**SUMMARY**

**Stakeholder Science and Stakeholder Community Committees**

**Lake Tahoe West Restoration Partnership**

Tuesday, September 3rd, 2019, 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, Sierra Room, Avenue, 128 Market St, Stateline, NV 89410

*All meeting materials are publicly available on the Lake Tahoe West website* [*http://nationalforests.org/laketahoewest*](http://nationalforests.org/laketahoewest)*. For questions please contact the program manager/facilitator Sarah Di Vittorio at* *sdivittorio@nationalforests.org* *or (530) 902-8281.*

# Meeting Synopsis

On September 3, 2019, the Lake Tahoe West (LTW) Stakeholder Science Committee (SSC) and the Stakeholder Community Committee (SCC) met with the Interagency Design Team (IADT) to formally recommend the Lake Tahoe West Landscape Restoration Strategy (LRS) for Executive Team approval. Prior to today’s meeting, the LRS had been recommended for Executive approval by several Stakeholders. An official recommendation was received by the remaining SSC and SCC members at today’s meeting. Following the official recommendation, the LTW project manager Sarah Di Vittorio acknowledged the tremendous amount of work and collaboration that has gone into the creation of the LRS. The LRS will now be taken to the Executive Team with the hope of receiving official Executive Team approval by mid-September. The IADT followed this official recommendation process by reviewing next steps for Phase 3 and specifically the Proposed Action. A meeting will be held on October 7th, 2019 with Stakeholders to kick off development of the Proposed Action.

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# Action Items

1. **The Core Team** will look into developing a funding strategy for LTW.
2. **Brian** will work with Steve Teshara to note importance of water infrastructure in the LRS matrix.
3. **Bri** willstart sending official Outlook Calendar invites out for all LTW Stakeholder meetings and specify which meetings are Stakeholder Science Committee meetings and which meetings are Stakeholder Community Committee meetings. The facilitation team will also send email reminders.

# Welcome and Opening Remarks

Joanne Marchetta, Executive Director of TRPA, led off the meeting with a welcome and opening remarks.

* This is a day to celebrate a LRS milestone. Stakeholder input and participation throughout the process has been key.
* Thank you to the IADT, the Stakeholders, and everyone involved in this process for working so hard to get the LRS to where it is now.
* The LRS is much bigger than just seventy pages, it represents how we can save the lakes, forests, and mountains here in the Tahoe Basin.
* The completion of the LRS moves us officially one step closer to implementation.

# Landscape Restoration Strategy and Completion of Phase 2

Sarah reviewed edits made in Draft 3 of the LRS and the process to finalize the document.

* Draft 3 of the LRS was sent out on August 27th for review. Draft 3 did not change significantly from Draft 2. Suggestions that were received for Draft 3 included:
	+ Six edits suggested for clarity and consistency.
	+ Requests to note modeling limitations and uncertainties in beetle kill results and PACs.
	+ Incorporate more results of the LRA in the LRS.
	+ Incorporate a funding strategy into the final LRS or as an additional document.
		- Highlight what state, federal funds are available and would be relevant to LTW.
	+ Include more information regarding water infrastructure needs on the West Shore.
* Refresher of the decision process for advancing the LRS:
	+ There are two Stakeholder Committees: Stakeholder Science Committee and Stakeholder Community Committee.
	+ The SSC recommends and advances work products to the Executive Team.
	+ The SCC provides feedback and aims to find agreements on documents, but the SCC does not formally recommend products to the Executive Team.
	+ The Executive Team officially approves the LRS. The IADT is hoping to get Executive Team approval on the LRS by mid-September.
	+ The LRS will be professionally formatted and released at the end of October [note the expected date is now mid-November].
	+ Communications regarding release of the LRS:
		- A 4-page summary of the LTW and LRS has been developed and can be shared with Stakeholder constituents. It is available at [laketahoewest.org](file:///%5C%5CNFF-dc01%5CUsers%20Shares%5Cbtiffany%5CLTW_DraftNotes%5Claketahoewest.org)
		- The Communications Team is working on a series of one pagers for different audiences such as small businesses, home owners, wildlife groups, etc.

Stakeholder endorsement:

* Official Stakeholder Science Committee endorsements received on the LRS prior to today’s meeting:
	+ Sue Britting of Sierra Forest Legacy.
	+ Tricia Maloney of Tahoe Environmental Research Center, UC Davis.
	+ Matt Freitas of Truckee River Watershed Council.
	+ Jeff Brown of University of California at Berkeley.
	+ Bruce Springsteen of Placer County Air Pollution Control District.
	+ Jennifer Quashnick of Friends of the West Shore.
	+ Roland Shaw of Nevada Division of Forestry.
* Official Stakeholder endorsements provided at today’s meeting:
	+ Maria Mircheva of the Sugar Pine Foundation.
	+ Eric Horntvedt of the North Tahoe Fire Protection District.
	+ Zach Bradford of Keep Tahoe Blue.
	+ Dan Blood of Homewood Ski Resort.
	+ Steve Teshara of Lake Tahoe South Shore Chamber of Commerce.
* The official endorsement of the Lake Tahoe West Landscape Restoration Strategy was provided by the Stakeholder Science Committee and the Stakeholder Community Committee.
* Sarah thanked the Stakeholders and acknowledged the incredible commitment and hard work put in by Stakeholders throughout the process.
	+ The IADT and Stakeholders worked collaboratively to produce the LRS and look forward to continuing to work together in Phase 3.
	+ There will be a party on November 1st from 1-4pm to celebrate the official completion of the LRS.
* Stakeholders and Interagency Team members provided remarks on the process and product.
	+ Stakeholder 1: I appreciate everyone’s willingness to look at the Stakeholder’s comments deeply and thoroughly. This document will be useful to a great number of people and can be used as an example elsewhere.
	+ Stakeholder 2: This has been a long and very interesting process. The LRS helps gives land managers and policy makers a lot of clarity on what to do in a complex world. The Science effort behind the LRS has been amazing and I wholeheartedly endorse this document.
	+ Stakeholder 3: This is a wonderful group to be a part of. Every point was given consideration, nothing was overlooked.
	+ IADT 1: The LRS science effort has been monumental. I believe the PTEIR and LTW can be template documents for the whole nation.
	+ Stakeholder 4: Our organization really appreciates how seriously our comments were looked into.
	+ Stakeholder 5: I have learned so much during this process and fully endorse the document.

# Phase 3 and Proposed Action

* The group welcomed the Consensus Building Institute (CBI), with Gina Bartlett and Julia Golomb, who have been hired to augment the NFF facilitation team through Phase 3. Gina will facilitate the LTW Executive Team and Julia will facilitate the two Stakeholder Committees and the Environmental Review Team. CBI will help to design the stakeholder process for development of the Proposed Action.
* A Stakeholder meeting is scheduled for October 7th from 11am-4pm at TRPA to kick off Proposed Action development.
* Proposed Action Timeline and Process:
	+ USFS specialists will be involved in the creation of the proposed action.
	+ The IADT recognizes that this timeline for a proposed action is fairly aggressive.
	+ The proposed action will build upon work already completed in the LRS. The LRS has identified conditions on the landscape that merit treatment.
	+ The goal is to complete the Proposed Action by the end of 2019.
	+ The Proposed Action will be followed by scoping and project planning and analysis. The goal is to have this wrapped up by May 2021.
* Implementation of projects to begin in field season 2022.

# Meeting Attendees

Organizing and Participating Agencies

CTC – California Tahoe Conservancy

FWS – Friends of the West Shore

NFF – National Forest Foundation

USFS LTBMU – U.S. Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit

USFS PSW – U.S. Forest Service Pacific Southwest Research Station

NDF – Nevada Division of Forestry

KTB – Keep Tahoe Blue/The League to Save Lake Tahoe

HSR – Homewood Ski Resort

PCAPCD – Placer County Air Pollution Control District

SFL – Sierra Forest Legacy

SPF – Sugar Pine Foundation

NTFPD – North Tahoe Fire Protection District

LTSSCC – Lake Tahoe South Shore Chamber of Commerce

TERC – Tahoe Environmental Research Center, UC Davis

UCB – University of California at Berkeley

TRPA – Tahoe Regional Planning Agency

CBI – Consensus Building Institute

CSP – California State Parks

**Stakeholder Science Committee Members**

1. Jennifer Quashnick, FOWS
2. Roland Shaw, NDF
3. Zach Bradford, KTB
4. Bruce Springsteen, PCAPCD
5. Sue Britting, SFL
6. Maria Mircheva, SPF
7. Tricia Maloney, TERC
8. Jeff Brown, UCB

**Stakeholder Community Committee Members**

1. Dan Blood, HSR
2. Eric Horntvedt, NTFPD
3. Steve Teshara, LTSSCC

**Staff**

1. Christine Aralia, CTC
2. Sarah Di Vittorio, NFF
3. Brian Garrett, USFS LTBMU
4. Bri Tiffany, NFF
5. Pat Manley, USFS PSW
6. Joanne Marchetta, TRPA
7. Kat McIntyre, TRPA
8. Gina Bartlett, CBI
9. Dan Shaw, CSP
10. Jen Greenberg, CTC
11. Julia Golomb, CBI
12. Jonathan Long, USFS PSW