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Dear Tahoe Community,

This is to announce the creation of the first ever publicly transparent [Independent Lake Tahoe Basin Wildfire Evacuation Analysis](#).

This living document can be reviewed on our website at [TahoeCleanAir.org](#) as well as a copy of our [press release](#) which cleared the wires at 6 a.m. this morning. A [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ's\)](#) document is also available.

Based on over 400 Tahoe Basin wide evacuation simulations **already completed**, this first-of-its-kind, publicly transparent analysis is informational only and aimed at increasing public and governmental land-use planners awareness of possible wildfire evacuation outcomes.

Research and analysis were achieved using Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology, coupled with subject matter expertise. Simulation analyses have been completed for five geographical study areas within the Lake Tahoe Basin and will be published in four phases, beginning with this **Placer Tahoe** and **Washoe Tahoe** study areas.

Study areas to be released during the month of September are:

Douglas Tahoe Study Area
El Dorado South Lake Study Area
West Shore Tahoe Study Area

See Nevada Current Story Here <https://nevadacurrent.com/2024/08/28/evacuating-tahoe-could-take-twice-as-long-as-projected-simulations-indicate/>

See SF Chronicle Story

here <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/WhetKLbFcFqjGfNgBlfmjBpZbDRbWgbGkwgbCdKBcxlgTXdjMdpJGMMnRWkpwSWjTqCCncQ>

Sincerely,

Doug Flaherty, President

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[TahoeCleanAir.org Organizational Purpose](#)

Tahoe Sierra Clean Air Coalition (DBA TahoeCleanAir.Org) is a Nevada 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation registered to do business in the State of California. Our organizational purpose extends beyond protecting clean air, and includes, among other purposes, protecting and preserving natural resources, including but not limited to clean air, clean water, including lake and stream clarity, soils, plants and vegetation, wildlife and wildlife habitat including wildlife corridors, fish and fish habitat, birds and bird migration, insects, forest and wilderness from adverse environmental impacts and the threat and potential of adverse environmental impacts, including cumulative adverse impacts, within the Nevada and California Sierra Range, and its foothill communities, with corporation/organization geographical purpose priority being that of the Lake Tahoe Basin. Our purpose further extends to all things incidental to supporting environmental impact assessments and studies, including the gathering of data necessary to analyze the cumulative adverse environmental, health and safety impacts from public and private projects inside and outside the Lake Tahoe Basin, and addressing and supporting safe and effective evacuation during wildfire. Our purpose further extends to supporting transparency in government to ensure that our purpose and all things incidental to our specific and primary purposes are achieved.



August 16, 2024

Doug Flaherty, TahoeCleanAir.org

Honorable Committee Members,

Cumulative impacts result from the tyranny of incremental actions, when added to other past actions, resulting in the direct, indirect compounding of environmental degradation over time.

Unfortunately, the workshop recommendations posted by this committee today signal a greenlight to the TRPA and its “partners” to continue their tyranny of combined incremental actions, without first completing a supplemental EIR to the 2012 Regional Plan, considering significant new information and changes over the last 12 years.

Today, Tahoe degradation from fifty years of incremental TRPA project approvals, code changes and mismanagement are on display for all to see.

This, as Tahoe waters and beaches flounder under tons of trash, tragic micro and macro plastic pollution, chemicals, uncontrollable algae and cyanotoxins and pro TRPA visitor assaults, which endanger public safety on a daily basis.

The boot of TRPA environmental degradation on the basin is heavy. An agency caught up in regulatory capture, and a pro-growth, pro-development, and a pro international destination project mindset, whose arrogant behavior, lack of transparency and demonstrated lack of consideration for public opinion is on full display.

With your recommendations today lacking any real measurement of accountability, your oversight cannot be measured. This, like the TRPA failing to provide any real measurements of threshold progress based on substantial data, of which are simply modified at will, or timelines kicked down the road.

Today, it appears, that you are cut from the same cloth.

Our once pristine, now degraded Nevada Tahoe resources deserve better from the TRPA and this committee.

Sincerely,
Doug Flaherty, President
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