# Governing Documents Update

June 1, 2019 Special Board Meeting



# Purpose

Provide the board of directors with an update on the governing documents update project and a specific review of the type of edits currently drafted.



This will include reviewing the current recommended format changes to the existing baseline governing documents (Covenants & Restrictions [C&Rs], and Bylaws) and the source of these recommended changes (Davis Stirling reorganization, legal best practice, and other considerations).

### **Presentation Outcomes**

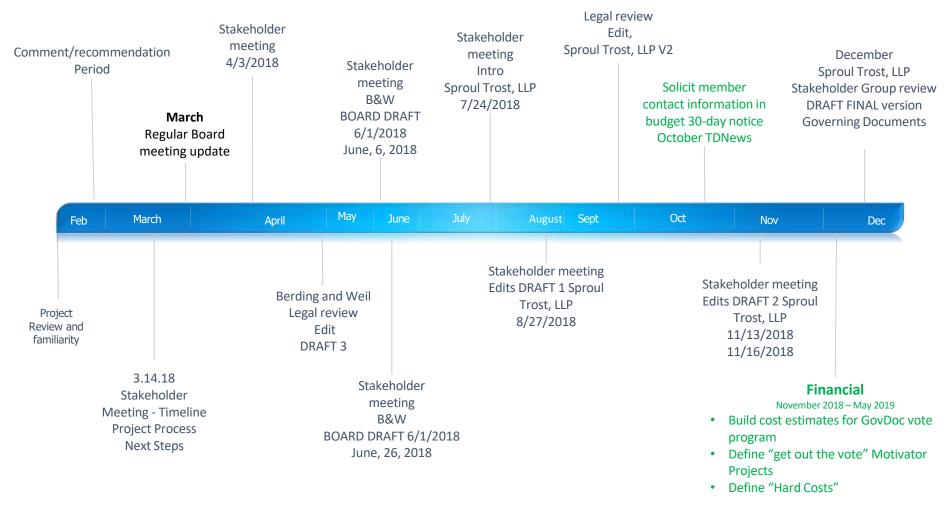
Understanding the three types and sources of varies edits being recommended to the governing documents;

- Mandated California Davis-Stirling law updates from 2014 Davis Stirling reorganization
- •Recommended legal counsel best practices and stylistic edits
- Other considerations
- Suggested Tahoe Donner best practice edits made by the working group
- •Other suggested edits recommended by various sources

Review timeline to develop board consensus to finalize a final draft of edits in each category above.

Review current Governance Rollout/Communications timeline highlighting deadline for Final governing documents approval ahead of 45-day comment period.

# Draft Timeline Governing Documents Update 2018



#### Draft Timeline Governing Documents Update 2019 March 23 **Regular Board Post Vote Process** meeting September 1 Governance Rules TARGET: DRAFT FINAL version **May 18** 45 Day Vote **Governing Documents** Awareness Campaign **Regular Board Process begins** • Close loop with Membership Provided to the Board meeting Voting ballots drop on election results DRAFT FINAL **Engagement and** September **Governing Documents Communication Planning Period** Board Approval for release to **Regular Board Meeting** October 2018 - January 2019 the membership for 45 day approve 1st extension comment period period (Contingency) Jan 2019 Sept Dec Jan 2020 Feb March **April** May August Oct Nov 1st Extension Preliminary vote count period ends to determine March 2<sup>nd</sup> extension? extension needed? **Board Workshop** 45 Day Vote Period Ends April 27 **Ballot Count Process Regular Board** 30 day extension required meeting for (50% +1)? **DRAFT FINAL Governing Documents Board Comments Communication Period** February 2019 - October 2019 **Legal Process and Notifications** July 2019 - September 2019 -January 2019 - September 2019 heightened communications

Note: Timeline anticipated to change with project process evolution

# Three Types of Edits

Required California law updated from the 2014 Davis Stirling reorganization

Recommended legal best practices & stylistic edits

#### Other Considerations

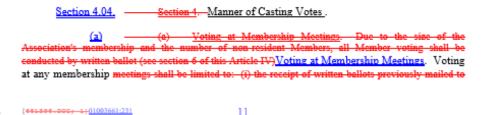
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# California Davis-Stirling Mandated Changes

#### **Changes to Bylaws Overview**

- Added Definitions for Terms
  - Ex. 'General Notice', 'Individual Delivery', 'Reserves Studies'
- Membership Voting
  - Ex. Manner of Casting Votes, Contents of Written Ballots
- Membership Meetings
  - Ex. Now requires Board to allow any member to speak at any meeting of the membership of the Association
- Board of Directors
  - Ex. Any secret ballot tabulation and retention requirements must also require use of independent Inspector of Elections
- · Meetings of Board of Directors
  - Ex. Requirement designate a physical location at where at least one board member is present for meetings
- Member Assessment Obligations and Association Finances
  - Ex. Required to disclose in budget details of reserves, reserves funding plans, and reserves accounts
- Other Required Reports and Disclosures to Members
  - Concept of a single Annual Policy Statemen document rather than multiple
- Miscellaneous
  - · Ex. Expansion of Member Inspection Rights



the Members (see section 6(j), below); (ii) the conduct of informational, nonbinding votes to poll the Members in attendance with respect to a matter or issue of interest to the Association or the Tahoe Donner community; (iii) to approve a motion for the submission of a matter or proposal to the Members for a vote by written ballot in accordance with section 6; or (iv) votes on procedural matters relating to the conduct of the meeting, such as a vote to adjourn. Any motion pursuant to subparagraph (iii) of the preceding sentence must be approved by the affirmative vote of at least 5 percent of the voting power of the Members (see section 6(b), below) meeting may be by voice or by ballot; provided, however, that the voting in any election of directors or any other matter identified in subparagraph (e), below, shall be conducted by secret ballot in accordance with Civil Code sections 5110 through 5135 and Section 7.05 subparagraphs (b), (d), (f), (g) and (h), below. The vote on any other issue properly before a meeting of the Members shall be conducted by secret ballot when determined by the chairman of the meeting, in his or her discretion, or when requested by ten percent (10%) of the Members present at the meeting. In this context, the secret ballot need not comply with the double envelope secret balloting rules set forth in Section 7.05(b), below.

# California Davis-Stirling Mandated Changes

#### <u>Changes to Covenants & Restrictions</u> <u>Overview</u>

- Recitals and Definitions
  - Ex. 'General Notice,' 'Inspector of Election(s),' 'Reserves Studies'
- Property Rights and Obligations of Owners
  - Ex. Creation of subparagraphs to set out owner obligations to provide development documents and manner of delivery
- Tahoe Donner Association
  - Ex. Requirement that a copy of Association Rules be delivered to each Owner by General Delivery
- Assessments
  - Ex. Revision to relating to the collection of delinquents assessments and the enforcement of the lien and foreclosure rights
- Insurance
  - Ex. Update throughout the section in accordance with new requirements, disclosures, and notifications
- · Breach and Default
  - Ex. Modifications of sections to include mandatory dispute resolution procedures
- Notices
  - Ex. Added 'Mailing Addresses" to included requirements for general delivery and electronic delivery notices

remain liable for any default in the payment of Assessments by the contract purchaser until title to the property sold has been transferred to the purchaser.

(c) (e) Notification Regarding Coverning

Documents Notification to Prospective Purchasers Regarding Governing Documents (Civil

Code section 4525). As more particularly provided in California Civil Code section 4525, as
soon as practicable before transfer of title or the execution of a real property sales contract with
respect to any Separate Interest, the Owner thereof must give the prospective purchaser:

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(i) As more particularly provided in section 1368 of the California Civil Code, as soon as practicable before transfer of title or the execution of a real property sales contract with respect to any Separate Interest, the Owner thereof must give the prospective purchaser: (A) a current copy of the Coverning Documents; (B) the Association's most current financial statement; and (C) a true statement in writing from the Association ("delinquency statement") disclosing the amount of any delinquent Assessments, together with information relating to late charges, attorneys' fees, interest, and reasonable costs of collection which, as of the date the statement is issued, are or may become a lien on the Separate Interest being sold.

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(g) — (ii) The Association shall, within 10 days of the mailing or delivery of a request for the information described in subparagraph (c)(i), above, provide the Owner with a copy of the current Coverning Documents, together with the financial statement and the delinquency statement referred to in said subparagraph.

a copy of the Governing Documents of the Association including any Association Rules;

(ii) a copy of the most recent documents distributed by the Association pursuant to California Civil Code sections; 5300 (the Annual Budget Report), 5305 (a year-end review of the Association's financial statement); 5310 (the Annual Policy Statement) (see Article XII of the Bylaws);

# Recommended legal best practices & stylistic edits

#### **Overview**

- Legal counsel best practices
  - Bylaws
  - Covenants & Restrictions
- Legal counsel 2019 stylistic edits
  - Bylaws
  - Covenants & Restrictions

- (h) Payment of Assessments and Compliance With Rules.

  Each Owner of a Separate Interest, other than Commercial Lot Owners, shall pay, when due, each Regular, Special Emergency, and Special Individual Assessment levied against the Owner and his or her Separate Interest pursuant to Article IV, hereof, and shall observe, comply with and abide by any and all rules and regulations set forth in, or promulgated by the Association pursuant to, any Coverning Documentin accordance with Article IV, below.
- (i) Compliance With Association Rules. Owners and tenants and shall observe, comply with and abide by any and all Association Rules set forth in, or promulgated by the Association pursuant to, any Governing Document for the purpose of protecting the interests of all residents or protecting the Common Areas and Common Facilities of Tahoe Donner.
- (e) <u>Discharge of Assessment Liens</u>. Each Owner shall promptly discharge any Assessment lien that may hereafter become a charge against his or her Separate Interest.
- (£) Joint Ownership of Separate Interests. In the event of joint ownership of any Separate Interest, the obligations and liabilities of the multiple Owners under the Governing Documents shall be joint and several. Without limiting the foregoing, this subparagraph (£h) shall apply to all obligations, duties and responsibilities of Owners as set forth in this Declaration, including, without limitation, the payment of all Assessments.

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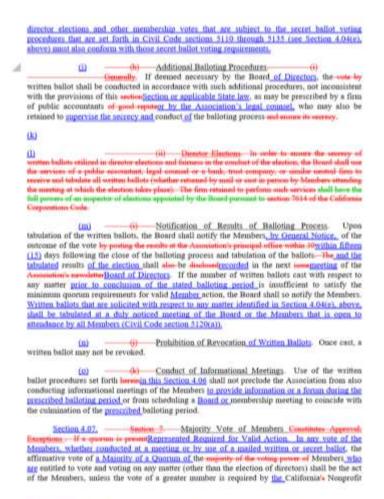
(m) (g) Prohibition on Avoidance of Obligations. No Owner, by non-use of the Common Area or Common Facilities, abandonment of the Owner's Separate Interest or otherwise may avoid the burdens and obligations imposed on such Owner by the Coverning Documents, including, without limitation, the obligation to pay Assessments levied against the Owner and his or her Separate Interest pursuant to this Declaration.

## Other Considerations

Suggested Tahoe Donner best practice edits made by the working group and other various sources

#### **Bylaws Examples**

- Definitions
  - Ex. 'Annual Policy Statement, Annual Budget Report, Common Area, Members'
- Membership
  - E. 'Members of the Association, Term of Membership, Multiple Ownership of Residential Separate Interests'
- Vacancies on Board of Directors
  - 'Vacancies Generally, Resignation of Directors, Authority of Board to Remove Directors, Filling of Vacancies'
- Meetings of the Board of Directors
  - 'Permitted Locations for Board Meetings, Minimum Time Requirements for Giving Notice to Directors. Executive Session Meetings to Protect the Attorney-Client Privilege'
- Officers
  - 'Officers, Election of Officers, Removal of Officers, President, Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, General Manager'
- Standing Committees of the Board
  - Ex. 'Meetings and actions, Organization, Powers of the Committee'



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#### **Covenants and Restrictions**

- Definitions
  - Ex. 'Civil Code Common Area, Condominium Association, Condominium Plan, Davis Sterling Act, Development Fund'
- Property Rights and Obligations of Owners AND THE ASSOCIATION
  - 'Right to Borrow, Annexation of Additional Property to the Tahoe Donner Development, De-annexation by the Board; Effect of De-annexation'
- Association Membership
  - 'Voting Rights of Members, Use of Development Fund for Capital Improvements'
- Architectural APPROVAL
  - 'Purpose of Architectural Approval Requirements, Fees; Professional Consultants, Architectural Rules'
- Minimum Construction Standards
  - 'Approval by Architectural Standards Committee, Lot Coverage, Authority to Adopt Additional Architectural Standards Rules'
- Association and Owner Maintenance Responsibilities
  - 'Landscaping; Janitorial; Painting, Drainage Systems, Owner's Responsibility for Maintenance of Condominium Units, Authority for Entry of Lot'

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(i) Generally If deuted accessary by the Board of Directors, the vote by written ballot shall be conducted in accordance with such additional procedures, not incomistent with the provisions of this assisted excitation or acquirable State law, as may be prescribed by a firm of public accountants of good equator by the Americania-legal connect, who may also be retained to appraise the servey and conduct of the balloting process and connections are servey.

(ii) Director Electron. In order to ensure the secrety of written bullots entired in director electrons and fairness in the conduct of the electron, the Board shall use the services of a public resonantian, legal control or a braile, trust company, or similar mestant from an receive such identities all written heliots (which are estimated by mail or early a persons by Members standing the meeting at which the electrion takes place). The firm retained to perform such services shall have the flavor of the process of an inspector of electrons appointed by the Board pursuant to section 7014 of the Colifornia Corporations Code.

(m) (ii) Notification of Results of Balloting Process. Upon tabulation of the written ballots, the Board shall anotify the Members, by General Notice, of the outcome of the vote by posting the results of the Association's prescipal office within 30 yildin fifteen (12) days following the close of the balloting process and tabulation of the ballots—the next instance of the election shall also be disclosed proceeded in the next isosementing of the Association's resolution for the stated balloting period, is insufficient to satisfy the minimum quoeum requirements for valid flegable; action, the Board shall so notify the Members. Written ballots that are solicited with respect to any matter prior to conclusion of the stated balloting period, is foundficient to satisfy the minimum quoeum requirements for valid flegable; action, the Board shall so notify the Members. Written ballots that are solicited with respect to any matter identified in Section 4.04(e), above, shall be tabulated at a daily noticed needing of the Board or the Members that is open to satecdance by all Members (Civil Code accions 5120(m)).

(n) (i) Prohibition of Revocation of Written Ballots. Once cast, a written ballot may not be revoked.

(c) 46 Conduct of Informational Meetings. Use of the written ballot procedures set forth hereining this Section 4.06 shall not proclude the Association from also conducting informational meetings of the Members to provide information or a forum during the practiced balloting period or from scheduling a Board or membership meeting to coincide with the culmination of the prescribed balloting period.

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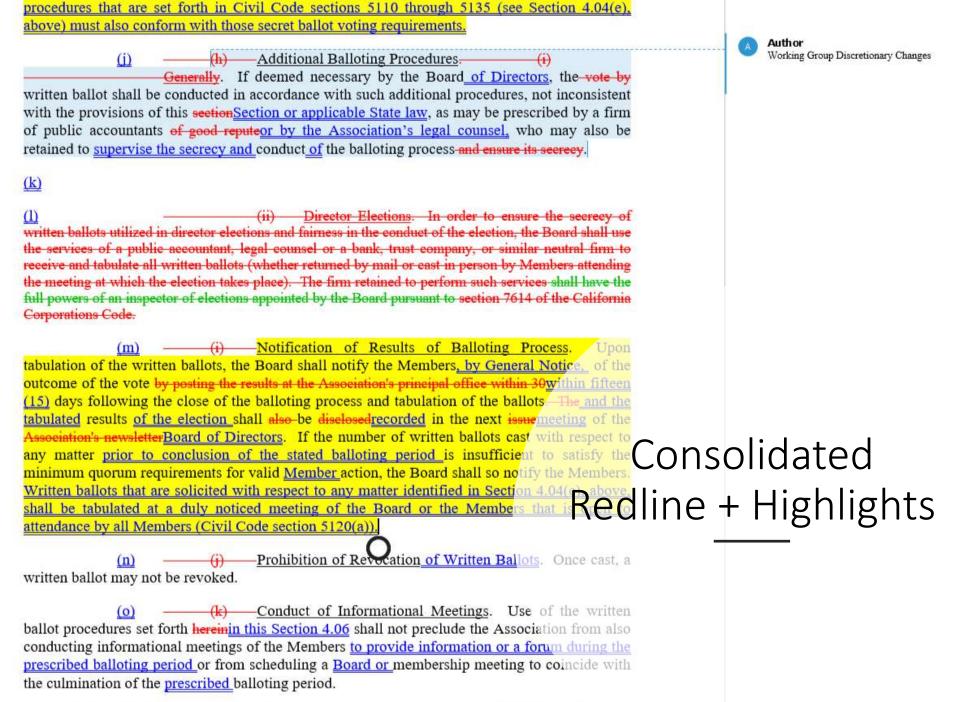
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# Next Steps

Seeking board feedback on update scope to include one or more of the sources of edit categories:

- Mandated California Davis-Stirling law updates from 2014 Davis Stirling reorganization
- Recommended legal counsel best practices and stylistic edits
- Other considerations
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Looking for further authorization to work with legal counsel to create a final version of:

- •Bylaws Update
- Covenants and Restrictions Update