



City of South Lake Tahoe

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STAFF REPORT CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2016

TO: Nancy Kerry, City Manager

FROM: Lauren Thomaselli, Recreation Manager
Hilary Roverud, Deputy Director of Development Services

RE: Resolution adopting the South Lake Tahoe Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan and associated Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution (Attachment 1).

BACKGROUND:

In Spring 2013, El Dorado County (County) and the City of South Lake Tahoe (City) joined forces to create a new Parks, Trails, & Recreation Master Plan for the South Shore. This Master Plan represents a coordinated effort to align recreation resources and obtain community support to enhance recreation facilities and services for the Eastern Slope of El Dorado County. The plan provides direction for enhancing recreation opportunities for residents and visitors by increasing collaborative efforts and focusing resources where they are most needed. A robust community engagement process was undertaken to better understand community priorities and recreation needs. In addition, a technical analysis of the existing recreation system and anticipated tourism market helped identify specific needs to successfully operate, manage, program, maintain, design and develop existing and new parks, trails and recreation facilities. Through the public involvement process, the following vision emerged:

"We envision an accessible, interconnected, and sustainable system of diverse, year-round recreation opportunities for residents and visitors. Our world-class parks, facilities, trails, and programs inspire and engage recreation enthusiasts, shape our community, connect us to our natural environment and support our shared future in the South Shore."

The Master Plan area encompasses the entire East Slope of El Dorado County and City of South Lake Tahoe. Recreation providers include multiple jurisdictions including City, County, State and Federal lands as well as many private service providers and nonprofit organizations.

The Master Plan Advisory Committee (MPAC) was formed to help guide the process with a diverse perspective from a variety of recreation providers. MPAC members represented the following sectors: private, public, nonprofit, education, environmental, health and wellness. The MPAC provided a fundamental role in oversight of the plan and participated in working groups to identify strategies for implementation on key recommendations. As a community-driven plan, several outreach activities were conducted to gather valuable input including: a Parks and Recreation Community Survey (PARCS) mailed to 1600 households; online questionnaire; intercept surveys; focus groups; stakeholder interviews; and visioning roundtables.

ISSUE AND DISCUSSION:

As a result of the technical analysis and public input, the following key recommendations were made as part of the draft Master Plan (Attachment 2):

1. Regional coordination and collaboration - Create a recreation consortium to coordinate the management, marketing, planning and development of parks, recreation and tourism services. A multijurisdictional entity representing "One South Shore" with a common goal to maximize recreation resources and improve service delivery.
2. Park & facility maintenance, renovations, and improvements - Maintain, renew and renovate parks, recreation facilities, trails and other existing infrastructure.
3. New park, facility and trail development - Acquire land and/or build new parks, recreation facilities and trails to provide an accessible, safe, interconnected system with diverse opportunities.
4. Recreation activities, programs, and events - Activate parks, recreation facilities and trails with special events, programs and self directed recreation opportunities. The largest visitor market is identified as enjoying low impact nature experiences.
5. Operations and maintenance - Ensure needed staffing, resources, and policies are in place as new facilities and programs are added.

The projects outlined under recommendations are organized in a 10- year capital investment plan (Attachment 2, Table 6-1). Quick Win and Short term projects identified in the draft Master Plan are listed below.

Quick Wins (Year 1)

- Bijou bike park
- Al Tahoe Sports field improvements

- Regan Beach renovations
- Recreation and Swim Complex renovations
- City bike trail resurfacing
- County trail projects (Sawmill bike path and Tahoe Blvd enhancements)
- South Tahoe Greenway extension
- Campground upgrades
- South Tahoe Recreation Area Streets department shop relocation

Short Term Projects

- Trail development
- Bike and pedestrian crossings
- South Lake Tahoe Recreation Area improvements
- Recreation & Swim Complex renovations
- Bijou Park Improvements
- Community Play Field improvements (turf replacement)
- Regan Beach renovations
- Bijou Golf Course enhancement
- Campground upgrades
- Joint-use sports field improvements
- Tahoe Paradise Park master plan coordination

Several of the projects identified in the Master Plan have either been completed in the last year, or are underway, such as the Bijou Bike Park, Regan Beach renovation, Recreation and Swim Complex renovation, Community Play Field improvements, City Bike Trail resurfacing, Sawmill Bike Path and Tahoe Blvd enhancements, South Tahoe Greenway, and the South Tahoe Recreation Area Streets department shop relocation. Adoption of the Master Plan will support the continued prioritization of these efforts and guide future efforts to improve recreation opportunities in the South Shore area.

Findings of the technical analysis and public input, along with the draft Master Plan were presented at a City Council meeting in October 2014. Since that time, the City and County have prepared an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which is discussed more below.

CEQA/ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE:

In order to act on the adoption of the Master Plan, an environmental analysis, compliant with CEQA is required. In accordance with CEQA, City and County staff completed an Initial Study which identifies and evaluates the potential environmental impacts of the project. The Initial Study identified potential significant impacts. Mitigation is proposed to reduce impacts to a less than significant level. As a result, a Mitigated Negative Declaration (Attachment 3) has been prepared. The nature of a master plan is to lay out goals, policies and

general direction for implementation. This Master Plan contains a list of programs as well as capital projects recommended for implementation. The IS/MND does not evaluate specific potential impacts associated with the implementation projects, primarily due to the lack of information on location, size and design for each individual project. However, the analysis looks at potential impacts that are known at this time and could be significant when individual projects are designed. It is likely that individual projects will require more specific analysis prior to them being constructed.

The IS/MND discusses potential environmental impacts associated with implementation of the Master Plan in the areas of aesthetics, agriculture and forestry, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, noise, transportation and traffic, and utilities and service systems. Mitigation measures proposed to address these potential impacts are included in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (Attachment 4).

On December 10, 2015, the City Planning Commission held a public hearing and adopted Resolution 2015-06 (Attachment 5) recommending that the City Council adopt the IS/MND and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the South Lake Tahoe Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan.

Public Notice and Input

The IS/MND was available for public review and comment from October 21, 2015 through November 20, 2015. The Planning Commission held a public hearing to solicit public input on the environmental document on November 12, 2015. No comments were received.

A Notice of Availability was published in the Tahoe Daily Tribune to advertise the comment period and the November 12th public hearing before the Planning Commission. A Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Tahoe Daily Tribune on November 28th providing notice to the public of the potential Planning Commission action on December 10th.

GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENCY:

All policies in the General Plan Recreation Element direct the City to improve recreation opportunities and recreation facilities throughout the City. City General Plan Economic Development Element Policy ED-1.10 encourages events and entertainment, at public and private facilities and participation in community organizations formed for this purpose. Policy ED-1.13 directs the City to enhance outdoor recreation opportunities. The draft Master Plan is consistent with the City General Plan.


CITY COUNCIL WORKPLAN:

The Parks, Trails, and Recreation Draft Master Plan supports Economic Development through improving recreation in all forms and focusing attention and investment in South Lake Tahoe's primary industry. The draft plan also supports Partnership Development through a key recommendation for collaboration and coordination with public, private, and nonprofit recreation service providers by creating a Recreation Consortium to improve service delivery throughout South Lake Tahoe. Finally, the plan supports Community Engagement through extensive outreach activities and recommendations reflective of the needs and desires of the community.

FINANCIAL AND/OR POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Future financial implications under the final plan are expected to align with the current Capital Investment Strategy to focus on the built environment, critical needs, geographic concentration, and return on investment. Council has already demonstrated commitment to key projects within the plan by setting aside funding for Bijou Bike Park, and moving forward with renovation design plans for both Regan Beach and Recreation Complex (CC Meeting August 5, 2014 - adoption of 5 year CIP).

By:



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Reviewed and Approved by:


Nancy Kerry, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment 1: Draft Resolution
- Attachment 2: Draft South Lake Tahoe Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan
- Attachment 3: Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration
- Attachment 4: Mitigation, Monitoring and Reporting Plan
- Attachment 5: Planning Commission Resolution 2015-06

ATTACHMENT 4

Mitigation Measure	Responsible Party	Timing	Reporting
Mitigation Measure AQ-2: In accordance with County AQMD standards, any mass grading operations shall ensure that emissions from off-road diesel powered equipment used on the project site do not exceed 40% opacity for more than 3 minutes in any one hour. Any equipment found to exceed 40% opacity (or Ringlemann 2.0) shall be repaired immediately, and the County AQMD shall be notified within 48 hours of identification of noncompliant equipment. The above recommendations shall not supersede other County AQMD or state rules and regulations.	City of South Lake Tahoe and El Dorado County	Capital implementation project design, review, and construction	Plan review and inspection record
Mitigation Measure AQ-3: In accordance with County AQMD standards, the primary contractor shall be responsible for ensuring that all heavy-duty equipment is properly tuned and maintained, in accordance with manufacturers' specifications.	City of South Lake Tahoe and El Dorado County	During Construction	Inspection record
Mitigation Measure AQ-4: A Traffic Study, as required by Mitigation Measure TT-1, shall be used to determine the number a vehicle trips to calculate mobile source emissions to ensure that daily operation emissions do not exceed significance thresholds as determined by AQMD standards.	City of South Lake Tahoe and El Dorado County	Application/Plan review	Plan review
Mitigation Measure AQ-5: A Wood Burning Management Plan shall be developed for all projects associated with the implementation of the Master Plan that include new campfires or wood burning appliances. The Wood Burning Management Plan shall include limitations on the use of campfires or wood burning appliances during high fire danger and poor air quality conditions.	City of South Lake Tahoe and El Dorado County	Application/plan review	Plan review

Mitigation Measure	Responsible Party	Timing	Reporting
<p>BIOLOGY</p> <p>Mitigation Measure BIO-1: Pre-construction surveys, to determine the potential to adversely impact special status species or their habitats, shall be conducted prior to approval of any new facilities identified in the Master Plan. If the results of the survey identify the potential to impact any special status species mitigation measures specified for that particular species shall be adopted and implemented.</p>	<p>City of South Lake Tahoe and El Dorado County</p>	<p>Application/plan review</p>	<p>Plan review</p>
<p>CULTURAL RESOURCES</p> <p>MITIGATION MEASURE CR-1 - An archeological investigation shall be required for all Master Plan projects that require excavation activity into native soil, in accordance with CEQA regulations, for areas not previously surveyed and/or that are determined sensitive for archaeological resources (e.g., undeveloped areas near water features). The preservation of discovered archeologically-significant resources (as determined based on TRPA, State, and Federal standards by a qualified professional) shall be required in place if feasible, or mitigation (avoidance, excavation, documentation, curation, data recovery, or other appropriate measures) shall be required prior to further disturbance.</p>	<p>City of South Lake Tahoe and El Dorado County</p>	<p>Application/plan review and during construction</p>	<p>Plan review and inspection record</p>

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<p>MITIGATION MEASURE CR-2 - If human remains are encountered unexpectedly during construction excavation and grading activities, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5, ground disturbing activities shall be halted within the area of the human remains and the County Coroner shall be notified. If the remains are determined to be of Native American descent, the coroner shall have 24 hours to notify the California Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC). The NAHC shall identify the person(s) thought to be the Most Likely Descendant of the deceased Native American, who shall have 48 hours from notification by the NAHC to inspect the site of the discovery of Native American remains and to recommend means for treating and disposition, with appropriate dignity, the human remains and any associated grave goods. The remains and associated grave goods shall be reinterred with appropriate dignity on the property in a location not subject to further disturbance. If the remains are determined to be of Native American descent and are located on National Forest lands, the coroner has 24 hours to notify the NAHC and the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) of the discovery. The LTBMU shall take the appropriate steps to comply with the federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA).</p>	<p>City of South Lake Tahoe and El Dorado County</p>	<p>During construction</p>	<p>Inspection record</p>
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<p>GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS</p> <p>Mitigation Measure GHG-1: Require all subsequent projects to comply with all applicable portions of SACOG Sustainable Communities Strategy, best management practices, and TRPA GHG reduction measures in order to reduce GHG emissions to the extent possible and feasible. When applicable, consider design elements such as energy-efficient lighting (e.g., LEDs), Energy Star® qualified hard-wired fixtures and appliances, occupant sensors and automatic daylighting control devices, the integration of solar power, and native or drought-tolerant plant and tree species.</p>	<p>City of South Lake Tahoe and El Dorado County</p>	<p>Application/plan review</p>	<p>Plan review</p>
<p>HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS</p> <p>Mitigation Measure HAZ-1. Require all subsequent projects that would be located on sites suspected or known to contain hazardous materials and/or are identified in a hazardous material/waste search to be reviewed, tested, and remediated for potential hazardous materials in accordance with all local, state, and federal regulations. The City and County shall require written confirmations from applicable local, regional, state, and federal agencies that known contaminated sites have been deemed remediated to a level appropriate for land uses proposed prior to approving site development or provide an approved remediation plan that demonstrates how contamination will be remediated prior to site occupancy. This documentation will specify the extent of development allowed on the remediated site as well as any special conditions and/or restrictions on future land uses.</p>	<p>City of South Lake Tahoe and El Dorado County</p>	<p>Application/plan review</p>	<p>Plan review</p>

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<p>Mitigation Measure HAZ-2. Subsequent projects shall incorporate all fire protection and design provisions identified by the South Lake Tahoe and Lake Valley Fire Departments intended to improve access point(s) and circulation of the subsequent project sites and the overall area in combination with other fire protection requirements (defensible space, fire flow improvements, fire resistant building materials, landscape treatments, placement of hydrants, and installation of sprinklers). The South Lake Tahoe or Lake Valley Fire Department shall review and approve the subsequent project site design prior to commencement of project construction.</p>	<p>City of South Lake Tahoe and El Dorado County</p>	<p>Application/plan review</p>	<p>Plan review</p>

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<p>Mitigation Measure HAZ-3. Subsequent projects shall be required to prepare and receive approval of a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) in accordance with local and state guidelines and standards, including Caltrans Guidelines for Projects Located on the California State Highways in the Lake Tahoe Basin (as applicable). Approval of the TMP shall be obtained from the City, County and/or Caltrans (if TMP impacts US 50 or SR 89) prior to site disturbance. Provisions in the TMP shall include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction, to the extent feasible, the number of vehicles (construction and other) on the roadways adjacent to construction sites during project construction. • Reduction, to the extent feasible, the interaction between construction equipment and other vehicles. • Improvement and maintenance of public safety aimed at driver and roadway safety. • Establishment and/or maintenance of safe routes through the project area for bicycles and pedestrians. • Establishment and/or maintenance of adequate emergency access for police, fire, ambulance, and other emergency service vehicles – as determined through direct consultation with those service providers. 	<p>City of South Lake Tahoe and El Dorado County</p>	<p>Application/plan review</p>	<p>Plan review</p>

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<p>Mitigation Measure HAZ - 4. As individual projects are implemented under the Master Plan, the following actions shall be undertaken, when applicable, to reduce the risk of wildfires: 1) maintain and incorporate adequate emergency access in project areas; 2) provide signage at day use areas, parks, and trail heads related to fire prevention (i.e. fire or smoking bans); 3) provide fuel modification and other fuel treatment applications within project areas where appropriate; 4) ensure the maintenance of open recreational areas; 5) allow campfires in designated areas, and patrol the area regularly to prevent fires in unauthorized locations; and 5) enforce curfews or other rules to limit unwanted activity in project areas.</p>	<p>City of South Lake Tahoe and El Dorado County</p>	<p>Application/plan review and ongoing operations</p>	<p>Plan review and inspection record</p>

Mitigation Measure	Responsible Party	Timing	Reporting
<p>HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY</p> <p>Mitigation Measure HYD-1 - The City and County shall consult with the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board and online Geotracker Database to determine the potential for hazardous material releases on property where excavation is proposed prior to issuance of grading or building permits. Where City and/or County staff determines a potential to exist soil/hydrologic investigations must be prepared in order to determination the potential for groundwater to be encountered during excavation. Subsequent project stormwater pollution prevention plans (SWPPP) may include a dewatering program and measures to mitigate potential contamination of groundwater as well as design provisions to allow groundwater to flow through or around underground structures. Measures to control water quality may include use of settling tanks and Active Treatment Systems (ATS) for treatment of dewatering as well as contamination prevention measures such as proper material storage, secondary containment systems, vehicle fluid drip pans, temporary berms or dikes to isolate construction activities, use of vacuum trucks, and other measures to capture contamination releases.</p>	<p>City of South Lake Tahoe and El Dorado County</p>	<p>Application/plan review</p>	<p>Plan review</p>
<p>Mitigation Measure HYD-2: No structures, such as foundations, berms, or trails shall be designed or constructed in FEMA designated 100-year flood zones in such a way as to retain, divert or otherwise exacerbate flooding conditions for adjacent properties.</p>	<p>City of South Lake Tahoe and El Dorado County</p>	<p>Application/plan review</p>	<p>Plan review</p>

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<p>Mitigation Measure HYD-3: Placement of trails and trail related facilities in areas subject to flooding depths in excess of one foot shall be avoided to the extent feasible. Where designated areas of flooding in excess of one foot cannot be avoided, signage shall be provided to warn of potential flood hazard.</p>	<p>City of South Lake Tahoe and El Dorado County</p>	<p>Application/plan review</p>	<p>Plan review</p>
<p>LAND USE AND PLANNING</p>			
<p>Mitigation Measure LU-1. Projects proposed within the Airport Influence area identified in the Lake Tahoe Airport CLUP shall be consistent with the CLUP prior to approval by the City or County. Uses may be identified as consistent by the CLUP or determined to be consistent by the Lake Tahoe Airport Land Use Commission.</p>	<p>City of South Lake Tahoe and El Dorado County</p>	<p>Application/plan review</p>	<p>Plan review</p>
<p>NOISE</p>			
<p>Mitigation Measure NOISE -1 – A detailed noise and vibration analysis shall be prepared prior to the development of an event venue or sports fields. The analysis shall specifically assess the potential for the proposed activities to have noise and vibration impacts on residences or other noise sensitive land uses in the vicinity. The analysis shall also include design, construction, and/or operations recommendations that will minimize potential impacts. All feasible recommendations shall be implemented to ensure this potential impact remains less than significant.</p>	<p>City of South Lake Tahoe and El Dorado County</p>	<p>Application/plan review</p>	<p>Plan review</p>

Mitigation Measure	Responsible Party	Timing	Reporting
<p>Mitigation Measure NOISE-2- If an event venue is proposed within the 55 db CNEL noise contour of the CLUP, the City or County shall submit the proposal for review by the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC). The ALUC shall review the proposal to determine whether appropriate siting, design, and operational measures have been taken to ensure that airport related noise exposure will not be highly disruptive to the venue.</p>	<p>City of South Lake Tahoe and El Dorado County</p>	<p>Application/plan review</p>	<p>Plan review</p>
<p>TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC</p>			
<p>Mitigation Measure TT – 1: The Planning, Design and CEQA documentation of future proposed Community or Regional Parks shall require the preparation of a Traffic Study by a qualified professional. The Traffic Study shall characterize existing conditions, and shall present a quantitative analysis of the proposed project based on site-specific conditions and shall identify trip generation and trip distribution/assignment based on individually proposed facilities. If potentially significant impacts are identified, the Traffic Study will identify mitigation measures required to reduce all potentially significant impacts to less than significant levels. The recommendations identified within the Traffic Study shall be incorporated into final project design and shall be reviewed and approved by the County Department of Transportation and/or City Public Works Department prior to project approval. If no feasible mitigation measures are identified, an Environmental Impact Report will be required.</p>	<p>City of South Lake Tahoe and El Dorado County</p>	<p>Application/plan review</p>	<p>Plan review</p>

Mitigation Measure	Responsible Party	Timing	Reporting
<p>UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS</p> <p>Mitigation Measure PU-1 – New facilities proposed in the Master Plan shall incorporate water-efficient irrigation methods and drought-tolerant landscaping where feasible. New facilities shall not include ornamental grasses or any landscaping that requires substantial amounts of water. The size and type of turf materials for sports fields will be designed to minimize irrigation requirements.</p>	<p>City of South Lake Tahoe and El Dorado County</p>	<p>Application/plan review</p>	<p>Plan review</p>

CITY OF SOUTH LAKE TAHOE

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-06

**RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH LAKE TAHOE
RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR
THE SOUTH LAKE TAHOE PARKS, TRAILS, AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of South Lake Tahoe ("City") has prepared an Initial Study for the South Lake Tahoe Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

WHEREAS, the City determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration needed to be prepared and circulated a draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for public review and comment between October 21, 2015 and November 20, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration concluded that implementation of the South Lake Tahoe Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan could result in a significant effect on the environment and identified mitigation measures that would reduce the significant effect to a less-than-significant level; and

WHEREAS, a public meeting to receive comments on the draft IS/MND was held before the Planning Commission on November 12, 2015; and

WHEREAS, whenever a lead agency approves a project requiring the implementation of measures to mitigate or avoid significant effects on the environment, CEQA also requires a lead agency to adopt a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures during project implementation; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Lake Tahoe is the lead agency on the Project, and the City Council is the decision-making body for the proposed project; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has reviewed and considered the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and related Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and provides recommendation to the City Council for adoption of the IS/MND and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program in compliance with CEQA and state and local guidelines implementing CEQA.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Planning Commission does hereby recommend that the City Council make the following findings:

- (1) it has independently reviewed and analyzed the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and other information in the record and has considered the information contained therein, prior to acting upon or approving the South Lake Tahoe Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan, and
- (2) the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the South Lake Tahoe Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan has been completed in compliance with CEQA and consistent with state and local guidelines implementing CEQA, and

- (3) the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration represents the independent judgment and analysis of the City as lead agency for the Project. The City Council designates the Director of Development Services at the City Services Center at 1052 Tata Lane, South Lake Tahoe, California 96150, as the custodian of documents and records of proceedings on which this decision is based, and

The Planning Commission does hereby recommend adoption of the IS/MND and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the South Lake Tahoe Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Planning Commission of the City of South Lake Tahoe, signed by the Chair of the Planning Commission, and attested by the Planning Commission Clerk this 10th day of December 2015 by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Chair Brown, Vice-Chair Rise, Commissioners Eckmeyer,

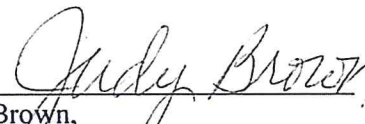
NOES: Commissioners Blumenthal, and Woodward

ABSTAIN: Commissioners _____

ABSENT: Commissioners _____

ATTEST:


Lydia Zuniga,
Clerk to the Planning Commission


Judy Brown,
Planning Commission Chair

CITY OF SOUTH LAKE TAHOE

RESOLUTION NO. 2016- 6

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH LAKE TAHOE
ADOPTING THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SOUTH LAKE
TAHOE PARKS, TRAILS, AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN, ADOPTING THE
ASSOCIATED MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PLAN, AND ADOPTING
THE SOUTH LAKE TAHOE PARKS, TRAILS, AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of South Lake Tahoe (“City”) has partnered with El Dorado County for preparation of the South Lake Tahoe Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan (“Master Plan”) to coordinate efforts to align recreation resources and obtain community support to enhance recreation facilities and services for the Eastern Slope of El Dorado County; and

WHEREAS, the development of this Master Plan included extensive input from the public through workshops, surveys, and public hearings and from the Master Plan Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Master Plan includes a clear vision for the future of recreation opportunities in the plan area and provides key recommendations for achieving the vision; and

WHEREAS, the City has prepared an Initial Study for the South Lake Tahoe Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

WHEREAS, the City determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration needed to be prepared and circulated a draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for public review and comment between October 21, 2015 and November 20, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration concluded that implementation of the South Lake Tahoe Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan could result in a significant effect on the environment and identified mitigation measures that would reduce the significant effect to a less-than-significant level; and

WHEREAS, a public meeting to receive comments on the draft IS/MND was held before the Planning Commission on November 12, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission adopted Resolution 2015-06 recommending approval of the Master Plan, Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan; and

WHEREAS, whenever a lead agency approves a project requiring the implementation of measures to mitigate or avoid significant effects on the environment, CEQA also requires a lead agency to adopt a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures during project implementation; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Lake Tahoe is the lead agency on the Project, and the City Council is the decision-making body for the proposed project; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed and considered the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and related Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program in compliance with CEQA and state and local guidelines implementing CEQA.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The City Council does hereby make the following findings:

- (1) it has independently reviewed and analyzed the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and other information in the record and has considered the information contained therein, prior to acting upon or approving the South Lake Tahoe Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan, and
- (2) the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the South Lake Tahoe Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan has been completed in compliance with CEQA and consistent with state and local guidelines implementing CEQA, and
- (3) the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration represents the independent judgment and analysis of the City as lead agency for the Project. The City Council designates the Director of Development Services at the City Services Center at 1052 Tata Lane, South Lake Tahoe, California 96150, as the custodian of documents and records of proceedings on which this decision is based, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council adopts the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and associated Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council adopts the South Lake Tahoe Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of South Lake Tahoe, signed by the Mayor, and attested by the City Clerk this 2nd day of January 2016 by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers DAVID, SASS, COLE, CONNER & DAVIS

NOES: Councilmembers _____

ABSTAIN: Councilmembers _____

ABSENT: Councilmembers _____

ATTEST:

Ellen Palamp, Past City Clerk
Susan Alessi,
 City Clerk *2/2/16*

Wendy David
 Wendy David,
 Mayor

