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TRPA is concerned for the health and safety of community members, our staff, and Governing Board and Advisory Planning Commission members. Amid unprecedented circumstances, the agency must consider its obligation to continue work while doing our part to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

In addition to working from home and virtual technology being used for internal operations, TRPA will utilize technology to hold the May 27 Governing Board meeting. Governing Board members and interested members of the public can take part in the meeting remotely. In-person attendance will not be a part of TRPA public meetings under current state COVID-19 executive orders.

Ways to provide input to the TRPA Governing Board:

Prior to the Board Meeting:

 Submit written comments of any length in advance of the meeting. Written comments received by 5:00 pm May 26 will be included as part of the record. Please email comments to Marja Ambler mambler@trpa.org.

The Day of the Board Meeting (May 27):

Provide online comments during the meeting through the public comment form at https://www.trpa.org/governing-board-documents-may-27-2020-online-meeting/. In accordance with TRPA rules and procedures, public comment will be allowed at specific points during the live meeting. Comments submitted during the meeting will be read into the record by a member of TRPA staff. Individuals and groups will have three minutes (2,250 character maximum) of their comment read aloud into the record. Interested members of the public will type their comment into an online form, so it is recommended that commenters consider the time it will take to write comments out during the meeting and prepare as needed.

Governing Board and community members will use the platform GoToWebinar to conduct committee meetings and the Governing Board meeting. (Note: The Legal Committee meeting will run on a separate meeting link, concurrent with the Operations and Governance Committee meeting). For GoToWebinar, visit the service provider's website, https://www.gotomeeting.com/webinar in advance of the meeting to prepare your system to connect to the meeting (webinar). The link to connect to the meeting as well as the online comment form will be posted on the Meetings and Notices page of the TRPA website https://www.trpa.org/governing-board-documents-may-27-2020-online-meeting/ the day of the meeting.

TRPA sincerely appreciates the patience and understanding of everyone concerned as we use best practices to protect public health. The agency values public input as an integral part of its mission and will work to ensure safe and effective options are available at public meetings.

For more information about the Governing Board meeting or TRPA's response to the COVID-19 crisis, please contact Public Information Officer Jeff Cowen jcowen@trpa.org or (775) 589-5278.