

Appendix A

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's Press Release Announcing Commission

Gov. Schwarzenegger Announces California-Nevada Tahoe Basin Fire Commission to Assess Fire Prevention Laws

Visiting the Lake Tahoe area a third time since the Angora Fire began, Governor Schwarzenegger today joined with Governor Jim Gibbons of Nevada to announce the California-Nevada Tahoe Basin Fire Commission. The two governors signed a Memorandum of Understanding to create a panel of 17 voting members that represent each State's stake in the responsible management of lands and fire fuels within the Tahoe Basin, including representatives from affected state agencies, fire agencies and the public. They also requested the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to designate one person from the United States Forest Service to serve on the commission.

The Commission will perform a comprehensive review of the laws, policies and practices that affect the vulnerability of the Tahoe Basin to wildfires. It will also study and consider various user-friendly approaches to reducing the threat of wildfires while protecting the environment and submit a report and recommendations to the two governors by March 21, 2008.

"It is crucial that we all work together to prevent something like the Angora Fire from happening again and also make sure people have the right fire protection tools to protect their property," said Governor Schwarzenegger. "With this action we are taking today I know California and Nevada will rise to the occasion and make sure the Lake Tahoe Basin remains as safe as it is beautiful."

The Commission will disband 60 days after delivering its report and recommendations.

To help the victims recover, Governor Schwarzenegger has been engaged in the response efforts since the Angora Fire began on June 24, 2007.

On July 4, 2007, Governor Schwarzenegger sent a letter to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) requesting that El Dorado County be declared a disaster area in order to provide SBA Disaster Loan Program assistance to Angora Fire victims. The request was granted and will qualify victims of the Angora

Fire for low income loans of up to \$200,000 for homeowners to repair or replace their damaged or destroyed primary residence. Also, homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property. Businesses of any size and private non-profit organizations may borrow up to \$1.5 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets. The loans are available for homeowners, renters and business owners whose property was damaged or destroyed in the fire.

As a result of this disaster, El Dorado County proclaimed a local emergency June 24, 2007, and subsequently requested state and federal assistance by a separate proclamation issued June 25, 2007. In response to El Dorado County's request, a proclamation for a State of Emergency was issued on June 25, 2007. Governor Schwarzenegger also toured the fire zone to see first hand the devastation that was caused. The also Governor announced the establishment of a Local Assistance Center to help provide state and local services to assist victims displaced by the wildfire, suffering property loss and economic and other damages.

Governor Schwarzenegger also issued two executive orders to help victims of the wildfire recover. On June 27, 2007, he issued an executive order to assist individuals that suffered losses by waiving fees for replacing state documents lost in the fire including vehicle registrations, driver's licenses and birth certificates. He issued another executive order on July 2, 2007 to help victims clean up and rebuild as quickly as possible by streamlining, and in some cases suspending, certain state rules regarding the removal and disposal of both hazardous and non-hazardous debris as well as dead and dying trees.

The Angora Fire began on June 24, 2007 in the North Upper Truckee area in South Lake Tahoe, California and was fully contained on July 2, 2007. The fire burned a total of 3,100 acres and destroyed 254 homes.

Governor Jim Gibbon's Press Release Announcing Commission

GOVERNOR GIBBONS ANNOUNCES MEMBERS OF THE TAHOE BASIN FIRE COMMISSION

Carson City – Governor Jim Gibbons today released the names of those who will represent Nevada on the joint Nevada-California Tahoe Basin Fire Commission.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by Governor Gibbons and Governor Schwarzenegger on Monday, July 23, 2007 states that each Governor shall appoint eight voting members and no more than three non-voting ex-officio members.

“Everyone— federal and state agencies, residents, management agencies, business owners and environmental entities— shares a common goal, an environmentally healthy and functioning Lake Tahoe Basin. The Lake Tahoe Basin and the forest resources must be managed by proven forestry practices based on sound science. I look forward to the commission’s review of the policies that currently govern forest management in the Tahoe Basin,” said Governor Jim Gibbons.

Governor Gibbons appointed the following members to serve on the Nevada-California Fire Commission:

1. **Co-Chair**, Honorable Sig Rogich, former U.S. Ambassador and Government Affairs Specialist
2. James M. Wright, Chief, State of Nevada Fire Marshal
3. Pete Anderson, Nevada Division of Forestry, State Forester
4. Michael D. Brown, Chief, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District
5. Jim Santini, Former Nevada Congressman and co-author of the Burton-Santini Act
6. John Koster, President of Northern Nevada Region of Harrah's Entertainment, Inc.
7. Bud Hicks, President, Glenbrook Homeowners Association
8. Bob Davidson, Lake Tahoe Basin Homeowner

Ex-Officio:

1. Allen Biaggi, Director of Nevada Division of Conservation and Natural Resources/TRPA
2. Leo Drozdoff, Administrator of the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection

Appendix B

Commissioner's Biographies

Pete Anderson (Nevada) was appointed Nevada's State Forester and Fire Warden in 2004 by Governor Kenny Guinn. After his graduation from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1975 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture, Renewable Natural Resources, he worked as a seasonal Park Ranger for the National Park Service and later owned and operated a landscape contracting and consulting firm focused on slope stabilization and disturbed site reclamation projects in the Lake Tahoe Basin. In 1992 he began state service with the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection in Mine Reclamation and moved to the Nevada Division of Forestry in 1995 as the Forest Stewardship Coordinator. He also served as Resource Program Coordinator and Deputy State Forester.

Allen Biaggi (Nevada) was appointed Director, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, by Governor Kenny Guinn in August 2004. Prior to his appointment, he was the Administrator of the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection for six years and worked for the division for a total of 23 years. As Director of Conservation and Natural Resources, Director Biaggi oversees Environmental Protection, Forestry, State Parks, State Lands, the Wildhorse Commission, Natural Heritage and Water Resources. His professional affiliations include membership in the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Governing Board, Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum, State Petroleum Board, Commission on Workplace Safety and Community Protection, and Western States Water Council. Director Biaggi was born in Carson City and is proud to be a second-generation native Nevadan. He holds a degree in hydrology from the University of Nevada, Reno.

Michael Brown (Nevada) has been involved in Fire and Emergency Medical Services for over 28 years in Northern California and Northern Nevada. Chief Brown is currently the Fire Chief of the North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District (NLTFPD) and has held the following positions with that department: Assistant Fire Chief, Captain and Firefighter/Paramedic. Chief Brown spent three years with the Nevada Division of Forestry as a Battalion Chief and returned to NLTFPD as the Assistant Fire Chief. He has an Associate of Arts Degree in Fire Science and a Bachelor of Science in Fire Science and sits on several Fire/EMS Committees.

Kate Dargan (California Co-chair) has over 30 years of experience with CAL FIRE and was appointed this year by Governor Schwarzenegger as California's first woman State Fire Marshal. She served as the Assistant State Fire Marshal from 2005 to March 2007. From 2002 to 2005, Chief Dargan served as the Napa County Fire Marshal and was the Division Chief for Cooperative Fire Protection in 2001, where she was the CAL FIRE (formerly known as CDF) liaison to state agencies involved in disaster response including the Governor's Office of Emergency Services. Prior to joining the Cooperative Fire Protection, Chief Dargan served as Battalion Chief for the air attack base and conservation camp in Nevada County from 1997 to 2000, where she founded the Nevada County Fire Safe Council. Chief Dargan began her career with CAL FIRE as a firefighter in Santa Cruz County in 1977, before being promoted to Fire Apparatus Engineer and Fire Captain in San Luis Obispo and Monterey Counties from 1980 to 1994. Additionally, she is a member of the California Fire Chiefs Association, National Fire Protection Association and the American Planning Association.

Bob Davidson (Nevada) is a Lake Tahoe Basin homeowner and founder, with his wife Jan, of the Davidson Institute for Talent Development and the Davidson Academy of Nevada at the University of Nevada, Reno. Jan founded Davidson & Associates, an educational software company in 1982, and in 1989 Mr. Davidson left his position as an executive vice president of engineering and construction at the Parsons Corporation to become Davidson & Associates Chairman and CEO. Since 1997 they have focused on philanthropic endeavors to help young people become successful learners. He has also served as a director for both Pepperdine University and George Washington University.

Leo Drozdoff (Nevada) has been the Administrator of the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) since 2004. He joined the Division as a staff engineer in 1991 and was named Chief of NDEP's Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation in 1996. He also held the position of Chief of Water Pollution Control, and was named Deputy Administrator for the Division in 2003. In addition to representing the Agency on numerous boards and commissions, Mr. Drozdoff is on the Board of Directors for the Ground Water Protection Council and is a Licensed Professional Civil Engineer in the State of Nevada. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Bucknell University and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Nevada, Reno.

Ruben Grijalva (California) was appointed the Director of CAL FIRE by Governor Schwarzenegger in April 2006. He served as acting Director of the department from January 2006 to April 2006. Director Grijalva was appointed State Fire Marshal in 2004 and served in this post until March of 2007. Previously, he served as Fire Chief for the Palo Alto Fire Department from 1994 to 2004, where he also was Assistant Fire Chief from 1990 to 1994. Director Grijalva served in the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety from 1976 to 1990. During this period, he held positions in both the police and fire divisions before serving as Fire Marshal from 1985 to 1990. He is past president of the Fire Chiefs Department for the League of California Cities and the Santa Clara County Fire Chiefs Association. He is a member of the California Fire Chiefs Association and the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

A.J. "Bud" Hicks (Nevada) is President of the Glenbrook Homeowners' Association (GHOA), a planned unit subdivision of 228 homeowners that own residences in Glenbrook, on Lake Tahoe's eastern shore. GHOA owns and manages over 550 acres abutting both USFS and Nevada State Forests, and has over 1 mile of beaches fronting



Commissioners listen to testimony

on Glenbrook Bay. Bud Hicks is a senior partner in the law firm of *McDonald Carano Wilson* and has practiced for over 30 years as a Nevada lawyer primarily in the areas of gaming and business law matters. Mr. Hick's primary home is in Reno, and he maintains offices in both Reno and Las Vegas.

John Koster (Nevada) has been Regional President, Northern Nevada, for Harrah's Entertainment since 2005. He has 27 years of experience as a hotel/casino executive and is currently responsible for all aspects of the multi-property operations of Harrah's and Harvey's Lake Tahoe, Bill's Lake Tahoe and Harrah's Reno. He has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority since 2005. His previous positions include General Manager and Senior Vice President, Harrah's Laughlin Casino and Hotel, President and Chief Operations Officer of the Desert Inn Resort and Casino in Las Vegas and Manager and General Manager of hotel properties in Hong Kong and Thailand.

Ron McIntyre (California) has lived, worked and served in various official capacities in the Lake Tahoe area for more than four decades. He currently does private consulting for businesses and public agencies in the Tahoe area and serves as director and president of the Tahoe City Recreation Association. From 1996 to 2005, Mr. McIntyre was the director of infrastructure and transportation development for the North Lake Tahoe Resort Association. Previously, he served as executive director of the North Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce from 1993 to 1996. He has also held the positions of elected director of the Tahoe City Public Utility District from 1980 to 1998; director of the Tahoe Truckee Sanitation Agency from 1966 to 1969 and 1971 to 1978; director of the Lake Tahoe Area Council from 1968 to 1969; and chair of the Graduation Requirements Committee for the Tahoe-Truckee School District from 1971 to 1973. He is a member of the North Lake Resort Association Board of the Directors and the TRPA Advisory Planning Commission, as well as serving as secretary for the Workforce Housing Association of Truckee-Tahoe.

Jeff Michael (California) has served as the Fire Chief of the Lake Valley Fire District for the past two years and has been with the District since 1979. Previously, he held the positions of Battalion Chief, Captain, Engineer and Firefighter. Chief Michael went to high school in South Lake Tahoe and has a vast knowledge of the Lake Tahoe Basin. He has an Associate of Arts degree in Fire Science and is a Certified Chief Officer with the State Fire Marshal.

Jim Peña (Federal) is the Deputy Regional Forester for State and Private Forestry in the Pacific Southwest Region of the Forest Service. His areas of responsibility are fire and fuels management, cooperative forestry, recreation and wilderness, engineering, acquisition management, safety and tribal relations. Prior to coming to this job Mr. Peña was the forest supervisor of the Plumas National Forest. He also brings experience from multiple agency-wide special assignments such as Agency Liaison to Undersecretary for Natural Resources and Environment in 2007, the re-engineering team for Human Resources in 2004, and the National Fire Management Review in 1999. He has held line officer positions as Deputy Forest Supervisor and District Ranger beginning in 1991 in California, Oregon and Washington. Mr. Peña began his career with the Forest Service as a Trainee Forester on the Rogue River National Forest in 1978. He graduated from Humboldt State University with Bachelor of Science in Forest Resource Management. Mr. Peña is a member of the Society of American Foresters.

John Pickett (California) has served as the coordinator from California for the Nevada Fire Safe Council since 2005. His duties include managing forest fuel reduction projects adjacent to communities and helping homeowners create defensible space around their homes. Mr. Pickett also founded the Sugar Pine Foundation, a group dedicated to restoring white pine forests in California, in 2004. Previously, he served as a Forestry Technician with the U.S. Forest Service from 2001 to 2004. Mr. Pickett also was a private business consultant for real estate development and the construction industry from 1995 to 2000. He is a member of the Society of American Foresters.

Sig Rogich (Nevada Co-chair) is a life-long Nevadan and President of The Rogich Communications Group, an international advisory firm that specializes in the areas of business development, crisis communications, strategic planning, media relations and government affairs. A former U.S. Ambassador to Iceland and Assistant to President George H.W. Bush in the White House, Mr. Rogich founded R&R Advertising and built it into one of largest advertising agencies in Nevada and the southwest. Mr. Rogich has worked in a senior capacity for numerous local, state and national elections including the Presidential campaigns of Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, George W. Bush, and current presidential hopeful Senator John McCain. He has advised candidates and elected officials at all levels of government and held positions with several Republican organizations such as the Republican Governor's Association. He is a former Regent for the University of Nevada system, Emeritus Trustee and was awarded "Distinguished Nevadan" in 1992, one of the state's highest honors. Mr. Rogich served as Chairman of the Nevada State Athletic Commission as well as on numerous other boards and commissions including the USO (United Service Organizations), as appointed by the President. He is currently Chairman of the Clark County Public Education Foundation, a position he has held since 1997; an Advisory Board member for the Reynolds School of Journalism and the Las Vegas Valley Water District; and a member of the Board of Directors for Opportunity Village, one of America's largest privately funded work training centers for the disabled, Keep Memory Alive, the foundation for the Lou Ruvo Brain Institute, Spring Valley Hospital, and Worlddoc, a national health management system company.

Jim Santini (Nevada) represented Nevada in the United States Congress from 1975-83 and previously practiced law and served as a Justice of the Peace and District Court Judge in Clark County. He has represented the National Tour Association (NTA) on federal legislation and regulation issues since 1983 and in 2005 received the NTA's Bob Everidge Lifetime Achievement Award. During his service in Congress he was co-author of Public Law 96-586, the Santini-Burton Act, which when passed in 1980 declared that the environmental quality of the Lake Tahoe Basin was jeopardized by over-development of sensitive lands and that the unique character of the Lake Tahoe Basin is of national significance deserving further protection.

Cindy Tuck (California) was appointed in July of 2007 as Undersecretary for the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA). She has more than twenty years of air quality, water quality and hazardous materials management experience in California. Prior to this appointment she served as Cal/EPA's Assistant Secretary for Policy. Before joining the Schwarzenegger Administration, she was General Counsel for the California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance. Ms. Tuck is a licensed Professional Civil Engineer and a Member of the State Bar in California. In addition to a Juris Doctorate degree from the



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University of the Pacific, she holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering and Master of Science degree in Environmental Engineering, both from the University of Illinois.

John Upton (California) is a victim of the Angora Fire and lost his rental home in the fire. He has served as a City of South Lake Tahoe public appointee to the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's (TRPA) Advisory Planning Commission since 2007. Mr. Upton previously served on the TRPA Governing Board from 1990 to 1998 and again in 2005. He served on the Tahoe City Council from 2002 to 2006 and served on the El Dorado Board of Supervisors for two terms from 1991 to 1999. In 1998, Mr. Upton was the president of the California State Association of Counties. He was elected city treasurer for the City of Tahoe from 1974 to 1990. John Upton is a former member of the School Board for the Lake Tahoe Unified School District and the Tahoe Chamber of Commerce Board.

Patrick Wright (California) has served as the Executive Director of the California Tahoe Conservancy, a state agency charged with protecting and enhancing natural resources and recreational opportunities in the Lake Tahoe Basin, since 2006. He previously served as director of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program from 2000 to 2005, where he led a consortium of agencies and stakeholders in managing one of the nation's largest collaborative water management programs. Mr. Wright also served as Deputy and Assistant Secretary for the California Resources Agency in 2005. Mr. Wright served on the California Coastal Conservancy Board of Directors from 1999 to 2000.

James M. Wright (Nevada) was appointed Nevada State Fire Marshal in 2006. Previously, he had a 30-year career with the California Department of Forestry And Fire Protection (CDF), during which time he rose through the ranks from Firefighter to Deputy Director, Chief of Fire Protection, with responsibility for all of CDF's statewide Fire Protection programs. He spent much of his career in the fire prone wildland urban interface areas of Southern California after serving in fire protection with the U. S. Air Force. He was a Department representative providing testimony and support to the Governor's Blue Ribbon Committee created following the Southern California Fire Seige of 2003.

Appendix C

Process for Developing Findings and Recommendations for the CALIFORNIA-NEVADA TAHOE BASIN FIRE COMMISSION

1. Anyone can propose a **FINDING** for consideration by the committees. This includes Commission members, agency staff, and members of the public. For the sake of consistency this should be done using the template to document a proposed Finding, and to provide a short background statement to support or justify the proposed Finding.
2. Findings should be submitted electronically to Commission staff (dana.cole@resources.ca.gov) so they can be logged in with a tracking number, and assigned to the appropriate committee for consideration.
3. If a majority of the committee agrees to consider a proposed Finding, the committee should develop one or more **RECOMMENDATION(S)** for consideration by the full Commission for forwarding to the Governors, including an analysis of the potential impacts of implementing the Recommendation(s).
4. The committees are responsible for identifying Findings and forwarding proposed Recommendations to the full Commission. They may also choose to assign working groups, committee members, and/or their respective staff, to develop the impact analysis of implementing Recommendations. (Please refer to the Findings and Recommendations Template, below.)
5. Due to the March 21, 2008 deadline for submitting Findings and Recommendations to the Governors, proposed Findings and Recommendations should be received no later than **February 15, 2008** to allow time for Commission consideration.

FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION(S) TEMPLATE

Submitted by: _____

Finding: *(i.e. Conclusions reached after investigation and/or evaluation of facts)*

Background and Supporting Evidence: *(A short statement justifying the Finding and describing desired outcome(s); usually no more than half a page.)*

Recommendation(s) *(Based upon an analysis of the Finding, the following recommendation(s) should be made to the Governors):*

Impacts of Implementation: *(The implementation of any Recommendation is likely to have specific impacts. Consider potential consequences related to each of the following areas):*

Analysis of impacts on the following factors is REQUIRED (Best Estimate):

- Cost
- Funding source
- Staffing
- Existing regulations and/or laws

Analysis of impacts on the following factors is OPTIONAL:

- Operational
- Social
- Political
- Policy
- Health and Safety
- Environmental
- Interagency