

California Tahoe Conservancy
Agenda Item 9a
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ALTA MIRA (LAKEVIEW LOOKOUT) PUBLIC ACCESS PROJECT

In May 2014, the board authorized the expenditure of two million dollars for the acquisition of a portion of the former Alta Mira building site. The State Lands Commission contributed an additional five hundred thousand dollars for the acquisition of the portion of the property lying below the high water mark, as well as a 12 foot wide corridor along the easterly portion of the property. The Conservancy has a long term lease with the State Lands Commission for the day-to-day operation and maintenance of the State Lands Commission property. The Conservancy previously determined that the acquisition for open-space, scenic improvement, and access would not have a significant effect on the environment and filed a Negative Declaration. The former owner of the Alta Mira property demolished a commercial office/residential building on the site prior to transfer to the State.

The Conservancy previously invested approximately seven million dollars in the immediate vicinity of the Alta Mira site in the form of grants to the City of South Lake Tahoe for planning and construction of Lakeview Commons at El Dorado Beach, which includes a terraced plaza with day-use recreational facilities, restrooms, picnic tables, barbeques, bike storage, and ADA compliant access to the lake. The future "Lakeview Lookout" at Alta Mira project would continue the recreation renaissance transforming the heart of South Lake Tahoe. In the meantime, the site has been stabilized, remaining asphalt removed, and Best Management Practices installed.

The Conservancy staff also launched a planning process using funding provided by the board through the July 2014 planning authorization to produce conceptual plans for a new park at the site. In conjunction with the planning activity, the Conservancy formed a design committee consisting of a private design consultant,

Soroptimist International of South Lake Tahoe, the Tahoe Fund, the City of South Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County, the State Lands Commission staff, and Caltrans. Public feedback on several draft concept alternatives was solicited at a May 2015

open house and at the Conservancy's April Board meeting. This input resulted in a final conceptual plan (Attachment 1). The design committee also recommended naming the project site Lakeview Lookout.

List of Attachments:

Attachment 1 – Lakeview Lookout Final Concept

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