

Summary of Consultant Activities – December 2019
Sustainable Community Advocates
Steve Teshara, Principal

- Secure all Basin Chief signatures and transmit letter to the California Tahoe Conservancy and the Nevada Division of State Lands regarding the need for Homeowner agreements to implement defensible space and fire hazard reduction on publicly owned urban lots. Transmit copy of fully-executed letter to Basin Chief signatories (December 6).
- Attend December 5 strategic planning session of the Tahoe Interagency Executives Steering Committee (TIE-SC) at Thunderbird Lodge. Participate in discussion regarding potential new or updated EIP project categories.
- Attend December 11 meeting of the TRPA Advisory Planning Commission (APC) to hear briefing by TRPA Forest Health Ecosystem Program Manager Kat McIntyre on the Forest Health Action (developed with TFFT input), the Lake Tahoe West Restoration Strategy, and proposed amendments to TRPA's Code Chapter 61, Vegetation and Forest Health).
- Subsequently transmit to the Basin Chiefs copies of the Power Points used for these presentations.

- Attend December 12 meeting of the California Tahoe Conservancy Board of Directors. Agenda topics of particular interest: 1) Award of SNPLMA Round 16 grants to:
 - the Ski Run/Bijou Open Space Fuel Hazard Reduction Project on Conservancy land, including the expenditure of up to \$211,1250 and execution of agreements as necessary to implement the project;
 - the award of a grant to the South Tahoe Public Utility District (STPUD) for up to \$338,000 to implement the STPUD Treatment Plan Fuel Hazard Reduction Project;
 - and for up to \$487,500 to implement Phase 2 of the California State Parks Fuel Hazard Reduction and Understory Burning Project.

Consideration and possible authorization to award a planning grant to the University of California, Berkeley for up to \$74,000 to assess the conditions and make recommendations for how to accelerate climate change adaptation in the Lake Tahoe Basin by developing and deploying practical, science-based management tools and technology applications.

Note: At this meeting, the Board elected a new Chair (Sue Novasel) and Vice Chair (Cindy Gustafson).

- Continue to advocate for federal Fiscal Year 2020 appropriations consistent with authorizations in the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (LTRA). Provide the Basin Chiefs with a copy of the Lake Tahoe Partnership letter to Senate and House Appropriations leadership advocating for LTRA funding. Track the work of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees to complete the budget deal prior to the government funding deadline of Friday, December 20 at midnight. Total amount appropriated for LTRA in FY 2020 is \$16.088 million, an increase of \$1 million over the amount appropriated for LTRA in FY 2019. The 2020 package includes \$6 million for hazardous fuels reduction.
- Provide Basin Chiefs with email updates during Congressional work on negotiations on the final FY 2020 federal budget package.