

**NEVADA LEGISLATURE**  
**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW AND OVERSIGHT OF THE**  
**TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY AND THE MARLETTE LAKE**  
**WATER SYSTEM**  
*(Nevada Revised Statutes 218.53871)*

**SUMMARY MINUTES AND ACTION REPORT**

The third meeting of the Nevada Legislature's Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) and the Marlette Lake Water System for the 2003-2004 interim was held on Friday, April 23, 2004, at 10:23 a.m. at the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Office, 128 Market Street, Stateline, Nevada. A copy of this set of "Summary Minutes and Action Report," including the "Meeting Notice and Agenda" ([Exhibit A](#)) and other substantive exhibits, is available on the Nevada Legislature's Web site at [www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/72nd2003/Interim](http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/72nd2003/Interim). In addition, copies of the audio record may be purchased through the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Publications Office (e-mail: [publications@lcb.state.nv.us](mailto:publications@lcb.state.nv.us); telephone: 775/684-6835).

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Assemblyman Lynn C. Hettrick, Chairman  
Senator Margaret (Maggie) A. Carlton, Vice Chairwoman  
Senator Mark E. Amodei  
Senator Dean A. Rhoads  
Assemblyman Morse Arberry Jr.  
Assemblywoman Peggy Pierce

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU STAFF PRESENT:**

Linda J. Eissmann, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division  
Eileen G. O'Grady, Principal Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division  
Nenita Wasserman, Senior Research Secretary, Research Division

**OPENING REMARKS**

Assemblyman Lynn C. Hettrick, Chairman, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 2004, MEETING**

The Committee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

ASSEMBLYMAN ARBERRY MOVED TO APPROVE THE "SUMMARY MINUTES AND ACTION REPORT" OF THE MARCH 15, 2004, MEETING HELD IN CARSON CITY, NEVADA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SENATOR CARLTON AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PRESENTATION ON "PATHWAY 2007" - TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY'S (TRPA) REGIONAL PLAN UPDATE**

- Gordon W. Barrett, Chief, Long Range Planning Division, TRPA reviewed the TRPA's Regional Plan Update, also known as Pathway 2007, which addresses: (1) business plan goals; (2) cost and funding strategy; (3) key tasks; (4) TRPA staffing; and, (5) outreach strategy for the TRPA. ([Exhibit B](#))

## **STATUS REPORTS ON THE FUELS MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE TAHOE BASIN AND TRPA'S PUBLIC SAFETY POLICY**

- John Singlaub, Executive Director, TRPA, gave an update on the fuels management plan for the Tahoe Basin and TRPA's Public Safety Policy. He noted that the Public Safety Policy includes four different proposals that will be presented to the TRPA Governing Board. ([Exhibit C](#))

## **PROGRESS REPORT ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (EIP) PROJECTS**

- Pamela B. Wilcox, Administrator, Division of State Lands, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (SDCNR), gave background information on how Nevada came to receive the funds for the EIP projects. She explained that the Nevada Tahoe Resource Team is an interagency working group of nine people dedicated to preserving and enhancing Lake Tahoe's natural environment, including implementation of EIP projects.
- Charles Donohue, Division of State Lands, Tahoe Coordinator, SDCNR, introduced the following members of the EIP which included: Amir Soltani, Chief Hydraulic Engineer, Nevada's Department of Transportation (NDOT); Steve Cooke, Principal Hydraulic Engineer, NDOT; Jim Lawrence, Deputy Administrator, Division of State Lands, SDCNR; Jay Howard, Resource Officer, Lake Tahoe, Division of State Parks, SDCNR; Pete Anderson, Deputy State Forester, Division of Forestry, SDCNR; and Tim Rochelle, Western Regional Manager, Division of Forestry, SDCNR. [Mr. Donohue gave an update of the Nevada Tahoe Resource Team activities and also gave a PowerPoint presentation on the status of the Lake Tahoe EIP. ([Exhibit D](#))]
- Steve Cook, Principal Engineer, NDOT, and member of the Nevada Tahoe Resource Team, reviewed NDOT's future EIP projects and provided the committee with two handouts. The first handout is a map titled "Tahoe Basin 2004 Construction Season," ([Exhibit E1](#)). The second handout is a brochure titled "2004 NDOT Lake Tahoe Report Card," which describes NDOT's current and future projects, maintenance, master planning efforts, and water quality monitoring efforts. ([Exhibit E2](#))

## **OVERVIEW OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE EIP PROGRAM**

- Carl Hasty, Deputy Executive Director, TRPA, gave a brief PowerPoint presentation which provided an overview of the regional management of the EIP. ([Exhibit F](#)) He added the TRPA office now has an information officer on staff to address public relations issues.
- Chairman Hettrick commented the regional aspect of the EIP will lead to better prioritization of projects.

## **DISCUSSION OF FUTURE MEETING TOPICS AND LOCATIONS**

- Linda J. Eissmann, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, described the committee's informational tour of the Marlette Lake Water System and related projects, which is scheduled for the committee on June 14, 2004.

## **OVERVIEW OF THE ROLE AND FUNCTION OF THE TAHOE TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT (TTD)**

- Carl Hasty, previously identified, explained the *Bi-State Compact* gives some direction as to the role of the TTD. During a PowerPoint presentation, he provided an overview of the TTD and the TRPA and explained the different responsibilities of both agencies. ([Exhibit G](#))

## **DISCUSSION OF TOPICS RELATED TO THE TRPA FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION AND POTENTIAL ACTION AT FUTURE MEETING, INCLUDING (BUT NOT LIMITED TO) CONTINUED**

## EXPENDITURE OF NEVADA STATE BOND MONEY AND ADMINISTRATION OF TRPA PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

- Linda J. Eissmann, previously identified, requested that anyone who had suggestions for the committee to review, to please contact her so she could add to the agenda for the Committee's next meeting scheduled for June 15, 2004. She noted the work session recommendations will be voted on at the committee's August 16, 2004, meeting.
- Pamela B. Wilcox, Administrator, Division of State Lands, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, testified regarding a request for continued support of the Tahoe Bond Program to fund Nevada's EIP projects. ([Exhibit H](#))
- Rochelle Nason, Co-Chair, Lake Tahoe Transportation and Water Quality Coalition expressed support for Pamela B. Wilcox's request for the EIP bond. She commented that the TRPA should be encouraged to focus on the "big picture," and revenue sources must be found for transportation and EIP projects in the Lake Tahoe Basin.
- John Singlaub, previously identified, reviewed issues relative to the TRPA purchasing the building in which it is currently located.
- Steve Teshara, Co-Chair, Lake Tahoe Transportation and Water Quality Coalition, commented on the upcoming operational audit report undertaken by Strategica, and requested the opportunity to discuss its findings and recommendations at a future meeting, after the report is released.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Wayne Perock, Vice Chairman, TRPA Governing Board, stated the Governing Board has been accused of approving whatever items are presented to it by TRPA staff, which is not the case. He commented that the Board provides the "cutting edge" for environmental issues.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Nenita Wasserman  
Senior Research Secretary

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Linda J. Eissmann  
Senior Research Analyst

APPROVED BY:

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Assemblyman Lynn C. Hettrick, Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### LIST OF EXHIBITS

[Exhibit A](#) is the "Meeting Notice and Agenda."

[Exhibit B](#) is a PowerPoint presentation provided by Gordon W. Barrett, Chief, Long Range Planning Division, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, on the Pathway 2007 Program process for coordinating planning efforts in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

[Exhibit C](#) is a memorandum dated February 17, 2004, provided by John Singlaub, Executive Director, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA), which is addressed to the TRPA Governing Board and TRPA Staff regarding the TRPA's Public Safety Policy.

[Exhibit D](#) is a PowerPoint presentation provided by Charles Donohue, Tahoe Coordinator, Division of State Lands, which is an update of the Nevada Tahoe Resource Team activities and status of the Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program.

[Exhibit E1](#) is a two-sided color map titled "Tahoe Basin 2004 Construction Season" which was provided by Steve Cook, Principal Engineer, Nevada's Department of Transportation and Nevada Tahoe Resource Team.

[Exhibit E2](#) is a brochure titled "2004 NDOT Lake Tahoe Report Card," that describes NDOT current and future projects, maintenance, master planning efforts, and water quality monitoring efforts, provided by Steve Cook, Principal Engineer, Nevada's Department of Transportation and Nevada Tahoe Resource Team,.

[Exhibit F](#) is a PowerPoint presentation provided by Carl Hasty, Deputy Executive Director, TRPA, which is titled "Regional Management of the Environmental Improvement Program, Enhancing the Capacity for Threshold Attainment."

[Exhibit G](#) is a PowerPoint presentation provided by Carl Hasty, Deputy Executive Director, TRPA which is titled "Transportation at Lake Tahoe: TRPA and the Tahoe Transportation District."

[Exhibit H](#) is a memorandum addressed to the Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the TRPA and Marlette Lake Water System from Pamela B. Wilcox, Administrator, Division of State Lands, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, dated April 22, 2004, regarding a request for continued funding support of the Environmental Improvement Program.

mass reviewed. Also included in this exhibit is an article written by Mike Dombeck titled, "Forests and Environmental Health, Preserving the Nation's "Water Factories."

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