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STAFF REPORT

Date: May 20, 2020

To: TRPA Governing Board

From: TRPA Staff

Subject: Presentation and Acceptance of FY 2020/2021 Operations Work Plan Priorities

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Summary and Staff Recommendation:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Governing Board has not been able to convene for an off-site priority setting workshop. Instead, this agenda item includes the staff recommended strategic priorities for the next fiscal year which will begin in slightly over one month. Staff recommends acceptance of the TRPA 2020/2021 Operations Work Plan Priorities described below.

Required Motions:

In order to accept the TRPA 2020/2021 Operations Work Plan priorities, the Board must make the following motion:

A motion to accept the TRPA 2020/2021 Operations Work Plan priorities included in this staff report

For the motion to pass, an affirmative vote of any eight Board members is required.

Background:

Typically, the Governing Board holds an offsite workshop that focuses on setting strategic priorities for the agency for the upcoming fiscal year. Based on those priorities the Operations Work Plan, which is used primarily for internal division coordination and management, accountability, and performance management, organizing and staffing, etc., is prepared. A copy is then provided to the GB as an information item. In addition to the strategic priorities, the Operations Work Plan includes core activities, performance measures, and staff organization and positions for the Long Range and Transportation Planning Division, Current Planning Division, Environmental Improvement Division, and Research and Analysis Division. It complements the annual budget.

The following recommended priorities are presented to the Governing Board for review, discussion, and acceptance:

- **Building Resiliency: Climate Change and Sustainability** – This initiative builds upon the 2014 national award-winning Lake Tahoe Sustainability Action Plan that addressed greenhouse gas reduction. It includes a new inventory of greenhouse gas emissions, reflects new policy direction from both the States of California and Nevada (i.e., legislation and executive orders), and also covers climate change adaptation (e.g., working with utility providers to adapt infrastructure to greater weather extremes) and climate change resiliency (i.e., response and recovery from climate-caused disasters). Consistent with direction from both states, reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transportation will be a focal point of this initiative.

- **Keeping Tahoe Moving: Transportation and Sustainable Recreation** – This initiative includes an update of the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy which encompasses greenhouse gas reduction, the Bi-State Consultation on Transportation Action Plan (i.e., high priority projects and funding), Sustainable Recreation Planning (i.e., planning for transportation and facility use based on the continuing shift to recreation visitors), and corridor planning.
- **Tahoe Living: Housing and Community Revitalization** – Viable, vibrant, and healthy communities updated to current environmental standards are a key component of the vision underlying the 2012 Regional Plan update, including adequate housing as an essential community component. Recent housing assessments identify affordable and achievable housing gaps. This initiative addresses coherent strategies for implementing housing as a key component of the Region’s communities, the Regional Plan, the housing needs identified in the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, and the Regional Housing Needs Allocation.
- **Restoration Blueprint: Environmental Improvement Program Implementation** – This includes implementing transportation and community revitalization projects of regional significance, seeking additional funding sources for the EIP, creating forest health implementation tools based on the results from the Lake Tahoe West landscape scale restoration project, implementing the Aquatic Invasive Species Control Action Plan Agenda, and focusing on areawide stormwater management projects with multiple benefits.
- **Measuring What Matters: Thresholds and Monitoring Update** – Using the new, recently approved framework based on science, results, and outcomes, this initiative will focus in the near term on updating measures for water quality, transportation, recreation, and stream environment zones.
- **Digital First: Innovation Initiative** – This initiative will continue TRPA’s transition to nearly total digital operations. Digital First covers information storage, user applications, transactions between users and TRPA, and internal applications. Near-term priorities are adding online parcel-level development information, land capability verification system improvements, modernizing and creating a digital code, and Lake Tahoe Info enhancements.

The Governing Board will be receiving periodic updates on the status of the strategic initiatives and select core activities over the period covered by the Work Plan.

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