

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

LTFAC Vision

LTFAC is an active advisory group whose mission is to help ensure that the Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) meets the thresholds of the Lake Tahoe Compact; that EIP projects and programs have adaptive management components, are fully funded, and that all partners and stakeholders are engaged to support the achievement and maintenance of adopted environmental thresholds. LTFAC strives to be recognized as a national model for community and stakeholder outreach and participation.

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).