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TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Don Ashton
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SUBJECT: REGIONAL SOLUTION TO COVID IN TAHOE

As you are aware, at the Special Board of Supervisors meeting on July 9, 2020, the Board directed staff to create a Task Force for the purpose of developing a regional solution for compliance with directives issued. Based on this direction, on July 16, 2020, a Zoom meeting was held with individuals representing county and city managers, public health staff and elected representatives from El Dorado County, the City of South Lake Tahoe and Douglas County, Nevada to discuss this matter. Following this discussion, I had conversations with the county managers from Placer County and Washoe County, Nevada.

Subsequently, El Dorado County staff prepared a draft letter to be sent to Governor Newsom and Governor Sisolak requesting a uniform and consistent approach regulations and enforcement in response to the COVID pandemic in the Tahoe basin. In addition to El Dorado County, the City of South Lake Tahoe and Washoe County agreed to support sending this request to each Governor, but Placer County and Douglas County both stated their elected boards did not support this approach.

After further discussion with staff from the City of South Lake Tahoe and Washoe County, we are all in agreement that without a unified message from each jurisdiction in the Tahoe basin any communication to both Governors will not be effective. As a result, the recommendation is not to proceed with these efforts at this time.

Please let me know if you have any questions. If you feel additional consideration relative to this matter is necessary I am happy to discuss further during the COVID-19 update item that is scheduled for the July 28, 2020, Board meeting.

c. Nancy Williams, M.D.
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