



LTFAC Vision

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LAKE TAHOE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

continuing the commitment



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Attachment 1
2010 Lake Tahoe Federal Advisory Committee Outreach

Business Organizations

Alpenglow Sports
Thunderbird Lodge
Vail Resorts

Casinos

CalNeva Resort, Spa & Casino
Crystal Bay Club
Harrah's/Harvey's Tahoe
Horizon Casino
Jim Kelley's Tahoe Nugget Casino
Lakeside Inn & Casino
Montbleu Casino, Resort & Spa
Tahoe Biltmore

Chambers of Commerce

Carson City Chamber of Commerce
El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce
Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce
North Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce

Local/Regional Stakeholders

Bridge Tract Cabin Owners Association
California Ski Industry Association
CalTrout
Echo Lakes Association
Emerald Bay Tract Association
Fallen Leaf Lake Tract Association
Fir Crag Homeowners Association
Great Basin Institute
Lake Tahoe Gaming Alliance
League to Save Lake Tahoe
Nevada Tahoe Conservation District
North Tahoe Citizen Action Alliance
Penguin Paddlers
Rainbow Tract Association
Sierra Club
Sierra Forest Legacy
Sierra Nevada Alliance
South Lake Tahoe Lodging Association
Spring Creek Tract Association
Tahoe Baikal Institute
Tahoe Resource Conservation District
Tahoe Rim Trail Association
Tahoe Science Consortium
Tahoe Transportation District
Trust for Public Land
Twin Crag Homeowners Important Association
Visitors & Conventions Bureau

Local/Regional/State Governments

Army Corps of Engineers
Assemblyman Ted Gaines
Bureau of Land Management
Bureau of Reclamation
California Department of Fish & Game
California Department of Forestry – Cal Fire
California Department of Transportation – CalTrans
California Tahoe Conservancy
City of South Lake Tahoe
Congressman Tom McClintock – 4th Congressional District
Douglas County
Douglas County Sewer Improvement District
El Dorado County
Environmental Protection Agency
Fallen Leaf Fire Protection District
Federal Highway Administration
Federal Transit Administration
Frank Mosbacher – PAO Eldorado NF
Incline Village General Improvement District
Jean Norman – Interpretive Services, LTBMU
Lahontan Regional Water Quality Board
Lake Valley Fire Protection District
National Park Service
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Nevada Department of Transportation
Nevada Division of Wildlife
Nevada Fire Safe Council
North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District
North Tahoe Public Utility District
Office of Senator Ensign
Office of Senator Feinstein
Office of Senator Reid
Placer County
State of California
State of Nevada
Tahoe Area Naturists
Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
Tahoe Transportation District
United States Fish & Wildlife Service
United States Geological Service
USFS Region 5 Equal Opportunity Managers – CA
USFS Region 5 Recruiters – CA
Washoe County
Washoe Tribe of California & Nevada

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Newspapers & Print

Associated Press – Reno, NV
Big Nickel – Sparks, NV
Mark Servetus – Freelance Writer
Mountain Democrat – Placerville, CA
Mountain News – South Lake Tahoe, CA
North Lake Tahoe Bonanza – Incline Village, NV
Reno Gazette Journal – Reno, NV
Sacramento Bee – Sacramento, CA
Sierra Sun – Truckee, CA
Ski News – Sacramento, CA
Tahoe Business Monitor – South Lake Tahoe, CA
Tahoe Daily Tribune – South Lake Tahoe, CA
Wishelle Banks – Freelance Writer

Online News/Websites

Lake Tahoe News – South Lake Tahoe, CA
Lake Tahoe Review – Incline Village/Crystal Bay, NV
This is Reno – Reno, NV
Yubanet – Sierra Nevada Regional News Service

Radio

KRLT/KOWL Radio – South Lake Tahoe, CA
KSRN 107.7 FM – King's Beach, CA
KTHO Tahoe Radio – South Lake Tahoe, CA
KUNR Radio – University of Nevada, Reno, NV
National Public Radio – Sacramento, CA
Sunny 1069 Radio – Reno, NV

School Districts & Universities

Cal Poly – Sacramento, CA
Lake Tahoe Community College
Lake Tahoe Unified School District
Sierra Nevada College
Tahoe Truckee Unified School District
UC Davis Tahoe Environmental Research Center
University of Nevada, Reno
Washoe County School District

Service Groups

Kiwanis – Lake Tahoe Sunrisers
Kiwanis Club of North Lake Tahoe
Rotary Club of Incline Village, NV
Rotary Club of South Lake Tahoe, California
Rotary Club of Tahoe City, CA
Soroptimist International of South Lake Tahoe Foundation
Tahoe Douglas Rotary Club

Ski Resorts

Alpine Meadows Ski Resort
Diamond Peak Ski Resort
Granlibakken Resort
Heavenly Mountain Resort

Homewood Mountain Resort
Kirkwood Mountain Resort
Mt. Rose-Ski Tahoe Ski Resort
Northstar Resort
Sierra at Tahoe
Squaw Valley USA Ski Corp

Spanish Language Media

Ahora Newspaper
AM Radio 1590
El Sol de Nevada

TV

ABC News
KCRA TV – Sacramento, CA
KOUR TV – Sacramento, CA
KTVN TV – Reno, NV
Outside TV – South Lake Tahoe, CA
Tahoe TV – Tahoe City, CA
Univision – Reno, NV Affiliate

Underrepresented Groups

Department of Rehabilitation – Sacramento, CA
National Association of Social Workers – CA Chapter
Pacific Islanders Cultural Association
Society for the Blind – Sacramento, CA
South Lake Tahoe Latino Affairs Commission – South Lake Tahoe, CA
Tahoe Area Coordinating Council for the Disabled – South Lake Tahoe, CA

LTFAC Consensus Guage Tool

1. Yes and I support it
2. Acceptable and I support it
3. Can live with it and I support it
4. Willing to step aside and I support it
5. Willing to step aside – don't support it – won't block it
6. Blocking, don't support it (must give an option instead)
7. Need more information

Outcomes of Lake Tahoe Federal Advisory Committee
Strategic Planning Session
11/18/11

LTFAC Vision

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Proposed Agenda Items for early 2012

1st meeting

A. Review and Confirm LTFAC Vision and Strategic Planning Session Outcomes.

B. Presentation by representatives of the Tahoe Interagency Executives (TIE) Steering Committee on the EIP Organizational Framework, annual EIP partners Plan of Work, Budget Development, and the role of LTFAC as an important community based advisory group to this process.

C. Discussion of any "tweaks" necessary to the current LTFAC Charter to accomplish the LTFAC Vision.

D. Discussion of potential administrative support partners/options when LTFAC is serving in its EIP advisory capacity during those times between formal LTFAC Charters.

E. Discussion (and closure?) of how LTFAC will operate (advise); i.e. how advice will be requested (or offered); how LTFAC will seek community and stakeholder input; how LTFAC will research the topics on which advice is requested; how LTFAC will discuss options and reach closure; and how advice will be communicated to the EIP or others who seek advice; how LTFAC will set priorities.

2nd Meeting

A. More detailed review and discussion on EIP funding and fiscal responsibility; setting priorities, reporting of accomplishments, determining performance (measurable improvements); LTFAC input re: unexpended SNPLMA funds from prior rounds; LTFAC role in seeking/requesting funds

B. Adaptive Management - What does it look like? How can LTFAC ensure it's done in a technically sound manner? How to ensure monitoring programs are efficient and effective and include adaptive management as an outcome.

Other Key Agenda Topics

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- Status of Presidential Commitments to the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California
 - Presentation on how to engage with the Tribe on issues and projects
- Review and Discussion of contemporary communications strategies and tools to ensure LTFAC is using "best communications practices" in its community outreach and engagement.

LTFAC Strategic Planning Session

10:00 am - 3:00 p.m.

Friday, November 18, 2011

USFS - Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit

35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA

Facilitator: Steve Lewis,

Understandings and Accomplishments

Purpose: To establish a new vision for LTFAC post SNPLMA, identify priorities, and determine action strategies.

Opening Comments: Jeff Marsolais (DFO) and Steve Teshara (Chair).

Public Comments: None

Charter Review: Steve Teshara

Ideas to Pursue Discussion

"*Ideas for LTFAC to pursue*" collected at the August meeting were reviewed and LTFAC members and guests added to the list.

Build relationships

Community forum, dialogue, outreach

Public education

Gateway for information

No duplication of information with Congressionals

Find funding locally

Coordinate funding region wide

Communication amongst agencies

Leveraging information

Outcome-based alignment

Prioritize projects and report accomplishments

Advocacy - Constituency representation

Balanced, informed, relevant

Pulse of the Basin

Bring federal, state, and local interests together

Blur the line between jurisdictions

Secure common objectives

Funding

Education
Communications

Vision Element - **Adaptive Management** desire conditions

- Partners commit to and act on advised adaptive management
- Monitoring is considered a critical component of adaptive management
- LTFAC is a champion of adaptive management

To FAC or not to FAC - that is the question

With this new vision and the parameters of the FAC Charter in mind, LTFAC members determined that the FAC framework provides an appropriate structure to make significant headway in reaching the vision. If there are gaps between formal federal renewal of the charter, the group sees value in continuing to meet during these periods as an EIP advisory committee empowered by EIP agency partners.

Small Group Breakout Sessions

These sessions were used to develop proposed agenda topics over the first several months of 2012 (see first page of these notes).

Note: Planning Session participants agreed it would be advantageous to for LTFAC to identify a regular meeting date (every month, perhaps more appropriately every two months; whatever interval is determined to be appropriate).

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20250

DEPARTMENTAL REGULATION		NUMBER:
SUBJECT:	DATE:	
LAKE TAHOE BASIN FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE	OP: Forest Service	

1. **AUTHORITY**

The Charter for the Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee (Committee) is hereby re-established pursuant to Executive Order 13057, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.2) (FACA)

This regulation supersedes DR-1043-44, dated August 5, 2008.

2. **PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice to the Secretary of Agriculture and to the Federal Interagency Partnership (Partnership), established by Executive Order 13057, on how the Partnership can best fulfill its duties pursuant to that order to protect the extraordinary natural, recreational, and ecological resources in the Lake Tahoe Region, as defined by An Act To Grant the Consent of the Congress to the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact...of December 18, 1969 (Pub. L No. 91-148), an Act of December 19, 1980 (Pub. L. No 96-551) (Tahoe Regional Planning Compact), the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (Pub. L. No. 106-506), and the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998, as amended (Pub. L. No. 105-263).

The advice of the Committee shall consist of the consensus of its members, representing the broad array of local, regional, state, tribal and national interests concerned with the environmental, economic, and cultural health of the Lake Tahoe Basin.

3. **DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES**

- a. The Committee shall be solely advisory in nature.
- b. Provide periodic reports, prepared on a schedule to be established by the Chair of the Partnership, recommending specific Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) funding actions that should be taken by the agencies participating in the Partnership, individually and collectively, to assist the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency in

implementing its programs, to achieve and maintain the environmental threshold carrying capacities as mandated by the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact (Pub. L. No. 96-551) and identified in the EIP;

- c. Advise and recommend actions that should be taken by the agencies participating in the Partnership to assist the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency to achieve its other goals, including economic goals for the Lake Tahoe Basin;
- d. Respond to requests from the Partnership or its Chair for any other advice relating to the Partnership's fulfillment of its duties pursuant to Executive Order 13057;
- e. Advise, as requested by the Partnership or its Chair, on the preparation of annual reports to the President on the implementation of Executive Order 13057; and
- f. Advise on how to facilitate the integration and coordination of appropriate Federal programs and funds to help achieve the goals of the EIP.
- g. In providing advice the Committee may:
 - (1) Conduct, as part of its review, public meetings to gather and review information relevant to EIP funding recommendations under Public Law 106-506 and Public Law 105-263; and
 - (2) Prepare work plans that outline planned activities and timelines for accomplishing tasks responsive to the purpose and scope of this charter.

4. AGENCY OR OFFICIAL TO WHOM THE COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Committee reports to the Secretary. The appropriate Forest Service Regional Forester and/or Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) Forest Supervisor, or designee serve as the Designated Federal Officer of the Committee.

5. SUPPORT

- a. USDA shall provide the Committee with sufficient facilities in which to conduct its meetings and to provide a repository for its minutes and records.
- b. Financial, administrative, and technical support for the Committee will be provided by the Forest Service.

6. ESTIMATED ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS/STAFF YEARS

- a. Annual operating costs are estimated to be \$170,000 with 1.8 full time equivalent staff support and direct costs. USDA shall provide such additional funding as reasonably necessary to achieve the purposes for which the Committee was created

and shall provide any further guidelines and management controls as may be necessary to further the objectives of the Committee.

- b. Members of the Committee shall serve without pay, but with reimbursement of travel expenses in accordance with Federal per diem rates for attendance at the meetings approved by the DFO.

7. DESIGNATED FEDERAL OFFICER

The Secretary shall appoint a full-time employee as the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) under Sections 10(e) and (f) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. The DFO will:

- (1) Approve or call all of the Advisory Committee's and subcommittees' meetings;
- (2) Prepare and approve all meeting agendas;
- (3) Attend all Committee and subcommittee meetings;
- (4) Adjourn any meeting when he or she determines adjournment to be in the public interest; and
- (5) Chair meetings when directed to do so by the Secretary.

8. ESTIMATED NUMBER AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

- a. The Committee shall meet at least bi-annually, but may meet as often as is necessary to complete its business.
- b. As required by FACA, the Committee will hold open meetings unless the Secretary of Agriculture determines that a meeting or a portion of a meeting may be closed to the public in accordance with Subsection c of Section 522(b) of Title 5, United States Code. Interested persons may attend meetings, appear before the committee as time permits, and file comments with the Committee.
- c. A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for a meeting that will provide consensus direction. The Committee shall not hold any meetings except at the call of, or with the advance approval of the DFO or designee.
- d. Notice of each meeting shall be provided in the Federal Register at least 15 days before each meeting. Committee members will be notified personally of the date, time, and place of each meeting.

9. DURATION

The Forest Service will review the accomplishments and activities of the Committee to determine whether, after two years, this charter should again be renewed and the Committee should continue as a Federal Advisory Committee.

10. TERMINATION

This regulation will expire in 2 years from the date of filing unless renewed by proper authority and appropriate action.

11. MEMBERSHIP AND DESIGNATION

- a. The Committee will be comprised of no more than 20 members approved by the Secretary of Agriculture. Committee membership will be fairly balanced in terms of the points of view represented and functions to be performed.
- b. The Committee members will represent a broad array of interests in the Lake Tahoe Basin. They include:
 - (1) Gaming;
 - (2) Environmental;
 - (3) National environmental;
 - (4) Ski resorts;
 - (5) North Shore economic/recreation;
 - (6) South Shore economic/recreation;
 - (7) Resort associations;
 - (8) Education;
 - (9) Property rights advocates;
 - (10) Science and research;
 - (11) California local government;
 - (12) Washoe Tribe;
 - (13) State of California;
 - (14) State of Nevada;
 - (15) Tahoe Regional Planning Agency;
 - (16) Labor;
 - (17) Transportation;
 - (18) Nevada local government;
 - (19) Member at large (2) positions.
- c. If a Committee member fails to attend (in person or by telephonic or electronic means) three consecutive official meetings, the Secretary or DFO may remove that member from the Committee.
- d. A vacancy on the Committee will be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made.

- e. The Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit Forest Supervisor, or designee, shall serve as the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the Committee.
- f. Nominations for the Committee Chair will be submitted by the Committee and selected by the Secretary.
- g. Equal opportunity practices, in line with USDA policies, will be followed in all appointments to the Committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the Committee have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Departments, membership should include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

12. SUBCOMMITTEES

Committee members may create and operate subcommittees recommended by a majority of the committee members and approved by the Secretary or the DFO.

13. RECORDSKEEPING

The records for the Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee shall be handled in accordance with General Records Schedule 26, Item 2 or other approved agency records disposition scheduled consistent with the General Records Schedule 26, Item 2. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

END



Date: March 21, 2012

To: LTFAC Members
Mr. Jeff Marsolais, LTFAC DFO
Interested Partners and Parties

Fr: Steve Teshara, Chair

Re: Draft LTFAC Communications Plan

Pursuant to recent LTFAC discussions, there are two elements to this proposed Plan.

I. Community Outreach

Objective: Implement a coordinated outreach and communications plan to LTFAC constituent groups, partner agencies and organizations, and the public regarding the charter, mission and roles of the Lake Tahoe Federal Advisory Committee in helping to develop, refine and implement the Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program (EIP). Ensure that the plan contains a clear message about the public's opportunity to participate in the process.

Key Message: The Lake Tahoe Federal Advisory Committee (LTFAC) is the group appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture to advise the Federal Interagency Partnership established by Executive Order 13057 on how best the Partnership can fulfill its duties under that order to protect the extraordinary natural, recreational and ecological resources in the Lake Tahoe region.

Supporting Messages:

1. The Federal Government owns and manages 75 percent of the Lake Tahoe Basin and plays a key role in restoring and protecting Lake Tahoe and its watershed.
2. There is a Federal share of improvements in the Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program (EIP). EIP partners include the States of California and Nevada, local governments, and the private sector, including Tahoe property owners and the community.
3. LTFAC is comprised of people appointed to represent specific constituencies, including the community. Constituents are asked to participate in the process through their representatives. All LTFAC meetings are open to the public.
4. The office of the Forest Supervisor of the USDA/ Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) maintains an e-mail database of interested parties who request copies of LTFAC meeting agendas. Additional information about LTFAC is available on the (web site).

Action Plan

1. Update/Maintain LTFAC information on the (web site).
Lead: USFS Webmaster
2. Produce media release announcements on LTFAC meetings, presentations, actions.
Lead: USFS LTBMU PIO (with direction and support of LTFAC DFO and Chair).
Consistent with best organizational practices, LTFAC Chair is the only designated spokesperson for LTFAC.
3. Incorporate timely and substantive presentations at all LTFAC meetings and provide timely public notification of meeting topics to increase public awareness and engagement. Topics shall be consistent with LTFAC Charter, Vision and Mission.
Lead: LTFAC DFO and Chair.
4. Solicit opportunities to address local organizations, local government elected bodies and other interested parties on the purpose and activities of the LTFAC.
Lead: LTFAC Chair (with support and assistance from LTFAC members and DFO).
5. Create and maintain high quality presentation materials to support public speaking opportunities
Lead: LTFAC DFO and Chair (with support from LTBMU PIO and PIOs of EIP partner agencies, as appropriate).
6. Request that LTFAC members develop a communications and feedback strategy with their individual constituent groups and actively solicit their participation.
Lead: All LTFAC Members.
7. Use clear and plain language in all communications with constituent groups and the public (e.g., do not speak in acronyms). Make information understandable and interesting to the public.
Lead: Everyone.

II. Outreach and Communications in Support of LTFAC Re-Chartering

1. Conduct public outreach specific to the goals of the LTFAC Re-Chartering process as communicated by the LTFAC DFO.
Lead: LTFAC DFO.
2. Engage all LTFAC Communications Plan Action Plan elements as appropriate to support the Re-Chartering Process.
Lead: LTFAC Chair, DFO (with support from LTFAC members as requested).