

THRESHOLD UPDATE INITIATIVE STAKEHOLDER'S WORKING GROUP MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

11:00PM - 1:00PM

TRPA offices, 128 Market Street, Stateline, Nevada & Via Zoom

Link:



Threshold Update

Draft Meeting Summary

AGENDA ITEM

I. WELCOME, AGENDA REVIEW

Members present: Jennifer Carr, Susan Chandler, Jason Drew, Jim Lawrence, Jesse Patterson, Steve Teshara, Bill Yeates, Bob Larsen

Members absent: Monica Arienzo

Staff present: John Hester, Julie Regan, Kat McIntyre, Dan Segan

Public present: None

II. DISPOSITION OF JULY MEETING SUMMARY

Presentation: Staff apologized for the omission of Jennifer Carr and Laura Patten from the meeting summary. Then staff explained that the intended purpose of the summary, which were twofold, 1) to provide a record of the working group discussions for members of the committee to look back upon, 2) to provide interested members of the APC, GB, or public with a summary of prior discussions in the meeting. Staff requested feedback from the working group on the completeness of the summary and the extent to which it was suitable for those aims.

Draft summary link:

https://www.trpa.gov/wp-content/uploads/TUISWG_22.07.13_MeetingSummary.pdf

Working Group direction:

- Summary is suitable for the intended purpose, and we don't need word by word notes for the meeting, but should post meeting recordings for those who are interested. (Note from staff: The July 13th meeting was not recorded because of a technical error, but this meeting is being recorded as will future meetings)
- Update the summary to include working group's discussion of the importance of engaging with the Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team during the standard setting process.

III. DISCUSSION OF RECOMMENDED MODIFICATIONS TO THE AIR QUALITY THRESHOLD STANDARDS

Presentation: Staff provided an overview of unique requirements under the Compact for air and water quality, specifically that the Regional Plan must attain all federal, state, and local air and water quality standards.

Presentation link:

https://www.trpa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022_8_10_TUISWG_AirQuality-1.pdf

Working Group direction:

- Why would we adopt threshold standards if they are not setting a new goal or providing additional environmental protection?
- The Tahoe Science Advisory Council does not have the resources or expertise that CARB, EPA, and NDEP have relative to air quality impacts on human health.
- Need to ensure that if we set air quality goals that there are realistic ways for us influence attainment of.
- Air and Water Quality standards don't need to follow same framework even though both share the same requirements in the Compact.
- Recommendation: Consistent with the earlier discussion, local, state, and federal air quality standards do not need to be adopted because there is limited benefit in doing so. The group recommended that option 4 (as described in the staff summary) be followed for the adoption of air quality standards. Option 4 includes adoption of standards only when their adoption would provide additional protection not afforded by the local, state, or federal standards.
- Staff to check on the Ozone standard, which was listed as a standard that would not be retained if option 4 was followed
 - Staff confirmed that there was an error on slide 19, which suggested that the current 1-hr ozone standard would be removed if option 4 was followed.
- As a guide for applicants, it would be useful if TRPA compiled a list of all air and water quality standards (threshold or otherwise) that apply within the region. Ideally this list would include the actual "standards" that the projects would be required to achieve, which in the case of TRPA, would likely be requirements from the code of ordinances.

IX. Adjournment