

TRPA trying to be less like Big Brother

The Regional Plan Update Committee of the TRPA Governing Board took a step forward this week in moving toward a different permitting system at Tahoe where regulations would shift to local county or city governments.

The concept would leave local planning, zoning and development codes to each jurisdiction as long as environmental standards are followed. Large-scale projects may still fall under the permitting authority of TRPA. Details of this proposal are still under review.

The Regional Plan Update Committee endorsed the general concept for this shift and the full board will consider the change as part of the plan update process in 2012.

The TRPA Governing Board adopted an updated Code of Ordinances that has improved clarity and added user-friendly diagrams to improve the public's understanding of Tahoe regulations.