

## FROM THE MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2007

### **8. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/MASTER PLAN (Public Hearing)**

**SP05-0001** submitted by HEAVENLY VALLEY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (Agent: Andrew Strain) to certify the final environmental impact report and consider the 2005 Heavenly Mountain Resort Master Plan Amendment. The environmental impact report includes a No Action Alternative (1996 Master Plan) as well as Alternatives 2, 3, 4, 4A, and 5. The amendment includes a long-term range of resort improvements to be phased (Phases 1, 2, and 3) over the life of the Master Plan. Phase 1 projects within the action alternatives were identified as priority projects that are intended for immediate implementation following approval of the project and certification of the final EIR/EIS/EIS. Phases within the County jurisdictional parcels (California Base Lodge and parking lot) are as follows: Phase I Projects - \*Install BMPs for California Base Lodge and parking lot; Phase II Projects - Relocate Lower California Maintenance Shop to off-site location; Phase III Projects - \*Replace California Base Lodge, \*Relocate California Snowmaking Building, Replace and relocate Ski Lift A (Aerial Tram) with High Speed Detachable Quad Ski Lift, \*Kids Camp (California Base), \*Replacement of Ski Lift K (Perfect Ride), \*\*Ski Lift L (Cal Ski School), and Ski Lift M (Enchanted Forest), \*Ski Runs K1, L1, and M1. \* Projects already approved with the 1996 Master Plan; \*\*Minor lift alignment modification is proposed from previous 1996 Master Plan. Under Alternative 2, the total PAOT (people at one time) capacity of HMR would remain at the approved Master Plan 1996 level of 16,125, while the skier at one time (SAOT) would decrease slightly from 18,100 to 18,096. There would be an increase of “in-basin” PAOT/SAOT and a decrease of “out-of-basin” PAOT/SAOT. The Master Plan amendment proposes a build out level of 37 lifts (23 aerial lifts and 14 surface lifts) with a total hourly uphill capacity of 52,020 persons per hour, (that is similar to the Master Plan 1996), 10 support facilities, 4 maintenance facilities, 812.5 acres of ski trails, and 528.4 acres of ski trails with snow making. The improvements will occur throughout the California and Nevada Land use jurisdictions of the Master Plan project. California parcels in the Master Plan amendment, consisting of approximately 3,950 acres, are identified by the following Assessor’s Parcel Numbers: 028-030-01, 029-240-07, 029-240-12, 029-260-19, 029-260-25, 029-260-27, 029-260-27, 029-260-29, 029-260-32, 029-320-01, 029-320-02, 029-320-03, 029-320-04, 029-320-05, 029-320-09, 029-320-11, 030-100-01, 030-110-01, 030-120-01, 030-020-01, 030-331-02, 030-331-03, 030-040-01, 030-050-01, 030-060-01, 030-070-01, 030-080-01, 030-090-01, 030-370-04, 030-370-06, 030-390-10, 030-390-13, 030-390-42, 030-390-43, 030-390-47. The project site is located in the vicinity of South Lake Tahoe, at the terminus of Wildwood Avenue, including all properties within the California side of the Heavenly Mountain Resort Master Plan area, Supervisorial District V. (Environmental Impact Report prepared and previously advertised).

Staff: Peter Maurer recommended approval to the Board of Supervisors. He introduced Andrew Strain who presented the project. Mr. Maurer gave the Commission a revised set of findings. This is a joint EIR/EIS/EIS covering the three different jurisdictions that have environmental review over the project (El Dorado County, National Forest, and TRPA).

Mr. Strain explained the project and asked that the Commission include the revised findings in its recommendation to the Board.

There was no one in the audience wishing to give input.

Commissioner Mathews asked for clarification on the revised findings. Mr. Maurer explained.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER MACHADO, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAC CREADY AND CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES – COMMISSIONERS MAC CREADY, MACHADO, MATHEWS, AND KNIGHT; ABSENT – COMMISSIONER TOLHURST, IT WAS MOVED TO FORWARD A RECOMMENDATION THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CERTIFY THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND APPROVE SP05-0001, BASED ON THE FINDINGS AS REVISED.**