1997, at the University of Nevada, Reno, in Reno, Nevada.
 4. Nevada Governor Bob Miller and California Governor Pete Wilson met at Heavenly Ski Resort on July 22, 1997, and signed a Memorandum of Understanding recommitting the interests and resources of the two states to

the preservation of the Lake Tahoe Basin.

5. A workshop was held on July 25, 1997, at the U.S. Forest Service Visitors Center, South Lake Tahoe, California, and was attended by Vice President Albert (Al) Gore, Jr.
6. The Presidential Forum was held on July 26, 1997, wherein a panel reported on the issue workshops. President William J. Clinton issued an Executive order that same day.

Rochelle Nason

Rochelle Nason, Executive Director, League to Save Lake Tahoe, and Co-Chair, Lake Tahoe Transportation and Water Quality Coalition (Coalition), discussed the agreements that emerged from the Presidential Forum.

- A Memorandum of Understanding between the State of California and the State of Nevada was executed on July 22, 1997, by California Governor Pete Wilson and Nevada Governor Bob Miller, reaffirming the states' commitment to the Bistate Compact and specifically to active involvement with their federal partners;
- A Statement of Legislative Leadership of the States of California and Nevada on the Occasion of the Presidential Visit to Lake Tahoe was signed on July 7, 1997, reaffirming the two legislatures' commitment to the Bistate Compact, pledging support for increased communication and cooperation between the legislatures in activities relating to the TRPA, and assuring that the two legislatures will continue their efforts to secure the financial resources necessary to achieve the objectives of the Bistate Compact; and
- An Executive order dated July 26, 1997, was signed by President Clinton. Key provisions of the order included the following:
 1. A directive to the federal agencies and departments having principal management or jurisdictional authorities in the Lake Tahoe Region to establish a Federal Interagency Partnership on the Lake Tahoe Ecosystem (Partnership) in order to facilitate coordination of federal programs, projects, and activities within the Lake Tahoe Region and promote consistent policies and strategies to address the region's environmental and economic concerns;
 2. A directive to the Partnership to ensure that federal agencies closely coordinate with the States of California and Nevada and appropriate tribal and local government entities to facilitate the achievement of environmental threshold standards for the Lake Tahoe Basin; and
 3. A further directive that the Partnership negotiate a memorandum of agreement with the States of California and Nevada, the Washoe Tribal Government, the TRPA, and other interested local governments and parties to assure cooperative efforts in planning and implementing environmental protection measures for the Lake Tahoe Basin.

Ms. Nason reviewed a chart prepared by the TRPA titled "Needed Threshold Capital Outlays Over the next 10 years" (hereafter Draft Capital Improvement Budget) (see Exhibit M, page 23). This document provides a preliminary rough estimate of capital expenditure requirements over the next ten years in order to attain the environmental thresholds set forth in the TRPA's draft EIP. Water quality is the most costly threshold to attain. Projects include retrofitting existing roads to prevent erosion and minimize negative impact to the watershed, obliteration of rapidly eroding abandoned dirt roads, and acquisition and restoration of wetlands.

In response to a question from Senator James, Ms. Nason stated that the slogan of the League to Save Lake Tahoe (League) is "Keep Tahoe Blue," and that this is the League's ultimate criteria of success. Continuing, she emphasized that it is difficult to single out any one environmental issue as most critical because they overlap each other, e.g., a transportation concern such as erosion impacts water quality, while forest health and fire potential also represent serious threats to water quality.

In response to questions from the Committee members, Ms. Nason provided background information relative to:

- Increases in the number of day-use visitors in the Basin and alternatives through which these people might assist in environmental and resource protection activities in the Basin;
- Benefits to the Basin realized as a result of the Presidential Forum;
- The question of whether all of the parties to the Forum are on schedule to meet their obligations under the Environmental Improvement Program;
- Types of revenue provided by residents of the Basin to meet local government and private sector obligations under the Environmental Improvement Program; and
- Governmental programs to purchase environmentally sensitive parcels of land in the Basin.

FEDERAL ROLE IN IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIONS AND AGREEMENTS

RESULTING FROM THE FORUM

Chris Knopp

Chris Knopp, Watershed Staff Officer in the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit of the U.S. Forest Service, advised the Committee that Juan Palma, Forest Supervisor for the Unit, was called out of town on business and would therefore be unable to make his presentation. He stated that he would discuss the Federal Government's role in implementing the actions and agreements resulting from the Presidential Forum.

Mr. Knopp provided the Committee with a handout outlining the Presidential Forum deliverables (Exhibit K) and summarized the Federal Government's involvement. Please see Exhibit L.

STRUCTURE OF PARTICIPATING BODIES

The following entities will participate in implementing the federal responsibilities as outlined in the Environmental Improvement Program.

- Federal Interagency Partnership, comprised of regional executives for the federal departments and agencies and chaired by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture;
- Tahoe Basin Executive Committee consisting of local managers of the federal departments and agencies responsible for implementing the terms of the Agreement of Federal Departments on Protection of the Environmental and Economic Health of the Lake Tahoe Basin; and
- Lake Tahoe Basin Advisory Committee, an advisory committee of nonfederal representatives established pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), also referred to as the FACA Committee.

FUNDING

Mr. Knopp reviewed the federal deliverables funding structure. Please see Appendix A-3 to Exhibit K.

- President Clinton made a two-year commitment for 1997 and 1998 that essentially doubles federal funds to Lake Tahoe, from \$25 million to \$50 million.
- The line item "base" shows how much was planned to be spent in Lake Tahoe before President Clinton's visit.
- The line item "deliverables" shows the additional funds committed by the Federal Government after President Clinton's visit, almost \$8 million for 1997 and \$21 million for 1998, for a total of \$51.4 million.

The Committee questioned the 50 percent decrease in the 1998 base versus the 1997 base. Mr. Knopp explained that there were some unusual U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) funding commitments in 1997. In 1998, the base was determined using five-year averages (unless an agency had already established a budget).

In response to another question, Mr. Knopp covered the following points:

- The Draft Capital Improvement Budget referred to by Ms. Nason is based on a ten-year plan. If that summary is compared to the federal funding structure, the federal commitment would need to be increased by \$2 million in order to be "exactly on target."
- Out of political necessity, the federal commitment is for two years, but the intent is long range. However, many of the deliverables are either designed with five- or ten-year implementation plans.

DELIVERABLES

Mr. Knopp highlighted some Federal Government deliverables:

- A watershed assessment and the University of California at Davis' water quality modeling study deal directly with the need for continued research.
- Numerous activities were funded to address restoration issues including retrofitting of roads, obliteration of abandoned dirt roads, stream channel stabilization, and wetlands work. In addition, the Army Corps of Engineers has environmental restoration opportunities intended primarily for the upper Truckee watershed, and it also has a watershed partnership.
- The National Resource Conservation Service has developed a backyard conservation initiative to help individual landowners with erosion problems.
- The U.S. Department of Transportation has developed a Basin Roads Master Plan, a valuable tool for erosion control efforts associated with highways.
- The EPA is funding a wetlands restoration program and nonpoint source control projects (also known as 319 grants) to fund state erosion control efforts.

NEVADA'S ROLE IN IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIONS AND AGREEMENTS RESULTING FROM THE FORUM

Pamela B. Wilcox

Pamela B. Wilcox, Administrator of Nevada's Division of State Lands, reviewed the state's participation in the Presidential Forum.

- Ms. Wilcox was designated by Governor Miller to lead Nevada's participation in the events surrounding the Presidential Forum.
- Nevada's involvement in the Presidential Forum was extensive. Agencies included in the development of the issue workshops were:

1. Nevada's Department of Transportation;
2. Division of Conservation Districts;
3. Division of Environmental Protection;

4. Division of Forestry;
5. Division of State Lands;
6. Division of State Parks;
7. Division of Tourism;
8. Division of Water Planning;
9. Division of Wildlife; and
10. Nevada State Energy Office.

- These agencies will continue to work as a group to develop the state's programs, determine funding estimates for each component, and then report back to the Committee by March 13, 1998, with specific proposals.

Continuing, Ms. Wilcox covered the following points regarding Nevada's future commitment.

- Nevada's commitment over the next ten years is \$82 million. As the voters have already approved a \$20 million bond issue, Nevada needs to fund an additional \$62 million to meet its obligation.
- The primary efforts for implementing the plan will be assigned to NDOT, the Division of State Parks, and the Division of State Lands, generally as follows:

1. NDOT:

- a. Complete master road plan for Lake Tahoe Basin;
- b. Erosion control/road retrofitting;
- c. Restoration of streams;
- d. Treatment of drainage from roads; and
- e. Weather sensing system.

2. Division of State Parks:

- a. Fisheries;
- b. Forest health;
- c. Management of state property;
- d. Recreation;
- e. Scenic;
- f. Vegetation; and
- g. Wildlife.

3. Division of State Lands:

- a. Bond management; and

b. Implementing the Lake Tahoe license plate program.

Senator James expressed concern that over 60 percent of the total commitment needs to come from the Federal Government or California and pointed out that if others do not follow through, the entire plan will not succeed. Responding, Ms. Wilcox noted that all parties to the agreement face the same challenge in that all are dependent upon future appropriations. An effort has been made to "institutionalize" the commitments by assigning specific continuing responsibilities to participating agencies. Senator James suggested that the Committee attempt to identify a more formal mechanism to "institutionalize" the commitments for participation.

EXPLANATION OF TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY'S
"ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT PROGRAM"

James W. Baetge

James W. Baetge (previously identified on page 4 of these minutes) provided the Committee with a packet of documents which arose out of the Presidential Forum (Exhibit M). He discussed the TRPA's shift in focus from planning to plan implementation and the creation of the draft Environmental Improvement Program (EIP), covering the following points:

The draft EIP is a product of the agreements reached and the cooperative efforts of all participating parties. It takes those values that have been identified as important and sets forth a strategy to achieve the environmental thresholds necessary to attain and maintain those values.

In reviewing the Draft Capital Improvement Budget (Exhibit M, page 23), Mr. Baetge emphasized that it is important to remember that it is not possible to discuss any one threshold independent of the others. The projects necessary to attain one threshold overlap with others. For instance, retrofitting water quality improvements to the highway system will help to achieve the water quality, air quality, and vegetation thresholds. When a dollar amount is attached to a certain threshold, it is an indication that this threshold will benefit most from the project.

The draft EIP is a dynamic document and may be modified to suit the needs of other agencies so long as it accomplishes the thresholds. It is expected that the TRPA's Governing Board will officially adopt the draft EIP early in 1998. Following adoption of the plan, a detailed financial strategy will be developed. An implementation plan which sets forth the actions required by each organization to attain environmental threshold standards should be completed by mid-1998.

Carl Hasty

Carl Hasty (previously identified on page 4 of these minutes) gave an overview (Exhibit N) of the TRPA's draft EIP. Key issues covered were:

- While it is important to recognize the progress that has been made toward reaching environmental threshold standards, the rate of improvement needs to be accelerated. Scientists report that if many of the improvements set forth in the draft EIP are not completed within the next 10 to 15 years, the cost of achieving environmental thresholds may be prohibitive.
- The TRPA is confident of the numbers contained in the Draft Capital Improvement Budget; however, it is important to remember that this estimate is dynamic as it is constantly being updated.
- The Draft Capital Improvement Budget (Exhibit M, page 23) was based upon accomplishing funding of 75 percent of water quality improvement needs, all vegetation/forest health capital needs, and half of the remaining thresholds over the next ten years.
- The TRPA has implemented "real time management," an integrated monitoring and evaluation system, which will enable it to annually assess progress on objectives and make more timely changes. The TRPA's ultimate goal is to

be able to predict the outcome of a specific improvement.

- One of the primary accountabilities of the TRPA in carrying out the EIP is to work in partnership with all interested parties to capture the pieces of their work programs that will further threshold attainment goals in the Lake Tahoe Basin.
- Coordination needs to occur not only among organizations but also the various functions within each organization.

In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Baetge and Mr. Hasty made the following points:

- Scientists believe that it is possible to stop the acceleration of the eutrophication process at Lake Tahoe.
- Reversing the water clarity trend will be a lengthy process. Simply stopping the decline or flattening the curve would be a successful start.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Mary Gilanfarr

Mary Gilanfarr, Executive Director, Tahoe-Sierra Preservation Council (Preservation Council), and Chair, Tahoe Truckee Regional Economic Coalition (TTREC), discussed issues of importance to both organizations.

- The TTREC is working on a project to improve the regulatory process in the Lake Tahoe Basin. Its goals are to: (1) establish building code conformity among the states, counties, and TRPA; (2) obtain a code of ordinances that minimizes conflict and delays; and (3) assign greater authority to county and city building departments.
- Under the Truckee River Operating Agreement, the top six feet of Lake Tahoe serves as a reservoir, creating shoreline erosion — according to research compiled by Dr. Charles Goldman of the University of California at Davis, and the Desert Research Institute at the University of Nevada, Reno, ten times the erosion of all the private property actions.
- Some fishery policies from the 1930s have created an imbalance that leads to algal growth.
- Boating and fishing, once thought to be harmless activities, contribute to the decline of Lake Tahoe's clarity because the fuel used to power boats pollutes the water.
- Traffic congestion has reached a point that it can no longer be ignored; plans need to be made for a monorail or electric transportation around Lake Tahoe, with a high penalty for the use of internal combustion vehicles.
- The issue of "day-use" tourists needs to be addressed, perhaps through the assessment of a user or parking fee.
- Private property owners, the construction industry, and commercial property owners should be recognized for their tremendous investment in the environmental quality of the Lake Tahoe Basin.

Garry Bowen

Garry Bowen, a private citizen from Zephyr Cove, Nevada, made the following points:

- The large number of people living within one hour's flight of Lake Tahoe creates pressure on the Basin's finite ecosystems.
- Given the fact that dramatically increasing the user fee at Yosemite National Park in California had virtually no impact on park visitation, traffic congestion management in the Lake Tahoe Basin may not be a monetary issue.

- Interested parties in the Lake Tahoe Basin are trying to repair that damage which is not irreversible; however, there is a limited "window of opportunity."

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COMMITTEE DISCUSSION OF FUTURE MEETINGS

AND ADJOURNMENT

Under this topic, the Committee discussed the following points:

- Meetings were planned for January 30, 1998; March 13, 1998; and May 29, 1998.
- Chairman Sandoval announced that the January 30, 1998, agenda will include testimony from the California agencies regarding their participation in the Presidential Forum and the deliverables.
- Continuing, Mr. Sandoval indicated that he would attempt to arrange an outing on the University of California, Davis boat in conjunction with a future meeting.
- Senator James proposed that the Committee hold one of its meetings at a local high school to give students an opportunity to attend a meeting.
- Senator Jacobsen suggested that the Committee tour the TRPA office and perhaps hold one of its meetings at that site. Further, Senator Jacobsen encouraged the Committee to attend at least one TRPA Governing Board meeting during the interim. Concluding, Senator Jacobsen requested that a future agenda include reports from local public services, including effluent and sanitation, fire protection, and law enforcement, particularly regarding their leading challenges.
- Senator James suggested that in its final report, the Committee strongly urge maximum utilization of private investors and private/public partnerships in goal attainment.
- Senator Jacobsen requested Ms. Wilcox to develop a handout showing the state lands in the Lake Tahoe Basin with identifying landmarks for the January 30, 1998, meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3 p.m.

Exhibit O is the "Attendance Record" for this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Furlong Reil

Research Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Assemblyman Brian E. Sandoval, Chairman

Date: _____

LIST OF EXHIBITS

Exhibit A is a document titled "Third Creek Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Project," provided by Daniel M. St. John, Director of Engineering, Incline Village General Improvement District, Incline Village, Nevada.

Exhibit B is a brochure titled "SR 28 Water Quality Improvements," dated July 1997, provided by Jeffrey Fontaine, P.E., Deputy Director, Nevada's Department of Transportation, Carson City, Nevada.

Exhibit C is a brochure titled "Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park, Backcountry," attached to a document which summarizes the structure and organization of the Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park. These items were provided by Bradley Kosch, Park Supervisor, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park, Incline Village, Nevada.

Exhibit D is a packet of information regarding Lake Tahoe's forest health, provided by Bradley Kosch, Park Supervisor, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park, Incline Village, Nevada, and by Steve Chilton, Vegetation Threshold Manager, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, Zephyr Cove, Nevada.

Exhibit E is a brochure titled "RWIS, The Environmentally Sensitive Approach to Winter Road Maintenance," dated July 1997, which overviews the Road Weather Information System, provided by Jeffrey Fontaine, P.E., Deputy Director, Nevada's Department of Transportation, Carson City, Nevada.

Exhibit F is a brochure titled "Winter Driving, Tips and Facts" provided by Jeffrey Fontaine, P.E., Deputy Director, Nevada's Department of Transportation, Carson City, Nevada.

Exhibit G is a packet of information titled "Thunderbird Lodge/Dreyfus Property, Washoe County, Nevada, U.S. Forest Service, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit" provided by Phil Caterino, Project Manager, American Land Conservancy, Minden, Nevada.

Exhibit H is a summary of the legislative history of the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact, dated November 1997, provided by Fred W. Welden, Chief Deputy Research Director, Legislative Counsel Bureau, Carson City, Nevada.

Exhibit I is an overview of the major elements of the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact, dated November 1997, provided by Fred W. Welden, Chief Deputy Research Director, Legislative Counsel Bureau, Carson City, Nevada.

Exhibit J is a compilation of the recommendations adopted by Nevada's Interim Legislative Committees To Continue the Review of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, dated November 1997.

Exhibit K is a document titled "Presidential Forum Deliverables," provided by Chris Knopp, Watershed Staff Officer, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, South Lake Tahoe, California.

Exhibit L is a hard copy of transparencies used by Chris Knopp, Watershed Staff Officer, USDA Forest Service, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, South Lake Tahoe, California, during his presentation to the Committee.

Exhibit M is a compilation of the agreements executed in conjunction with the Lake Tahoe Presidential Forum, provided by James W. Baetge, Executive Director, TRPA, Zephyr Cove, Nevada.

Exhibit N is a hard copy of the transparencies used by Carl Hasty, Principal Planner, EIP Coordinator, Environmental Improvement Program, TRPA, Zephyr Cove, Nevada, during his presentation to the Committee. The presentation is titled "Tahoe's Environmental Improvement Program (EIP), A Strategy for Threshold Value Attainment and

Maintenance."

Exhibit O is the "Attendance Record" for this meeting.

Copies of the materials distributed in the meeting are on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, Carson City, Nevada. You may contact the library at (702) 684-6827.