

**Summary of Consultant Activities – January 2021****Sustainable Community Advocates****Steve Teshara, Principal**

- Attend January 7 Meeks Bay Restoration Project online workshop to review and provide input on the initial set of project alternatives for environmental review. Advocate for fire boat lift on pier structure (currently in Alternative 1). Debrief workshop with Meeks Bay FPD Board President Ed Miller and NLTFPD Division Chief McNamara.
- Prepare testimony advocating for the fire boat lift for the January 27 virtual meeting of the TRPA Regional Plan Implementation Committee (RPIC) for the presentation of background and initial set of alternatives for the Meeks Bay Restoration Project. Attend January 27 RPIC virtual meeting to hear presentation and provide testimony.
- As Coordinator for the Lake Tahoe Partnership (federal advocacy network), participate in Partnership discussions beginning work to develop advocacy priorities for federal fiscal year 2022. Priorities include: funding appropriations for the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (LTRA). Review new and returning House and Senate committee leadership/membership positions that will be of value for Tahoe. Note: New California US Senator Alex Padilla has been named to a seat on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. Nevada US Senator Catherine Cortez Masto continues to serve on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.
- Attend January 18 virtual meeting as an invited member of the Advisory Committee established by the US Forest Service LTBMU, in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), to provide input on developing an updated “Secondary List” of Projects for funding from the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA) to be advanced as part of the SNPLMA Round 18 review and recommendation process.
- Continue to track work on the Lake Tahoe West (LTW) project, a collaborative effort to restore the resiliency of forests, watersheds, and communities on 59,000 acres of Lake Tahoe’s West Shore. Led by the USDA Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU), California Tahoe Conservancy, and TRPA, the LTW project is based on the comprehensive Lake Tahoe West Landscape Restoration Strategy. The agencies completed a public scoping process in June and are still working on the project description, following feedback received during the most recent set of workshops. The Lake Tahoe West Science Team, led by the US Forest Service Pacific Southwest Research Station, released its Science Summary of Findings Report in November. This report evaluated the effects of different management approaches on wildlife habitat, fire risks, water quality, economics, and other social and ecological values on the west shore.
- Continue on-going dialogue with TRPA transportation staff as a follow-up to Tahoe Basin Fire Chiefs October 25, 2020 letter “Comments on the 2045 Linking Tahoe Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) regarding Emergency Evacuation Planning for Emergency Response and Public Safety.”