



MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA TAHOE CONSERVANCY BOARD

Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

California Secretary of State
1500 11th Street, Multipurpose Room
Sacramento, CA 95814

1. Roll Call

BOARD MEMBERS

NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY
Wade Crowfoot, Secretary
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Jeff Marsolais

PATRICK WRIGHT
Executive Director

2. Consent Items

a. Approval of Minutes (action) (Resolution 20-03-01)

b. Approval of Board Agenda (action) (Resolution 20-03-02)

c. USDA Forest Service Meyers Landfill Monitoring Well Long-Term License Agreement (action): Consideration and possible authorization of a long-term license agreement allowing the USDA Forest Service, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit to access, use, and maintain an existing groundwater monitoring well on Conservancy property, located at El Dorado County Assessment Number (AN) 033-641-002, as part of the former Meyers Landfill Remediation Project.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) consideration:
categorical exemption

(Resolution 20-03-03)

d. Environmentally Sensitive Lands Acquisitions (action): Consideration and possible authorization of two parcel acquisitions located at El Dorado County AN 036-501-004 and Placer County AN 083-130-020 for up to a total of \$3,000.

CEQA consideration: categorical exemption

(Resolution 20-03-04)

3. Chair's Report

4. Executive Director's Report

- Lake Tahoe Basin and State Priorities
- Budget and Bond Update
- Asset Lands Update

5. Welcoming Remarks from Wade Crowfoot, Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency

6. Climate Change Items

a. Climate Change Action Update (discussion only): The Board will hear a presentation on the Conservancy's climate adaptation work, including the forthcoming action portfolio, and progress on challenges identified by panelists in 2019. The panelists will discuss how to accelerate adaptation in the Lake Tahoe Basin through aligning state planning, innovation, and investments.

Presenter: Dorian Fougères, Chief of Natural Resources, California Tahoe Conservancy

Panelists:

- Jordan Diamond, Executive Director, Center for Law, Energy, and the Environment, University of California, Berkeley School of Law
- Kate Gordon, Director, Governor's Office of Planning and Research
- Amanda Hansen, Deputy Secretary for Climate and Energy, California Natural Resources Agency
- Lauren Sanchez, Deputy Secretary for Climate Policy and Intergovernmental Relations, California Environmental Protection Agency

b. Proposition 68 Climate Grants (action): Consideration and possible authorization of: 1) a grant to the University of California, Davis, Tahoe Environmental Research Center, for up to \$186,836 for Identifying Adaptive Traits for Climate Resilience in Sugar Pine Trees; 2) a grant to the South Tahoe Public Utility District for up to \$250,000 for Water and Sewer Infrastructure Assessment, Planning, and Design; and 3) a grant to the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency for up to \$100,000 for a Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Update.

CEQA consideration:

- Categorical exemption:
 - **Resolution 20-03-05.1** Identifying Adaptive Traits for Climate Resilience in Sugar Pine Trees

- Statutory exemptions:
 - **Resolution 20-03-05.2** Water and Sewer Infrastructure Assessment
 - **Resolution 20-03-05.3** Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Update

7. Sustainable Communities Update (discussion only): The Board will hear a presentation on the Conservancy’s sustainable communities efforts, and progress towards a state interagency memorandum of understanding. The panelists will discuss key challenges in implementing Executive Order N-06-19, how to further align funding and technical assistance, and how affordable housing projects can reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve quality of life.

Presenter: Kevin Prior, Chief Administrative Officer, California Tahoe Conservancy

Panelists:

- Louise Bedsworth, Executive Director, Strategic Growth Council
- Jason Kenney, Deputy Director, Real Estate Services Division, Department of General Services
- Zack Olmstead, Deputy Director of Housing Policy Development, California Department of Housing and Community Development

8. Landscape and Community Forestry Action Update (discussion only): The Board will hear a presentation on implementation of the Lake Tahoe Basin Forest Action Plan, including two signature landscape restoration initiatives—Lake Tahoe West and Tahoe-Central Sierra Initiative, and progress on challenges identified by panelists in 2019. The panelists will discuss how to strengthen state-federal partnerships through efficient planning, environmental review, implementation, and management technologies.

Presenters:

- Jason Vasques, Landscape Forestry Supervisor, California Tahoe Conservancy

Panelists:

- Angela Avery, Executive Officer, Sierra Nevada Conservancy
- Helge Eng, Deputy Director, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
- Jessica Morse, Deputy Secretary of Forest Resources Management, California Natural Resources Agency
- Tony Scardina, Deputy Regional Forester, USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region
- Jay Ziegler, Director of External Affairs and Policy, The Nature Conservancy

9. Tahoe Valley Stormwater and Greenbelt Improvement Project Grant and License Agreement (action): Consideration and possible authorization of a grant to the City of South Lake Tahoe (City) for up to \$375,000 and a long-term license agreement with the City on 20 Conservancy parcels for the Tahoe Valley Stormwater and Greenbelt Improvement Project.

CEQA consideration: review and consider mitigated negative declaration adopted by the City and possible adoption of mitigation monitoring plan

(Resolution 20-03-06)

10. Upper Truckee River and Marsh Restoration Project (action): Consideration and possible authorization to expend up to an additional \$2,460,000 to implement the project.

CEQA consideration: previously analyzed

(Resolution 20-03-07)

11. Board Member Comment

a. Potential Agenda Items for the June 25 Board Meeting (discussion only):
Discuss potential agenda items for the June 25 Board meeting.

12. Board Committee Update

- Committee Structure
- Legislative Committee Update

13. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

14. Adjourn

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Meeting Information: Please contact Lori Uriz by e-mail at lori.uriz@tahoe.ca.gov, by phone at (530) 542-5580 or (530) 543-6069, or regular mail correspondence to 1061 Third Street, South Lake Tahoe, California 96150.

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