

California Tahoe Conservancy  
Agenda Item 2  
September 18, 2014

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 17, 2014**

Chair Larry Sevison called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. at Lake Tahoe Community College, South Lake Tahoe, California. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

**Members present:**

Larry Sevison, Placer County, Chairman  
Todd Ferrara, California Natural Resources Agency  
Lynn Suter, Public Member  
Tom Davis, City of South Lake Tahoe  
Nancy Gibson, United States Forest Service (ex-officio) arrived at 9:43 a.m.

**Members absent:**

John Hooper, Public Member, Vice Chairman  
Karen Finn, Department of Finance  
Norma Santiago, El Dorado County

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**Agenda Items**

**Agenda Item 1: Roll Call**

Diane Niland of the staff called the roll.

**Agenda Item 2: Minutes**

There were no additions or changes to the meeting minutes.

**ACTION:** Board member Todd Ferrara moved for approval of the minutes from the May 9<sup>th</sup> and May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meetings. The items were seconded and the motion passed on a voice vote.

**Agenda Item 3: Chairman's Report**

There was no Chairman's Report.

**Agenda Item 4: Attorney General's Report**

Marian Moe, Deputy Attorney General was absent. There was no Deputy Attorney General's Report.

**Agenda Item 5: Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Patrick Wright presented project and program updates to the Board. He also discussed the upcoming Tahoe Summit scheduled for Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Senator Dianne Feinstein. The Summit will be held at Valhalla in South Lake Tahoe.

Amy Berry, Tahoe Fund CEO, presented a license plate marketing update.

**Agenda Item 6: Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

Gene Rasmussen, Al Tahoe resident, spoke to the Board regarding his concerns about the Upper Truckee Marsh (UTM).

Laurie Perry, part-time Al Tahoe resident, commented on environmental similarities between UTM and the Pescadero Marsh in San Mateo County, California. She has concerns about changing the direction of the water flow.

Greg Poseley expressed concerns regarding the UTM preferred alternative.

Tom Rosenberg, west side UTM resident, expressed support of the UTM effort and concerns regarding recreational use of the river as well as the increased use of Conservancy lots for staging.

Damian Sowers discussed a newly established website for public participation called [SaveUpperTruckeeMarsh.com](http://SaveUpperTruckeeMarsh.com).

Lisa Huard, member of Save UTM, expressed her concern for the lack of enforcement in the UTM.

David Tinsley, resident of Al Tahoe, expressed concern for the impact on the meadow by increased recreational use.

Gene Rasmussen concurred that enforcement on UTM is inadequate.

Executive Director, Patrick Wright, stated that management of UTM has been a challenge. Staff is in the process of determining the appropriate level of access. The preliminary staff recommended preferred alternative is expected to be presented to the Board in September.

Chair Sevison reminded everyone that we are all here for the same purpose and expressed appreciation for the public's comments.

## **Agenda Item 7: Administration**

### **South Tahoe Public Utility District License Agreement**

Scott Carroll presented the item and he recommended authorization of Resolution 14-07-02.

Greg Poseley shared his concern about construction in the marsh. Laurie Perry expressed hope that the District thoroughly investigated all options to mitigate negative impact on the area.

**ACTION:** Board member Lynn Suter made a motion for approval and Board member Tom Davis seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote.

## **Agenda Item 8: Annual Accomplishments, Authorizations and Updates**

### **a. 2014 Project Highlights:**

This item was for information only. Penny Stewart presented the item for discussion-only. No action was taken.

There was no public comment.

### **b. Annual Property Management Authorization:** Shawn Butler presented the item and recommended the adoption of Resolution 14-07-03.

There was no public comment on this item.

**ACTION:** Board member Tom Davis made a motion for approval and Board member Lynn Suter seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote.

### **c. Annual Forest Improvement Authorization:** Brian Hirt presented the item and recommended adoption of Resolution 14-07-04.

There was no public comment.

**ACTION:** Board member Todd Ferrara made a motion for approval and Board member Tom Davis seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote.

**d. Annual Land Bank Update:** Amy Cecchettini and Christine West presented the item. No action was taken.

There was no public comment.

**e. Annual Planning Authorization:** Kevin Prior presented the item and recommended authorization of Resolution 14-07-05.

There was no public comment.

**ACTION:** Board member Todd Ferrara made a motion for approval and Board member Tom Davis seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote.

#### **Agenda Item 9: Project Authorizations**

**Tahoe Pines Campground Restoration and Access Project:** Peter Eichar presented the item and recommended adoption of Resolution 14-07-06.

There was no public comment.

**ACTION:** Board member Todd Ferrara made a motion for approval and Board member Lynn Suter seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote.

#### **Agenda Item 10: Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **Agenda Item 11: Board Member Comment**

Chair Sevison presented Deputy Director Ray Lacey with a 25 year watch.

#### **Agenda Item 12: Adjournment**

Chair Sevison adjourned the meeting at 12:45 PM.

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Resolution  
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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the July 17, 2014 meeting of the California Tahoe Conservancy adopted on September 18, 2014.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014.

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Patrick Wright  
Executive Director