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Nevada Legislative Oversight Committee

The Tahoe Area Sierra Club provides the following comments for the last meeting of the oversight committee on August 16, 2024.

The NV legislative committee members have listened attentively these past months to both the public and the agency you are tasked with overseeing, yet you have offered very little if any feedback to the public, preferring, apparently, to work behind closed doors away from public scrutiny, which is one of the many problems the public sees with TRPA.

This committee has kept silent while (a) TRPA has violated open meeting laws according to Nevada's Attorney General and (b) TRPA has refused to take any responsibility for evacuating residents and the millions of tourists they keep enticing up here with more of everything – more development, more parking lots, more non-commuter, scenic trails – all while (c) not coming anywhere close to meeting their requirements to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT).

TRPA is about to fast-track, without adequate environmental review, moving the only hospital up here from its center of 30,000 people near the Y to a center of around 5,000 people just so the hospital can avoid CA earthquake standards and regulations and nurse-to-patient ratios. This will cause increased deaths from ambulances needing to travel through the casino corridor, harm wildlife at the adjacent Rabe meadow/Burke Creek area from frequent helicopter flights, and further increase VMT.

The shenanigans of behind the scene deal making must come to light and must be stopped. An egregious example of this back-room deal-making occurred when the former director of TRPA told the Executive Officer of Lahontan Water Board in a private meeting with two staff members from each agency to "get this done." Referring to making sure Lahontan Water Board issue the permit to allow dumping herbicides in Lake Tahoe's water for the first time ever in 2022, this led to Lahontan violating their own rules in their Basin Plan and the Sierra Club suing them for it. I have brought up the fact that the Sierra Club won this lawsuit twice during this session and not one of the committee members have asked a single question. No doubt this was a result of further misadvised by TRPA's attorney.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tobi Tyler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "T" and "Y".

Tobi Tyler