NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER CERTIFICATION OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, ADOPT THE FINDINGS OF FACT AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM, AND RENDER A DECISION ON THE TAHOE CROSS-COUNTRY LODGE REPLACEMENT AND EXPANSION PROJECT

California State Clearinghouse No. 2018062045

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the Tahoe City Public Utility District's (TCPUD) intent to recommend that the Board of Directors certify an Environmental Impact Report and adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and Findings of Fact for the Tahoe Cross-Country Replacement and Expansion Project (Project) at a TCPUD Special Board Meeting on February 25, 2021. The Board of Directors will also consider approval of the Project at that time.

Copies of the Final EIR and other documents: Documents are available for review. Download the document from: https://www.tcpud.org/capital-improvement-projects/tahoe-cross-country-lodge-replacement-and-expansion.

Because the TCPUD offices are closed to public access due to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, one paper copy of the document will be left outside for public viewing at the Administrative office at 221 Fairway Drive in Tahoe City, California during business hours Monday-Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Project Location: The Project is located along the northwest shore of Lake Tahoe northeast of Tahoe City in Placer County. The Existing Lodge is located at 925 Country Club Drive in the Highlands Community. The proposed Project (Site D – Full Project) would involve replacing, expanding, and relocating the lodge to a site off Polaris Road adjacent to the North Tahoe Middle School and North Tahoe High School.

Project Overview: The Existing Lodge, which also serves as the Highlands Park and Community Center, is owned by TCPUD and operated by the Project applicant and concessionaire, the Tahoe Cross-Country Ski Education Association. The proposed Project has three distinct elements: (1) relocate, expand, and adaptively reconstruct the historic Schilling residence into a new building (the Schilling Lodge); (2) construct associated improvements, including a driveway and parking lot, utilities, landscaping, and outdoor community areas; and (3) relocate the functions and operations of the existing Tahoe Cross-Country Center (Tahoe XC) to a new location. The proposed Project would address existing operational deficiencies relative to circulation and parking, storage, staff facilities, and community space; better accommodate existing recreation demand; and improve the quality of the recreation user experience at the lodge. In addition, the types of activities at the lodge could be expanded to better serve additional recreational opportunities and community needs. Implementation of the Project would eliminate or minimize spillover parking on residential streets. No changes are proposed to the existing Highlands Park trail system or adjacent trails on state or California Tahoe Conservancy (Conservancy) property.

Implementation of the proposed Project would require development of the Schilling Lodge and associated improvements on a portion of property currently owned by the Conservancy. The affected parcel is part of a separate and larger land exchange being contemplated by TCPUD and the Conservancy, the environmental impacts of which are considered in the EIR.

Public Hearing: TCPUD Special Board Meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Comments on the Final EIR will be accepted at the TCPUD Special Board Meeting.

While the TCPUD Board Room remains **closed** to the public until further notice, all TCPUD Board and Committee meetings can be accessed via live stream or attended via Zoom. The public may participate in the Public Hearing and provide public comment by attending the meeting via Zoom from their telephone or computer. To participate in Public Comment, use the 'raise hand' function on the computer or dial *9 if on the phone. The Public Hearing can be accessed here https://www.tcpud.org/meetings. To view this meeting, click on the 'view event' link. Please note that the 'view event' link does not appear on the website until a few minutes before meetings are scheduled to begin.

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