

California Tahoe Conservancy
Agenda Item 2
September 17, 2015

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 18, 2015**

Chair Larry Sevison called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. at Inn by the Lake, South Lake Tahoe, California. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Members present

Larry Sevison, Placer County, Chairman
John Hooper, Public Member, Vice Chairman
Lynn Suter, Public Member
Karen Finn, Department of Finance
Todd Ferrara, California Natural Resources Agency
Jeff Marsolais, United States Forest Service (ex officio)

Members absent

Tom Davis, City of South Lake Tahoe
Sue Novasel, El Dorado County

Others present

Marian Moe, Deputy Attorney General
Patrick Wright, Executive Director
Ryan Davis, Staff Counsel

Agenda Items

Agenda Item 1. Roll Call

Clerk of the Board Diane Niland called the roll.

Agenda Item 2. Minutes

There were no additions or changes to the minutes.

Board Member Finn moved approval of the Minutes (**Resolution 15-06-01**) from the April 30, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Hooper. The motion passed.

Agenda Item 3. Chairman's Report

Chair Sevison had no report.

Agenda Item 4. Attorney General's Report

Deputy Attorney General Marian Moe had no report.

Agenda Item 5. Executive Director's Report

Patrick Wright presented updates on various Conservancy projects. He emphasized that all of today's agenda item Board approvals would be contingent upon the passage of the 2015/16 budget. Mr. Wright also announced the recent selection of the Conservancy's new Deputy Director Jane Freeman. Ms. Freeman will start on September 1, 2015.

Agenda Item 6. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

South Lake Tahoe resident Greg Poseley expressed concern about the overgrowth of willows in the Upper Truckee Marsh/Trout Creek area.

Pete Fink, City of South Lake Tahoe Parks and Recreation, expressed his support for ATP Grants, Greenway, and Regan Beach infrastructure.

South Lake Tahoe resident Ann Rasmussen thanked Conservancy staff for enforcement efforts near her neighborhood.

Agenda Item 7. New Programs

Proposition 1 Grant Guidelines

Lisa O'Daly presented this item. Following a refresher on the process, Ms. O'Daly informed the Board of recent additions and changes. She recommended that the Board adopt the authorization for staff to solicit grant applications for up to \$14,000,000 in potentially available funding.

Mr. Wright stated that non-Prop. 1 money can be used for direct projects. He explained that the highest priority projects will be primarily water-related and they will have multiple benefits rather than non-water-related projects that have a water element.

Steve Teshara with Sustainable Community Advocates voiced his support for the guidelines and urged approval by the Board.

Board Member Suter moved approval of **Resolution 15-06-02**. Vice Chair Hooper seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Agenda Item 8. Annual Authorizations and Updates

a. Fiscal Year 2015/16 Work Program and Budget

Kevin Prior, Chief Administrative Officer, presented an update on the Fiscal Year 2015/16 Conservancy work program, budget, long-term strategies, and priorities. The presentation also included details of the support and cap outlay budgets.

Mr. Ferrara and, later, Norma Santiago asked how the development of the stormwater resource plan coordinates with partners including Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA), Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (LRWQCB), and others. Mr. Wright added that Senate Bill 985 (SB985) requires a Comprehensive stormwater plan to be in place before any agency can allocate stormwater funds. The Conservancy is in discussion with Lahontan to determine how best to meet the requirements of SB985 and prevent delay of stormwater grant funding.

Joe Link, second-homeowner in Al Tahoe, asked about land management practices on Conservancy parcels. Ms. O'Daly assured Mr. Link that his question would be addressed by Shawn Butler in Agenda Item 8c.

This was an information item. No board action was taken.

b. Annual Planning Authorization

Kevin Prior presented the item. This annual authorization of \$1,206,200 for preliminary project costs and certain yearly program costs would allow staff to obtain specialized resources and expertise to secure supplemental consultant resources needed for program and project development and review, assist in regional planning efforts, and market the Lake Tahoe License Plate.

Vice Chair Hooper moved approval of **Resolution 15-06-03**. Board Member Suter seconded the motion. The motion passed.

c. Annual Property Management Authorization

Shawn Butler, Urban Land Management Program Supervisor, presented the authorization for \$751,978.00 for direct property management, restoration, and hazard abatement on Conservancy properties during FY 2015/16. Program objectives include management of over 4,700 parcels, totaling more than 6,500 acres; restoration and enhancement of on-site resources; conflict resolution; coordination with public and private partners on land management; and continued development of the Conservancy's capacity to manage its lands.

Mr. Butler addressed Joe Link's earlier question stating that during the 2014 field season staff completed over 2300 lot inspections and more than 100 maintenance projects. All lots are inspected on a biannual basis along with management of the Upper Truckee Marsh and other Conservancy-owned parcels in the Tahoe basin.

Jim Brockett demonstrated the new Property Data Management System (PDMS), a web-enabled, CEQA-backed system accessible to all Conservancy staff. PDMS stores all information about Conservancy lands and was developed, in part, due to Strategy III of the Conservancy's 2012 Strategic Plan.

Mr. Poseley, South Lake Tahoe resident, asked whether the Conservancy is exempt from property tax on its parcels. Ms. Finn responded affirmatively.

Vice Chair Hooper moved approval of **Resolution 15-06-04**. Board Member Suter seconded the motion. The motion passed. Board Member Ferrara was not present for the vote.

d. Annual Forestry Authorization

Forestry Program Supervisor, Brian Hirt, RPF, presented the Forestry Authorization. He discussed the program’s background, description, partnerships, and the program budget for maintenance (\$174,732) and projects (\$705,000) totaling \$879,732.

For field season 2015, Mr. Hirt proposed treatment of 165 acres, coordination of planning, implementation, and monitoring on Conservancy partner projects, and projects consistent with Forestry Improvement Guidelines.

There was no public or Board comment.

Board Member Suter moved approval of **Resolution 15-06-05**. Vice Chair Hooper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

e. Annual Land Bank Update

Amy Cecchettini, Public Land Management Specialist, briefed the Board on the Land Bank’s FY 2014/15 and gave details of the transactions by type of coverage and hydrologic area. Key Land Bank updates included: Legislative updates, TRPA Commodities Pilot Program Development, TRPA coverage Working Group, and priorities for the coming year.

This was an information item. No board action was taken.

Agenda Item 9. Aquatic Invasive Species

Penny Stewart, Supervising Environmental Planner, presented the item. Following her presentation, Ms. Stewart recommended that the Board authorize \$200,000 for implementation of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) projects in the near-shore area of Lake Tahoe at Ski Run Marina/Channel, Lakeside Marina/Beach, Emerald Bay, and the Truckee River Dam.

Vice Chair Hooper moved approval of **Resolution 15-06-06**. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 10. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item 11. Board Member Comment

There was no Board Member comment.

Chair Sevison announced that the scheduled AIS tour would commence following a short break.

Agenda Item 12. Adjournment

Following the AIS tour, Chair Sevison adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

California Tahoe Conservancy
Resolution 15-09-01
Adopted: September 17, 2015

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the June 18, 2015 meeting of the California Tahoe Conservancy adopted on September 17, 2015.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 17th day of September, 2015.

Patrick Wright
Executive Director

