



Regional Planning In The Truckee Meadows

FACT SHEET

OVERVIEW

The Nevada State Legislature created the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA) in 1989 to foster coordination among three local governments: the cities of Reno and Sparks and Washoe County.

The Regional Planning Governing Board (RPGB), the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) and the TMRPA's Director and staff (currently nine staff) comprise the TMRPA.

The RPGB adopted the first comprehensive Truckee Meadows Regional Plan in March 1991. State law requires the RPGB to update the Regional Plan every five years. In June 1996, the RPGB updated the Regional Plan for the first time. The second update of the Regional Plan was completed in May 2002. The most recent update to the Regional Plan was approved by the RPGB on July 19, 2007, after an extensive public involvement process.

THE REGIONAL PLANNING GOVERNING BOARD (RPGB)

The RPGB has ten members: the Washoe County Commission appoints three members (two of whom must reside in or represent the unincorporated area), the Reno City Council appoints four members, and the Sparks City Council appoints three members. The RPGB elects a chairperson from among its members to a one-year term and the chair rotates among the three jurisdictions.

The Regional Planning Governing Board is responsible for regional planning policy issues and adopts the Regional Plan following recommendations from the Regional Planning Commission.

THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (RPC)

The respective governing bodies appoint nine members to the RPC, including three each from the Reno, Sparks and Washoe County planning commissions. As with the RPGB, the RPC elects a chairperson from among its members to a one-year term and the chair rotates among the three jurisdictions.

The RPC develops the Regional Plan and recommends it to the Regional Planning Governing Board for adoption. The RPC also reviews the master plans of local governments and affected entities, as well as projects of regional significance, for conformance with the Regional Plan.

THE PURPOSE OF THE REGIONAL PLAN

The aim of the 2007 Truckee Meadows Regional Plan is to fulfill the legislative requirements in Chapter 278 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS).

The Regional Plan focuses on coordinating master plans among local governments and other entities as they relate to:

- Land use planning;
- Infrastructure provision;
- Resource management; and,
- Implementation strategies.

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

While the Regional Plan includes all of Washoe County, except the portions within the drainage basin of Lake Tahoe and tribal lands, the primary planning focus is on the developed area in the southern 25 percent of Washoe County, often referred to as the Truckee Meadows.

WHO'S INVOLVED IN DEVELOPING & IMPLEMENTING THE REGIONAL PLAN?

Creating and implementing the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan is a cooperative effort involving a large number of agencies, organizations, and individuals. State law directs the RPC to review the plan annually, update it not less than every five years, and forward it to the RPGB for adoption. The City of Reno, the City of Sparks, Washoe County, and other affected entities implement the Regional Plan by ensuring that their planning and regulatory efforts, capital improvement programs, and other programs conform with the Regional Plan.

The NRS define an affected entity as a public utility, franchise holder, local or regional agency, or any other entity having responsibility for planning or providing public facilities relating to solid waste, air quality, transportation, public education, energy generation and transmission and conventions and the promotion of tourism. The term does not include a State agency or a public utility subject to regulation by the Public Utility Commission. Examples of affected entities include the Airport Authority of Washoe County, the Regional Transportation Commission, and the Washoe County School District.



The Truckee Meadows in the Fall

WHAT IS CONFORMANCE REVIEW?

The primary mechanism for coordination of master plans within the region is conformance review. Local governments and other entities must develop master plans, facilities plans, and other similar plans that conform with the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan. Once prepared, entities submit their plans to the RPC for a review to ensure that the plans are consistent with, and support the goals and policies in the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan.

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