

S. Tahoe real estate group getting involved in TRPA Regional Plan

During the Jan. 17-21 California Association of Realtors business meetings in Indian Wells the South Tahoe Association of Realtors received a \$5,000 state impact grant. It will be used to pay for STAR Governmental Affairs Director Hayley Williamson to attend the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Regional Plan Update meetings.

In addition, the grant will allow STAR members to learn about laws affecting the region through advocacy and policy education such as zoning ordinances, height restrictions, and community goals TRPA is considering.

TRPA has requirements instructing real estate agents to give out disclosures regarding TRPA regulations to homebuyers and home sellers.

CAR recognizes TRPA could have an effect on the whole state, according to Theresa Souers of STAR.

“If the TRPA passes ordinances mandating point-of-sale issues, it may set a precedent for other point-of-sale mandates across the state,” Souers said in a press release. “Furthermore, since the TRPA must abide by California’s new sustainable communities laws passed in 2010, how the TRPA interprets and implements these California statewide laws will set a statewide precedent. For this reason, CAR has encouraged STAR to seek a similar grant on the national level and offered to assist in the effort to do so.”