

## AGENDA

Friday, September 23 2011  
10:00 A.M.

### KMPUD COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING, LOOP ROAD, KIRKWOOD, CA

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Off-agenda items must be approved by the Tri-County Technical Advisory Committee pursuant to Section 5496.5 of the Government Code.

- A. Correspondence
- B. Minutes: August 5, 2011
- C. Public matters, information items and persons wishing to address the Committee regarding non-agenda items.
- D. Mitigation Monitoring Program- Status Update.

- ITEM 1      Review and recommendation to Alpine and Amador County of consistency with the 2003 Specific Plan for a proposal by Kirkwood Mountain Resort to provide children's snowmobile riding activities. The activity would take place on Kirkwood Mountain Resort property adjacent to the existing villages. The activity would include four children's snowmobiles driven inside of a fenced track. Applicant: Kirkwood Mountain Resort
- ITEM 2      Review and discussion of a Cal Trans project to construct a vista point at the site of an existing gravel pull-out with a historic place marker for the Emigrant Trail on State Route 88 at post mile R63.7 near Silver Lake. The site would be improved with paved parking, limited amenities (picnic table, stone walls, and interpretive display panels) and would provide American's with Disabilities Act-compliant access. Applicant: CalTrans

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TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**July 5, 2011**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Zach Wood	Alpine County
	Nathan Lishman	Amador County
	Pete Maurer	El Dorado County (arrived at 10:20 a.m.)
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>	Nate Whaley	KMR
	Michael Richter	KMR
	Reid Bennett	

The July, 5, 2011 meeting was called to order by chair Nathan Lishman at 10:03 a.m.

**A. Correspondence:**

Mr. Lishman noted that he had received an e-mail response from Caltrans in response to the letter sent by the Amador County Board of Supervisors. He did not have a copy of it but it had previously been distributed to Tri-TAC members.

Mr. Maurer noted that each member had received a copy of the Schedule of Proposed Actions from Eldorado NF. There were no particularly noteworthy projects. The Kirkwood mountain bike expansion project is on the list. Nate Whaley indicated it is on hold until next year.

**B. Minutes:**

Peter Maurer moved to approve the minutes of May 6, 2011. Zach Wood seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

Nathan Lishman noted that a correction needed to be made to March 2, 2011 minutes. He noted that the use of the Timber Creek temporary tents was extended.

**C. Public Matters:**

Nate Whaley noted that KMPUD is now owner of Mountain Utilities. He also noted the following regarding Kirkwood figures:

- Tom Henie will be retiring at end of calendar year;
- Chip Seimens is moving to New York, leaving KMR;
- Doreen Plast is also leaving KMR;
- Two Kirkwood legends passed away recently, Dick Reuter last month and Bud Klein two months ago.

## **D. Mitigation Monitoring**

Mitigation monitoring was covered under Item 3 of the agenda.

**Item 3 - Review and possible acceptance of the 2010-2011 Snowmaking Plan, 2011 Fishing Posters, and 2010-2011 Parking Counts from Kirkwood Mountain Resort as mitigations to meet the requirements of the 2003 Kirkwood Specific Plan.  
Applicant: Kirkwood Mountain Resort**

At the request of the public, the agenda was revised to move Item 3 forward. Michael Richter reviewed the submittals. There was no snowmaking last season; fishing posters were updated and posted at Caples and Kirkwood lakes and other locations (trail heads, parking areas).

For parking, the peak day was 2700 vehicles. No issues arose regarding parking, other than weather and road closure problems. There were no snow storage issues that impacted parking as in past years. Peter Maurer asked if use was steady. Nate Whaley responded that past years had peaks of over 3000 vehicles. Mr. Maurer moved to accept parking counts, seconded by Zach Wood. The motion carried 3-0.

Reid Bennet asked about street sweeping. Mr. Richter stated that he will submit the paperwork next meeting. This year there were two days of sweeping. With more snow, more sweeping was needed. Mr. Bennett asked if roads were swept last fall. Mr. Richter confirmed and stated the report was submitted last fall. Mr. Bennett asked how often Mitigation Monitoring reports are submitted. Nathan Lishman responded that annual reports are due June 15 of each year. Reports are available at Amador Co.

**Item 2 - Review of an addition to a residential unit adjacent to Cook's Station located at 31950 Highway 88 for Scenic Highway consistency. The project would allow the construction of a garage.**

Nathan Lishman showed the committee the plans. Amador County staff has concerns about setback, color of garage doors, and the location of the water source. Peter Maurer asked what authority Amador County has regarding the review of private structures. Mr. Lishman responded that design review is required for all buildings on scenic highways. He also stated that Supervisor Noveli wanted to be here but had another commitment.

Motion by Peter Maurer, seconded by Zach Wood, recommending that Amador County approve the Design Review application, addressing county concerns with following recommendations: 1.) stain siding to match existing siding, 2.) colors of doors to match Kirkwood color scheme for visually sensitive lots, and 3.) break up façade of front elevation with windows or vegetative screening. The motion passed 3-0.

**Item 1 - Review of Cal Trans communication facilities installations at Silver Lake and the Carson Spur on Highway 88 for consistency with the 2003 Kirkwood Specific Plan and scenic highway guidelines. Discussion of TC-TAC review procedures for highway improvements within the 2003 Kirkwood Specific Plan area.**

Nathan Lishman distributed a letter from the Amador County Board of Supervisors. The Board has asked Caltrans to wait on installing poles which will be a greater visual blight. Caltrans is a signatory to the Highway 88 Planning Agreement. The incident has provided a wake up call to coordinate better between Caltrans and counties. It is probably a CEQA violation, but statute of limitations has expired. The issue has been discussed at the Amador Board level. Peter Maurer asked if there has been any response from Caltrans. Mr. Lishman received an e-mail back from Caltrans personnel. EID was also upset that they weren't contacted. They concurred with Amador County's position.

Nate Whaley stated that KMR is equally concerned about Caltrans lack of responsiveness. He also is concerned about winter maintenance issues. Communications is a problem for Caltrans on Highway 88. He asked the Committee to consider communication needs along with scenic issues. Mr. Lishman agreed that safety and communication are important, but Caltrans appeared to misrepresent the process that they went through. There is a need to recognize that the communications facilities are important. He said that he agrees with the project in general but it needs to be done right.

Mr. Maurer asked if it was worth Tri-TAC making a motion. Mr. Lishman responded that it was not really necessary, but it probably wouldn't hurt. Peter Maurer moved that Tri-TAC recognize the importance of communication facilities, but that the Committee concurs with the Amador Board position and recommend that the Silver Lake facility be relocated to a less sensitive location. The motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Next meeting was scheduled for September 9, 2011

August 17, 2011  
VIA EMAIL



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**Subject: Kirkwood Mountain Resort  
Children's Snowmobile**

Dear Mr. Lishman:

As we discussed and per your request, this letter shall confirm that Kirkwood Mountain Resort intends to offer children's snowmobile riding during the winter ski season on lands in Amador or Alpine County. This recreational activity, similar to the wide variety of recreational activities beyond traditional alpine skiing available at Kirkwood, including tubing, climbing wall, ropes course, and terrain parks just to name a few, is not only complimentary to our existing children's programs but consistent with the land use designations as described in the approved 2003 Specific Plan.

This outdoor recreational activity would consist of up to four children's snowmobiles being driven on a short track inside a secure fenced area to keep the riders safe and separate from other winter activities.

The areas for this activity would be flexible and have the ability to be set up on various parcels near "village" designated land use areas. The activity would operate only in the winter, during traditional operating hours and when snow conditions would allow. It will be staffed by one or more Kirkwood employees.

The youth snowmobiles run on a clean four-stroke engine that meets current 2011 EPA air quality regulations. They are extremely quiet. Decibel readings were taken at various distances from the snowmobiles during the ski season and it was found that they were not audible above the ambient background noise generated during everyday ski operations. They seat one child and for safety use a tether that is attached to the riders wrist and will stop immediately if the tether comes loose. The snowmobile does not exceed eight miles an hour.

If you have any questions please contact either Mike Richter at (209) 258-7418 or myself at (209)258-7291.

Regards,



Nate Whaley  
Chief Financial Officer

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# AMA-88-PM R63.7 Emigrant Trail Vista Point

