

# Tahoe Donner Association

## Trails & Open Space Committee

### Purpose

The TOS shall be an advisory and stewardship committee, and shall have no authority to act on behalf of the Association, other than to formulate and present recommendations to the Board related to its stated purposes. The purposes of the TOS shall be:

**1. Advisory:** Serve the Board and Staff as a source of advice, feedback, assistance, and expertise in all matters pertaining to land management, open space, and the trail system. Operating in collaboration with the Board, Staff, Committees, and other bodies and agencies, this work will include, but is not limited to:

- Developing, updating, and maintaining Tahoe Donner's land management, open space, and trail system related planning documents and policies.
- Supporting consistent and effective implementation of Tahoe Donner's land management, open space, and trail system related planning documents and policies.
- Identifying, prioritizing, and recommending Capital Improvement Program projects pertaining to Tahoe Donner's land management, open space, and trail system.
- Supporting consistent and sufficient funding for the stewardship, maintenance and improvement of Tahoe Donner's land-holdings and trail system.
- Developing and recommending policies, strategies, and opportunities to support the conservation, restoration, mitigation, and other environmental stewardship enhancements for all Association land-management zones.
- Identifying, prioritizing, and recommending open space acquisitions, rights-holding interests, and/or other real property opportunities that may be advantageous to the Association.
- Facilitating and recommending relationships and partnerships with natural resource and land management entities, experts, and advocates for the purpose of sharing information on management, conservation, restoration, enhancement strategies, and funding opportunities.
- Facilitating and recommending opportunities to leverage the trail system and open spaces to confer value and benefits to the Association (e.g. active transportation/paved trail connectivity and improvement, recreation enhancement, tax savings, grant funding, carbon footprint reductions, inter-agency relationship building, and reputation enhancement).

**2. Stewardship:** Work collaboratively with Staff, Clubs, trail users, and other bodies and agencies to build, promote, and ensure the long-term, active, effective, and sustainable stewardship of the natural, physical, cultural, and community resources associated with Tahoe Donner's trail system and open spaces. This work will include, but is not limited to:

- Fostering understanding, awareness, and appreciation of the need to preserve and protect Tahoe Donner's trail system and natural resources, both for their intrinsic value and for the enhanced quality of life and the recreational opportunities they afford to the community.
- Promoting enjoyment of, and building community connection with Tahoe Donner's trail system and open spaces by providing or supporting increased opportunities for recreation, exploration, wellness, education, active transportation, and volunteer stewardship.
- Developing and maintaining social and educational efforts to foster fellowship, mutual understanding, and a positive culture of enjoyment, inclusivity, and shared stewardship among the diversity of trail users.
- Serving as ambassadors to the community, and as representatives of the community in all matters pertaining to Tahoe Donner's trail system and open spaces.
- Facilitating member involvement in Tahoe Donner's land management, open space, and trail system planning processes.

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