



Mountain Housing Council Quarterly Meeting Summary
April 28, 2023, 8:00 - 9:30 AM

Topic	Discussion	Next Steps
<p>Community Storytelling</p> <p>Timestamp: 0:00-3:09</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In lieu of a speaker, partners broke out into small groups to share any “aha moments” they might have had in the work over the past 6 years. • A handful of partners shared their aha moments in the larger group. 	
<p>Housing Needs Assessment Kristina Kind, MHC Coordinator</p> <p>Timestamp: 3:09-8:20</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MHC began its 2023 Workforce Housing Needs Assessment update in April. This is an ongoing commitment to measure and understand regional needs and changes happening in the community and includes a community survey. • This assessment informs the upper limit AMI threshold of MHC’s achievable local housing definition. • Partners are requested to support survey efforts by promoting through their own agency channels. 	<p>Support survey efforts by promoting it through your agency channels. Survey outreach materials can be found here.</p>
<p>Partner Updates</p>		
<p>Tahoe Prosperity Center Heidi Hill Drum, CEO</p> <p>Bill Chan, Program Manager</p> <p>Timestamp: 8:40-11:00</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heidi introduced Bill Chan, who is a new program manager for the TPC. Bill will manage housing and broadband efforts as well as assist in implementing the Envision Tahoe Playbook. • TPC is wrapping up the housing road map for the Tahoe portion of Washoe County (Crystal Bay and Incline Village). A final meeting will be May 10. 	

<p>Policy Working Group Update</p> <p>Steve Frisch, Sierra Business Council President</p> <p>Timestamp: 11:00-14:51</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the last quarter, members of the Policy Working Group went to Sacramento to meet one-on-one with legislators, staffers, and agency officials- 15 meetings in total. After the Governor’s revised budget in May, the group will meet with Housing and Community Development (HCD) officials. • Emily Vitas of the Truckee Tahoe Workforce Housing Agency and Steve collaborated to write in changes to CA SB440, which is a housing bill introduced by Senator Skinner on Regional Housing Finance Authorities that would authorize 2 or more local governments to establish a regional housing finance authority to raise, administer, and allocate funding for affordable housing in the jurisdiction of the authority. These changes were accepted and are expected to be amended in the House soon. If amended, these changes would allow Regional Housing Finance Authorities to create their own sub-regional area median incomes, which in our region could provide assistance to households earning up to 150/160% AMI (previous threshold was 120% AMI). • SBC continues to be involved in the statewide wildfire resilience and housing issue through the Affordable Housing Climate Solutions statewide coalition. • SBC is also serving on a statewide working group looking to normalize conditions for fire insurance in high and very high hazard zones. This group will make recommendations to the Insurance Commissioner’s office. 	
<p>Town of Truckee</p> <p>Lynn Baumgartner, Housing Program Analyst</p> <p>Timestamp: 14:51-17:31</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Town launched the short-term rental (str) workforce housing pilot token program. The program trades STR certificates (instead of cash) in exchange for deed restriction (15-year rental deed restriction) for workforce housing. RFP is out for interested parties who want to participate in the program. Applications are due June 28th. • In November 2022, the Town launched the Truckee Home Access Program (THAP). Since launch, two houses have been deed restricted through the program. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free webinars for building industry professionals and individuals regarding accessory dwelling unit (ADU) construction. See the Town of Truckee calendar for more information. 	
<p>Placemate Chase Janvrin, General Manager</p> <p>Timestamp: 17:31-19:20</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In April, Landing Loals rebranded to Placemate. Since 2021 and in the Town of Truckee, South Lake Tahoe, and E. Placer County, the Lease to Locals program has awarded property grants to 168 properties, housing 365 people (note data is about month old). Avg cost is just shy of \$4K a tenant. 	
<p>North Tahoe-Truckee Homeless Services Cathie Foley, Director</p> <p>Timestamp: 19:20-21:35</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MHC Supportive Housing and Homelessness Working Group is going to evolve into the homeless advisory committee under the Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras (which is a nonprofit that is the coordinator for both Placer and Nevada County Continuum of Cares). The 8th season of the Emergency Warming Center has ended. The center was open 79 nights- a 72% over any prior year, hosted 77 unduplicated guests, and provided 640 overnight stays. 	
<p>Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Karen Fink, Housing Program Manager/Housing Ombudsperson</p> <p>Timestamp: 21:37-23:05</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over the past few months, TRPA has been conducting a financial feasibility analysis of what types of development standards or what kinds of changes to development standards (height, coverage, and density) would need to be made to allow for multi-family housing and accessory dwelling units. The Tahoe Living Working Group gave feedback last week and general support. Now they will begin work on finalizing the actual code and getting public input over the summer. Hope to bring it to the Governing Board for consideration of approval in late summer/early fall. 	
<p>Sierra Community House</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul introduced Denise Vega Zarate who is Sierra Community House's new housing coordinator. She will be developing 	

<p>Paul Bancroft, Executive Director</p> <p>Timestamp: 23:05-24:25</p>	<p>relationships with landlords and stakeholders, providing community education and advocating for affordable housing.</p>	
<p>Placer County Stephanie Holloway, Deputy County Executive Officer</p> <p>Timestamp: 24:25-28:40</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Placer County is diligently working on the Dollar Creek Crossing Project. It will contain affordable, workforce, and deed-restricted products. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Last week there was an update given to the North Tahoe Advisory Council. ○ The project has been submitted and will hopefully be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors and TRPA before the end of the year. ● Lease to Locals program- On June 13, staff will ask the Board of Supervisors to consider another round of funding. ● Hopkins Village- Half of the units have sold. Placer County is working on an agreement with the developer and contractor to make some adjustments to their contract. These adjustments will go to the Board on May 9th. ● Placer County is moving forward with Tahoe Basin area plan amendments that focus on housing and economic vitality of the town centers. Staff hopes to bring forward the amendments to the Board of Supervisors sometime in July. 	
<p>What's Next for MHC? Kristina Kind, MHC Coordinator</p> <p>Timestamp: 30:35-1:01:10</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In 2017 and 2020, partners signed agreements to participate in the MHC for three-year terms. The second term expires on June 30, 2023. ● Staff created and recorded a slide presentation to articulate the MHC's work over the past six years, new capacity in the region, and any gaps that might still exist. Using this presentation as a basis for input, staff surveyed partners. ● Partner Survey Feedback: 	<p>MHC will design a partner survey for feedback and input.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Partners feel that there is still much work to be done and they don't want to lose the momentum or the built regional collaboration. ○ Partners feel it is critical that we have regional representation at the state and federal levels. ○ Since the pandemic, there has been a shift in partner engagement. The material is complex. There is a lot of information to digest. ○ The majority of partners (84%) believe that the MHC should continue, prioritizing efforts in the following order, state advocacy, facilitation and convening, data and storytelling, community education and convening the Funder's network ● Partner Feedback: We asked partners what resonated with them, what we might have missed, and what else? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion centered around the unmet need for a pro-housing advocacy voice in the community. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Many communities across the state don't have this either, but nonprofit organizations often assume this role. ■ In many urban areas, this is a role of coalitions ■ SCH has a new housing coordinator that can advocate for affordable housing ■ United for Action, a coalition of faith-based and community organizations, does advocacy as one of its activities. ■ California YIMBY is a great resource and there could be value in an official local chapter. 	
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Meeting Attendees

Alison Schwedner, Community Collaborative of Tahoe Truckee
Amy Kelley, Martis Fund
Bill Chan, Tahoe Prosperity Center
Cassie Hebel, Truckee Downtown Merchants Association
Cathie Foley, North Tahoe-Truckee Homeless Services

Chase Janvrin, Placemate
Chris Govella, Community Member
Rev. Clare Novak, United for Action,
Denise Vega Zarate, Sierra community House
Heidi Hill Drum, Tahoe Prosperity Center
Jackelin McCoy, Truckee Tahoe Workforce Housing Agency
Jessica Penman, Truckee Chamber
John Hester, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
Judith Arellano, Sierra Community House
Karen Fink, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
Kate Brower, Community Member
Kristen Pepin, Community Member
Kristi Thompson, CATT
Mayor Lindsay Romack, Town of Truckee
Lynn Baumgartner, Town of Truckee
Maggie Schilling, Community Member
Nancy Costello, Community Member
Paul Bancroft, Sierra Community House
Rory O'Farrell, Tahoe Truckee Media
Scott Keith, Community Member
Sean Barclay, Tahoe City Public Utility District
Stacy Caldwell, Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation
Stepanie Holloway, Placer County
Steven Frisch, Sierra Business Council
Sue Daniels, North Tahoe Public Utility District
Teresa Crimmens, Sierra Community House
Thomas Murphy, Martis Fund
Yumie Dahn, Town of Truckee