



Staff Report

December 11, 2023

TITLE: Membership Applications for Appointment to the Trails & Open Space Committee

RECOMMENDATION: N/A

BACKGROUND:

The TOS application process is outlined in Resolution 2021-5 (Committee Policy). Following is the portion of the Resolution that applies to the Committee appointments:

November 1:

- Committee membership applications for appointment/reappointment are due.
- Committee report describing the Committee's current personnel needs is due.

November Board Meeting:

- The Board shall receive and consider the applications and consider the Committee's reported personnel needs.

December Board Meeting:

- The Board shall decide upon Committee appointments/reappointments with an effective date of January 1.
- The Board shall consider approval and/or modification of the Committee's annual task list.

As of December 31, 2023, the TOS Committee will have four member vacancies (expiring December 31, 2026). The committee has received three renewal applications from David Cahill, Graham Reid and Vincent (VJ) Bonnard. They have also received two new applications from Kevin O'Neil and Peter Mathews.

APPLICANT STATEMENTS:

David Cahill joined the committee in October 2023, to replace a vacancy that expires December 31, 2023. As a full-time resident raising a young family, he would like to use his background in multi-use trail construction and maintenance and forest management to tackle the emerging decision points of multi-use strategy, winter trail usage, and parking lot and trail connectivity issues.

Graham Reid has been on the committee for three years. He has worked on trail building and maintenance projects for Tahoe Donner, the North Lake Tahoe region and in Scotland. He would like to continue his committee work.

Vincent (VJ) Bonnard, a full-time resident, volunteers with trail days for TD, Tahoe Donner Land Trust, Truckee Trails and other areas. He feels that he has built a good knowledge of both the ecology and geology of the Sierra Nevada mountain range.



Kevin O'Neil, a new applicant, and a full-time resident, is a retired Division Chief from Cal Fire. With his extensive career in forestry and fire protection, his Bachelor of Science in Forestry, he would like to contribute his experience to benefit the committee and the community. Kevin has attended both November and December committee meetings.

Peter Mathews, a new applicant, is the head of a large solar company and would like to share his organizational and strategic experiences with the committee and the community. He is eager to help steward and enhance the natural treasures that define Tahoe Donner. He has not attended a meeting yet.

COMMITTEE CHAIR PERSONNEL REPORT:

At this time, the committee reports the following:

- The appointment of a Tahoe Donner member with experience using a wheelchair or other mobility device on our trail system or other trail systems would fill a gap and enhance the diversity of perspectives on the committee.
- The appointment of a Tahoe Donner member with current experience using Tahoe Donner's trails with young children would fill a gap and enhance the diversity of perspectives on the committee.
- The committee reminds the board that, under its charter, the Trails and Open Space Committee shall endeavor both to draw members representing a diversity of trail system user groups, and to include a broad demographic spectrum of trail system and open space users.

OUTREACH:

The vacancies were listed on the Tahoe Donner website, TD News and in various member emails.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board of Directors can approve or deny the application or request that the Committee continue to recruit for additional applicants.

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Board Meeting Date: 12/15/2023