

# Community Emergency Preparedness and Response Updates

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOVEMBER 17, 2018

# STRATEGIC GOAL

- 2017 Board of Directors set forth a goal for update to the plan
  - Integrate a more robust member communication and notification component in the plan
  - Ensure integration with agencies as they update their emergency plans
  - Ensure TDA is represented at the agency level to make certain the needs of the community are considered
  - Take a more proactive approach in communicating agency and TDA emergency preparedness and response
- 2018 Additional refinement of Board of Directors goal
  - Strive to have the best emergency preparedness plan in the state with heavy emphasis on wildfire preparation and notification

# FOCUS AREAS

- Communication and Notification
  - Create a website portal offering emergency preparedness information and resources
  - TDA evacuation map
  - Address member, guest, employee, other visitor audience
  - Identify mechanisms of communication used by emergency response agencies
- Member Emergency Preparedness
  - Maintain a communications program to educate community on the actions needed to be ready for wildfire.
  - Ready, Set, Go Plan; start individual house readiness plan; know your way out; notification; Preparation – Input – Activity Principles; To Do Timeframe parameters
- Community Disaster Services Volunteerism
  - Truckee Fire Protection District's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) participation
  - Human Society
  - Red Cross
- Tahoe Donner Association Emergency Preparedness and Response
  - Update Tahoe Donner' Emergency Operations Plan to further integrate with local emergency officials and plans
  - Communicate Tahoe Donner's role in interacting with first responders and local agencies
- Area Emergency Operations Plan Update
  - TDA staff participation and communication of area emergency preparedness and response
  - Explore for communication gaps in area emergency plans

# Membership Communication and Notification Highlights

- Activation of our Emergency Preparedness webpage
  - Done; made further edits and prioritization based on working group feedback
- Signage communications
  - Fire signs ordered – (3) near monument signs
  - Truckee Fire Protection District reimbursed TDA for expense of signs – Thank You!
- Identify components of Member Communications and Notification Plan Section
  - Working group identification of what members need to know now
  - Utilization of existing resources and formulate for Tahoe Donner perspective. Emergency response agencies will want final approval on content before circulation to the membership.
- Member Engagement Plan 2018 – Wildfire Season
  - Done
    - Refinement of website resources
    - Digital Screen slides
    - Tear-out (Evacuation map and other pertinent info)
    - Informational info postings
    - Draft of TDA Emergency Preparedness Guide for Members- late fall content to design stage

# TDA TEMPORARY FIRE BAN

- Board of Directors Adopted Temporary Fire Ban effective August 9, 2019
- Board of Directors set Expiration of Temporary Ban at August 9, 2019 meeting

*The temporary fire ban will remain in effect until such time as the local authority having jurisdiction, the Truckee Fire Protection District, declares that the high-risk fire season has ended or the Truckee Fire Protection District begins to issue fire permits, whichever occurs first.*

- 120-day maximum for Emergency Rule Change

**Emergency Rule Change.** If the board determines that an immediate rule change is required to address an imminent threat to public health or safety, or an imminent risk of substantial economic loss to the association, it may make an emergency rule change; and no 30-day noticed waiting period is required. An emergency rule change is effective for 120 days, unless the rule change provides for a shorter effective period. ( [Civ. Code §4360\(d\)](#).)

## Fire Authority Restrictions

- Cal Fire instituted annual debris burning suspension June 11 and high-fire season start
  - Suspension continues and no lift to high-risk fire season

*Fire Season is generally deemed over when there is 2-3" of snow accumulation or consistent soaking rain for multiple days. The region is currently in a drying period and may end up with the same dry conditions as before the recent rains.*

- Truckee Fire Protection District instituted town-wide campfire ban effective August 23
  - Lift to town-wide campfire ban October 11
  - Debris burning permits still suspended until Cal Fire lifts suspension and high-risk fire season

# LOCAL AGENCY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

## Town of Truckee Plan Update:

Placer County is in the process of updating the eastern county (Lake Tahoe) area evacuation plans. The Town of Truckee will be updating their plan at the same time to make sure both plans coordinate with each other concerning ingress and egress routes during a large-scale event.

## Community Drill

TBD

## Portable Digital Message Signs:

Development code does not allow for roadside signage. TOT needs to change the DEV CODE to allow for Emergency Management signs only. No other messaging can be done.

## Truckee Fire Protection District and Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Monthly training meetings and planned tentative evacuation drill prior to fire season 2019.