

Placer County yanks rep from TRPA, puts Sevison on board

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Four Placer County supervisors voted Tuesday to remove fellow supervisor Jennifer Montgomery from the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency governing board.

But Montgomery – bolstered by a contingent of supporters who traveled to the Auburn meeting from Tahoe – didn't go quietly.

Montgomery has served as board appointee to the Tahoe planning panel since her election to the Board of Supervisors four years ago.

A statement by the District 4 supervisor at December's Tahoe planning board disagreeing with the county's status quo stance on tourist-accommodation unit transfers for developers raised the hackles of fellow Placer board members.

At Tuesday's meeting, Supervisor Kirk Uhler made the motion to replace Montgomery with her alternate on the board, Larry Sevison. Sevison has served 17 years on the Tahoe board during four stints – including the six months in 2007 after Montgomery's predecessor Bruce Kranz was removed for voting against a board decision at the planning agency panel.

Uhler said Montgomery had a chance at a Board of Supervisors meeting in October to clarify her concerns about tourist accommodation transfers during broader discussion of Tahoe planning issues.

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