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Governing Board Tahoe Regional Planning Agency P.O. Box 5310 Stateline, Nevada 89449

Re: Review of the Restrictions on the Number of Events That can be Held Annually at the Tahoe Blue Event Center

Dear Governing Board Members:

Testimony received at several meetings of the Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) and the Marlette Lake Water System during the 2023–2024 Legislative Interim, and a written recommendation submitted by Douglas County, encouraged the TRPA to exempt local events from the current restriction on the total number of events and activities that can take place at the Tahoe Blue Event Center.

At its final meeting and work session on August 16, 2024, the Committee voted unanimously to send a letter to the TRPA encouraging the Agency to review the existing policy limiting the number of events that can be held annually and consider revising that policy by exempting some or all local (i.e., Douglas County, South Lake Tahoe, and El Dorado County) events from the current restriction on the total number of activities that can take place at the Event Center per year and request the TRPA provide an update on the status of permit restrictions for local events prior to the start of the 2025 Legislative Session.

It is the Committee's understanding that the basis for the implementation of the restrictions was an effort to mitigate or limit the number of additional vehicle trips into the Tahoe Basin that may result from the operation of the new Event Center. Now that the Event Center has been in operation, the TRPA likely has additional information to analyze the vehicle trip data as part of its review of the existing policy.

As Chair of the Committee, I am respectfully requesting that in addition to the update provided prior to the 2025 Legislative Session, the TRPA be prepared to report any progress in regard to this issue to the Committee during the 2025–2026 Interim.

On behalf of the Committee and as Chair of the Committee during the 2023–2024 Interim, I want to thank you and your organization for the informative presentations provided to the Committee.

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Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact Alysa Keller, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (Alysa.Keller@lcb.state.nv.us) or me if you have any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Richard Buly
Senator Skip Daly, Chair

Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System

RD/ch:W242514 cc: Julie Regan, Executive Director, TRPA Devin Middlebrook, Government Affairs Manager, TRPA