

California Tahoe Conservancy  
Agenda Item 2b  
June 15, 2023

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 16, 2023**

**March 16, 2023 (8:30 a.m.) Board Meeting**

Staff drafted the minutes from the same-day audio recording and transcription, which Foothill Transcription Company prepared and then certified on March 24, 2023.

**Agenda Item 1. Roll Call**

Chair Adam Acosta called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. The meeting was held virtually via the Zoom Webinar platform only.

**Members Present:**

Adam Acosta, Chair, Public Member  
Bryan Cash, California Natural Resources Agency  
Cindy Gustafson, Placer County  
Jay Hansen, Public Member  
Brooke Laine, El Dorado County  
Gayle Miller, Department of Finance  
Erick Walker, USDA Forest Service, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (ex officio)  
Tamara Wallace, Vice Chair, City of South Lake Tahoe

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:**

Jason Vasques, Executive Director  
Jane Freeman, Deputy Director  
Michael Steeves, General Counsel

**Agenda Item 2a. Consent Items**

**a. Approval of December Minutes (action)**

The Board considered the approval of Item 2a.

**Mr. Cash moved for approval of Item 2a and Ms. Gustafson seconded the motion. Resolution 23-03-01 passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

### **Agenda Item 3. Executive Director's Report**

Jason Vasques, Executive Director, presented Item 3. Mr. Vasques welcomed Mr. Acosta as the new Chair of the Board and Ms. Wallace as the new Vice Chair. Mr. Vasques commented on the extreme winter that occurred in the Lake Tahoe Basin (Basin) this past year. Mr. Vasques also noted that Conservancy staff is currently working with the Department of Finance Board member on the State's and the Conservancy's budget for the next fiscal year.

### **Agenda Item 4. Chair's Report**

Mr. Acosta mentioned the Conservancy's effort to provide translated versions of all Conservancy Board materials moving forward.

### **Agenda Item 5. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda**

There were no public comments.

### **Agenda Item 6. Senate Bill 630 Aquatic Invasive Plant Surveillance and Rapid Response Grant Award (action):**

Jen Greenberg, Associate Environmental Planner, presented Item 6.

Mr. Acosta asked when the last time this type of surveillance monitoring was performed in Lake Tahoe, what those results look like, and whether the Board might receive updates from the surveillance findings as a result of this grant. Ms. Greenberg clarified that this type of surveillance is an ongoing program (with over 550 acres surveyed last year). Mr. Vasques added that following the work completed under this grant, he can ask the Tahoe Resource Conservation District and the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Coordinating Committee to update the Board on the status of AIS removal and control.

There were no additional public or Board comments.

**Ms. Wallace moved for approval of Item 6 and Mr. Hansen seconded the motion. Resolution 23-03-02 passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

### **Agenda Item 7. 2024-2029 Strategic Plan Development Update (discussion only)**

Erin Ernst, Tahoe-Central Sierra Initiative Coordinator and Strategic Plan Project Manager, presented Item 7.

Ms. Gustafson asked whether the Conservancy is engaging with our Basin partners for this process. Ms. Ernst responded that as part of the planning process the Conservancy intends to engage with such partners.

There were no additional public or Board comments.

**Agenda Item 8. 2022 Conservancy Accomplishments (discussion only)**

Kevin Prior, Director of the Land Division, and Stuart Roll, Acting Director of the Natural Resources Division, presented Item 8.

Ms. Wallace commended Conservancy staff for the great work, including on the Dennis T. Machida Memorial Greenway. Ms. Gustafson also commended Conservancy staff for engaging with the public, continued partnerships, and collaboration.

Mr. Vasques then thanked the Board for its support, and thanked Conservancy staff for working so hard. Mr. Acosta echoed Mr. Vasques' comment.

There were no additional public or Board comments.

**Agenda Item 9. Board Member Comment**

There were no additional Board member comments.

**Agenda Item 10. Adjourn**

Mr. Acosta adjourned the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

California Tahoe Conservancy  
Resolution 23-06-02  
Adopted: June 15, 2023

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the March 16, 2023 meeting of the California Tahoe Conservancy adopted on June 15, 2023.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 15th day of June, 2023.

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Jason Vasques  
Executive Director