

**Summary of Consultant Activities – March 2020**  
**Sustainable Community Advocates**  
**Steve Teshara, Principal**

As Coordinator of the Lake Tahoe Partnership advocacy team, I was in Washington, D.C. March 9-11 for the meetings listed below.

Our major advocacy themes during this trip were:

- Support for federal FY 2021 appropriations for the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (LTRA).
- The importance of an appropriation for the LTRA provision that authorizes funding for water infrastructure improvements to support fire suppression.
- Initial discussions around the idea of extending the LTRA authorization beyond its current 7-year period.
- Reinforcing (particularly with the staff of Nevada Congresswoman Dina Titus) the importance of moving forward with the SNPLMA Round 18 call for project nominations.

Meetings

- California Senator Diane Feinstein and two key staff members
- Members of the US Senate Appropriations Committee staff
- Nevada Congressman Mark Amodei and a key staff member
- California Congressman John Garamendi and a key staff member
- Nevada Senator Jacky Rosen and a key staff member
- Staff at the office of Nevada Congresswoman Dina Titus
- California Congressman Tom McClintock and a key staff member
- Nevada Senator Catherine Cortez Masto and two key staff members
- Staff at the office of California Senator Kamala Harris
- Staff at the office of California Congressman Mike Thompson
- David French with ENS Resources (D.C. advocate for the South Tahoe Public Utility District and active supporter of LTRA funding for water infrastructure improvements to support fire suppression.

Immediate Follow-up Actions

- Prep and transmit D.C. trip briefing memo to Basin Chiefs March 16.
- Draft letter from Basin Chiefs to Tahoe Congressional Delegation in support of LTRA appropriation for water infrastructure to improve fire suppression.
- One or more Chiefs to contact Congressman McClintock to reinforce appropriation for water infrastructure to improve fire suppression.
- Email draft letter to Basin Chiefs for review and comment on March 31.
  
- Telephone conversation with TFFT IC Forest Schafer. Discussion/agreement to convert the April 16 MAC meeting to a virtual meeting.