

California Tahoe Conservancy  
Agenda Item 2  
April 30, 2015

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 5, 2015**

Chair Larry Sevison called the meeting to order at 9:37 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  
Tom Davis, City of South Lake Tahoe  
Todd Ferrara, California Natural Resources Agency  
Karen Finn, Department of Finance  
Jeff Marsolais, United States Forest Service (ex officio)  
Sue Novasel, El Dorado County  
Lynn Suter, Public Member

**Members absent**

None

**Others present**

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

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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.

Board Vice Chair Hooper moved for approval of the Minutes from the September 18, 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote. Sue Novasel abstained. Jeff Marsolais acknowledged that he is a non-voting, ex-officio member of the Board.

## **Agenda Item 3. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Sevison presented departing Board member Norma Santiago with a framed photo of Lake Tahoe in honor of her eight years of service to the Conservancy. He also wished Norma and Lisa O'Daly of the staff a happy birthday.

## **Agenda Item 4. Attorney General's Report**

Marian Moe, Deputy Attorney General announced that as required by Government Code section 11126 and as referenced in Agenda Item 13, the Conservancy would meet in closed session later today to consider pending litigation pursuant to Government Code section 11126, subdivisions (e)(2)(B)(i).

## **Agenda Item 5. Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Patrick Wright presented a brief report including an update on Proposition 1, the Environmental License Plate Fund, and today's agenda items.

## **Agenda Item 6. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

There was no public comment.

## **Agenda Item 7. Consent**

### **7a. 319h Grant**

### **7b. Tahoe Hills License Agreement**

Chair Sevison called for comment on the consent items 7a (Resolution 15-02-02) and 7b (Resolution 15-02-03). There being no comment by the Board, Chair Sevison called for the vote. The items passed on a voice vote.

## **Agenda Item 8. Project Authorizations**

### **8a. Lake Tahoe Water Trail**

Sue Rae Irelan of the staff presented the item (Resolution 15-02-04) and asked the Board for authorization to expend up to \$50,000 on planning tasks related to the Lake Tahoe Water Trail (LTWT), a non-motorized boating route around Lake Tahoe.

Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Sierra Business Council Greg Jones addressed the Board.

Vice Chair Hooper offered suggestions of organizations that might contribute to the support of the LTWT.

Sue Novasel proposed the possibility of developing a program utilizing docents or rangers for the LTWT.

Chair Sevison added that he sees the increased interest in paddling daily. He then asked for public comment.

LTWTA Program Manager Becky Bell addressed the Board on a tourism plan for this project.

Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) Mt. Lassen Area Manager Bob Kingman expressed SNC's support for this proposal and thanked the Conservancy for their efforts.

Sue Novasel moved approval of Resolution 15-02-04. Tom Davis seconded the motion. The Board passed the motion on a voice vote.

### **8b. Dollar Creek Shared-Use Trail Project / Land Transfer Approval Firestone Property**

Executive Director Patrick Wright presented the item and recommended the Board authorize Resolution 15-02-05 approving the grant of an easement from North Tahoe Public Utility District to Placer County.

Peter Kraatz, Placer County, addressed the Board on the project timeline and thanked Conservancy staff for their efforts.

Sue Novasel acknowledged the many partners and individuals who collaborated on the project.

Board member Tom Davis moved adoption of Resolution 15-02-05. Sue Novasel seconded the motion. The motion was passed on a voice vote.

**Agenda Item 9. Grant Program Guidelines – First Read**

Lisa O'Daly of the staff presented the item and responded to Board comments.

Jeanne McNamara of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency presented the new Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) tracking tool and Penny Stewart discussed its benefits and relationship to the Grant Guidelines.

Patrick Wright discussed the priority project ranking process.

Board members Sue Novasel and Lynn Suter expressed concern about smaller grant projects. Karen Finn and Todd Ferrara raised several issues related to Proposition 1 and the agency's guidelines.

Mr. Wright agreed with the Board's comments and assured further review of the Guidelines.

This was a discussion-only item. No Board action was taken.

**Agenda Item 10. 2014 Conservancy Highlights**

Victoria Ortiz presented a PowerPoint of the Conservancy's 2014 highlights.

**Agenda Item 11. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Agenda Item 12. Board Member Comment**

Vice Chair Hooper requested a future briefing on Cap and Trade funding.

Patrick Wright recommended moving the next Board Meeting to April 30<sup>th</sup>. Board members agreed. The location will be determined.

**Agenda Item 13. Closed Session**

The Conservancy Board met in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code section 11126.3 to consider pending litigation pursuant to Government Code section 11126(e)(2)(B)(i).

Following Closed Session the Board reconvened the open session.

Deputy Attorney General Marian Moe stated that the Board gave direction on exposure to potential litigation and asked the staff to carry out their direction.

**Agenda Item 14. Adjournment**

Vice Chair Hooper adjourned the meeting at 2:11 p.m.



California Tahoe Conservancy  
Resolution 15-02-01  
Adopted: April 30, 2015

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the February 5, 2015 meeting of the California Tahoe Conservancy adopted on April 30, 2015.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

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Patrick Wright  
Executive Director

