

TAHOE SCIENCE ADVISORY COUNCIL

AGENDA | January 2023 COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday January 19, 2023

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Location: [Zoom](#)

Agenda and Notes Location:

Council Members: Sudeep Chandra (UNR), Adrian Harpold (UNR), Monica Arienzo (DRI), Tamara Wall (DRI), Geoff Schladow (UCD), Steve Sadro (UCD), Max Moritz (UCSB/DANR), John Melack (UCSB), Pat Manley (PSW), Jonathan Long (PSW), Ramon Naranjo (USGS), Joe Domagalski (USGS), Paul Comba (NDEP), Ashley Conrad-Saydah (CNRA)

Robert Larsen (CNRA), Alison Toy (UCD)

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	LEAD(S)
2:00	Welcome and Agenda Review	Pat
2:05	SNPLMA Project Selection - Update	Bob/Review Teams
2:20	Communications Monthly editorials Clarity story map Internal communication Basin report	Pat/Bob
2:40	Management Coordination TRPA thresholds TMDL management system Peer review	Bob Dan/Monica Jason/Melissa Bob
3:10	Integrated Science to Action Status Path to completion	Bob Adrian/Tamara
3:30	2023 Science Conference	Bob
3:45	2023 Council meeting dates 3/16, 5/18, 7/20 , 9/21 , 11/16 – 10AM-1PM	Bob
3:50	Council strategic planning session March 16, 2023 10-11AM quick meeting 12-4PM + social hour	Bob
4:00	Adjourn	

Communications

Monthly editorials – participation was limited last year. Is there interest and Council ability to submit monthly columns to the Tahoe Daily Tribune this year?

Clarity story map – the work order with UNR has been processed and the project will start late this month. The UNR students will need access to clarity project leads to guide content development.

Internal communication – the Council’s website has a location for living documents:
<https://www.tahoesciencecouncil.org/live-documents>

This site is available for project teams to coordinate document production, commenting, and other communication needs.

Basin report – there are five individuals who have agreed to support this work. We are waiting for a full proposal from UNR to proceed.

Management Coordination

TRPA thresholds – the three subcommittees (forest, water quality, biodiversity) continue to coordinate with TRPA on threshold update efforts. With subcommittee guidance, TRPA has drafted thresholds for both forest health and watersheds/water quality. TRPA is waiting for requested support regarding available data for forest threshold evaluation. There has been less progress on the biodiversity topic.

TMDL management system – Lahontan and NDEP perform an annual assessment of the TMDL program and seek Council engagement on the process. The core of the adaptive management effort is a “Findings and Recommendations” document. How can the Council provide helpful review of this product during the review period?

Peer review – there are three peer review efforts underway. The first is a review of the project-level VMT assessment prepared for TRPA. The second will be an assessment of a report drafted for the Tahoe Keys Control Methods Test. The last effort is a proposal review for the Nevada Division of State Lands.

Integrated Science to Action

The project team has met with both upland and aquatic scientists and managers and has drafted an Integrated S2A outline. The team proposes the document be structured around three science program needs: 1. Data collection; 2. System understanding (models and research); and 3. Science delivery. The identified upland and aquatic needs will fit into the proposed framework. The team needs support in drafting various portions of the document.

2023 Science Conference

There are 10 individuals who are interested in helping guide conference planning. We are tentatively considering a 2-day event in late summer/early fall. While not set in stone, September 25-26 or October 2-3 are suggested dates as the Monday-Tuesday timeframe offers good venue availability while allowing visitors to leverage the previous weekend.

2023 Council meeting dates

The listed dates are consistent with the Council's 2022 schedule, i.e. meeting the third Thursday of the month, every-other-month.

Council strategic planning session

We proposed to leverage the March meeting date to hold an extended discussion of the Council's purpose, structure, and future. We would spend an hour on Council business before devoting the afternoon to the planning session. We have secured a facilitator (Zephyr Collaborations) who will conduct individual interviews in advance and are hoping everyone can attend in person. Venue suggestions welcome!