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Dear Mr. Singlaub

The League to Save Lake Tahoe would like to thank you for your response regarding our comments to the TRPA's Five Year Strategic Plan adopted this June. We appreciate the time and effort you took in addressing our concerns. Nonetheless, we believe there have been some misunderstandings in your interpretation of our letter that we would like to clarify.

First, your letter suggests that the structure proposed by the League "would imply that work objectives not included in your (our) proposed Goal #1 would not apply to making progress toward achievement and attainment of the thresholds. This would send a dangerous message, as we believe that environmental threshold attainment is at the core of every work objective no matter how far removed." However, our suggestion is not to exclude additional work objectives, but make any additional work objectives secondary to the first eleven work objectives listed in our letter and complimentary to the achievement of the environmental thresholds.

Second, we agree with your statement that "most of the work objective you (we) have suggested is already contained in our adopted strategic plan and work program." However, our intention was to highlight these objectives by having them placed first and foremost in the document so that their importance is clearly stressed.

Lastly, although we recognize that environmental thresholds are referred to a number of times throughout the adopted plan, we believe their significance has been compromised through the wording and structuring of the document, especially in comparison to prior Five-Year Strategic Plans, including the plan adopted in 2005. The 2005 plan definitively outlines and emphasizes the importance of achieving and maintaining the environmental thresholds, while the current plan demonstrates a diminishing of this focus. The League

believes the current lack of emphasis on environmental thresholds in the Five Year Strategic Plan is symptomatic of a dangerous path that the TRPA is currently heading down. This and other recent documents, policies, and decisions made by the TRPA are showing a clear trend towards a lack of importance on achieving, maintaining and regulating environmental thresholds. The League find this change of direction subtle, yet highly alarming.

Thank you,

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