

Summary of Consultant Activities - May 2023
Sustainable Community Advocates
Steve Teshara, Principal

- Assist Basin Chiefs and TFFT Leadership with meeting materials and other preparations for the May 18th MAC-TFFT Leadership meeting at North Tahoe Fire Station 51 in Tahoe City. Attend meetings, provide historical context, and participate in discussions.
- Per direction from the Chiefs, submit the list of requested Chiefs appointments to represent the Chiefs on the TRPA Advisory Planning Commission (APC), as follows: Chief Chad Stephens, primary representative; Chief Scott Lindgren 1st Alternate; Chief Jim Drennan, 2nd Alternate. The TRPA Governing Board approved these appointments on the consent calendar at their May 24th meeting.
- As a leading member of the Lake Tahoe Partnership, continue to advocate for the proposed ten-year extension of the authorizations in the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (LTRA). In mid-May, the bi-partisan legislation to do so was reported favorably out of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources (ENR) Committee. This action means the bill is cleared and ready for Senate floor action. The Partnership is now working to promote action by the House Natural Resources Committee to advance the bill.
- Also, continue advocacy for Tahoe's requested FY federal 2024 appropriations requests, consistent with the Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program (EIP).
- Prepare and secure signatures on a Lake Tahoe Partnership letter in support of the Lake Tahoe EIP funding provisions in the draft federal legislation entitled "Truckee Meadows Public Lands Management Act (TMPLMA), a legislative initiative being led by Nevada U.S. Senator Jacky Rosen. If developed into a formal bill, the proposal would allow a percentage of funds from the sale of federal lands in Washoe County, Nevada, to be used to help fund EIP projects at Lake Tahoe.
- Continue to participate in meetings related to potential federal legislation intended to "modernize" the existing 1980 federal Burton-Santini Lake Tahoe land acquisition bill to update its provisions to address contemporary USFS land management needs.