

FINAL INITIAL STUDY/ MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

(State Clearinghouse #2021040192)

for the

LAKE TAHOE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACILITIES MASTER PLAN AND TIMBER CONVERSION PERMIT/ TIMBER HARVEST PLAN



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1.0 SUMMARY AND FINDINGS

Project: LTCC Facilities Master Plan and Timber Conversion Permit/Timber Harvest Plan Project (SCH# 2021040192)

Lead Agency: Lake Tahoe Community College District

Project Description

This Initial Study (IS) has been prepared to address the potential environmental effects of the Lake Tahoe Community College (LTCC) Facilities Master Plan (FMP) and Timber Conversion Permit (TCP) Project, located in the City of South Lake Tahoe, California. An Initial Study is a preliminary environmental analysis that is used by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lead agency as a basis for determining whether an EIR, a Mitigated Negative Declaration, or a Negative Declaration is required for a project under CEQA guidelines. The IS has been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, Cal. Pub. Res. Code §21000 et seq. The LTCC is the CEQA lead agency for this project. This IS evaluates the potential for the proposed FMP and TCP project to adversely affect the physical environment, and is an informational document that provides LTCC, other public agencies, interested parties and the public with an objective assessment of the potential environmental impacts that could result from project implementation.

The Lake Tahoe Community College (LTCC) District proposes to expand the District's main campus on One College Drive in South Lake Tahoe, CA (Assessor Parcel Number 025-041-10). The LTCC FMP is a vision for the future development of the campus. It ensures that the physical environment, both built and natural, serves the needs of the College community, enables the institution to realize its goals, provides an effective place to work and study, and welcomes its neighbors and partners. The FMP allows the College to plan its growth so physical improvements support the strategic vision. The Project also includes a Timber Conversion Permit (TCP) and Timber Harvest Plan (THP). Since the LTCC campus occupies a large area of approximately 120 acres, and the LTCC FMP proposes future development across up to 16 acres as the need for new facilities arises, a TCP/THP is proposed.

Finding

An IS/MND has been prepared to assess the project's potential effects on the environment and the significance of those effects. Based on the IS, it has been determined that the proposed project would not have significant effects on the natural environment after implementation of mitigation measures. This conclusion is supported by the following findings:

1. The proposed project would have no effects, no impact, or less-than-significant impacts related to agricultural and forest resources, mineral and natural resources, energy, air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, geology and soils, hazards/ hazardous materials/risk of upset/human health, wildfire, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic and circulation, utilities/service systems/energy resources, and mandatory findings of significance.
2. Mitigation is required to avoid or reduce potentially significant impacts related to aesthetics, biological resources and cultural/archaeological/historical/tribal resources.

The following mitigation measures have been incorporated in the Project by the LTCC District to avoid or minimize environmental impacts. Implementation of these mitigation measures would avoid or reduce the environmental impacts of the proposed project to a less-than-significant level. Each of these measures is included in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (Attachment A).

SCENIC-1a. TRPA and City of South Lake Tahoe Design Guidelines Compliance

Buildings, lighting, and signage shall comply with the design standards, and color requirements, to blend the structures into the existing background. New structures developed under FMP implementation shall comply with TRPA Design Guidelines and City of South Lake Tahoe Design Guidelines for building materials and colors. Signage shall be uniform and in accordance with TRPA and City guidelines as well as Community Plan guidelines. Internal and external lighting fixtures shall have the minimum necessary intensity and shall be in accordance with TRPA Code of Ordinances and City lighting standards. External lighting shall face downward and shall be mounted at a height appropriate for its purpose to avoid light pollution. Exterior lighting shall be shielded, and landscaping shall be placed so that light is not reflected offsite or into the night sky. Reflective materials shall be avoided. The Residential Student Living Building and Mixed Residential Living Buildings (Buildings 15 and 17) shall be designed to comply with TRPA height limits and shall, in particular, be designed to blend with the surrounding trees using appropriate colors and materials. Design details shall be presented to the TRPA and City for review and approval.

SCENIC-1b. Landscape Screening

LTCC shall provide additional landscape screening to shield views of the structures nearest Al Tahoe Blvd. Large pines and other vegetation shall be planted east of the Mixed Residential Living building (Building 17) to reduce the visual presence of the structures. The trees shall be placed to reduce views from various angles and approaches from Al Tahoe Blvd. A landscape screening plan shall be prepared and submitted to the TRPA and City of South Lake Tahoe for approval prior to construction.

BIO-1: Bird Nest Site Protection Program

The Program shall include surveys, consultation, and protective actions. Pre-construction surveys, occurring during the nesting season immediately prior to initial project construction (e.g., excavation, grading and tree removal), shall be conducted to identify any active nest sites within the Project area. Specifically, prior to initial construction activities (tree removal and excavation for construction), a qualified biological monitor shall visit the construction area to evaluate whether any nesting birds are occupying trees or whether any wildlife den/nursery sites are located within the Project disturbance area. If nest sites are identified, the biological monitor will have the authority to stop or reschedule construction activities near occupied trees or nursery sites if continued work could have negative impact on nesting birds or their young. If construction activities must be stopped, the monitor shall consult with TRPA and/or CDFW staff within 24 hours from the discovery to determine appropriate actions to restart construction while reducing impacts to identified bird nests.

CULTURAL-1: Consultation with the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California

Prior to construction of the Public Safety Training Center or Equipment Storage Facility or associated tree removal, LTCC shall consult with the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California to establish whether the features of site P-09-04560 (ellipsoid depressions) are still present, where exactly they are located, and what features of the site may warrant additional study and recordation. Consultation with the Washoe Tribe will be completed to determine if the features are significant by meeting one of the four criteria established in the National Register of Historic Places or the California Register of Historical Resources, or if the features are considered Tribal Cultural Resources to the Washoe Tribe.

If the site is determined to be significant, efforts to mitigate impacts to the site will be undertaken. These efforts may include incorporating the site features within open areas in parking lots or near building footprints, or redesigning the project to avoid the features.

If the site features are determined not to be significant through consultation with the Washoe Tribe, then any physical disturbance to the features will be considered as having no effect to historical properties, and no further action is required.

April 2021 consultation with representatives from the Washoe Tribe (Darrel Cruz) confirmed that the mapped site P-09-04560 (ellipsoid depressions) near the proposed public safety training center and equipment storage facility should be avoided/protected during implementation of Facility Master Plan construction. As such, the resource is considered significant and will be protected from disturbance during both Facility Master Plan construction and long-term campus operations. The following measures will be implemented:

- Prior to the start of facility construction, a cultural specialist will fence the two ellipsoid features to create a buffer of at least 10 feet during construction. The two trees immediately adjacent to the eastern most feature will be included within the fenced area and will not be removed for purposes of Master Plan implementation. The temporary fencing may be removed after adjacent site construction has been completed, and once permanent protection measures (e.g., fencing/vegetative buffers) and signage are in place. Details for the protection measures shall be included in the plans for Facility Master Plan facilities located within the immediate vicinity of the mapped resources.
- No track-mounted or heavy-wheeled vehicles will be allowed within the fenced areas.
- Prior to the start of ground disturbing activities in the vicinity of the features, the cultural specialist will train construction personnel to identify potential cultural resources and how to protect those resources until they can be inspected by the cultural specialist. The cultural specialist will be notified immediately if objects are uncovered that may consist of cultural resources.
- The construction manager shall photo-document all aspects of ground disturbing activities in the vicinity of the ellipsoid depressions before, during, and at the conclusion of earth moving activities, and the photos will be retained in the project record.
- Upon discovery of any potential cultural resources, construction shall be halted in the immediate vicinity of the find, and the cultural specialist shall be brought to the site to inspect the potential resource(s). Each potential cultural resource uncovered during the ground disturbance shall be recorded in place or recovered and archived, at the discretion of the cultural specialist. The cultural specialist shall be consulted before construction activities restart in the location of the discovery.

CULTURAL-2. Identify and Protect Undiscovered Archaeological Resources or Human Remains

If previously undiscovered archaeological resources are discovered during construction or any subsequent activity, ground disturbing activity will cease in the vicinity of the discovery until the TRPA Cultural Resources staff (or their qualified consultant) assesses it for eligibility to the NRHP, compliance with TRPA Code Section 29, and/or (in the event of a prehistoric or ethnographic find) for Native American (Washoe) values. This assessment will occur in consultation with the California SHPO, TRPA, and the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, as appropriate. Cessation of applicable construction activity will continue until proper treatment can be determined and implemented by the responsible agencies. Collected archaeological materials will be curated at a facility selected by the designated agency or the

lead federal agency. The cost of curation of any collected archaeological materials will be the responsibility of the LTCC.

If human remains are discovered during construction, the LTCC shall comply with state laws relating to the disposition of Native American burials, which fall within the jurisdiction of the Native American Heritage Commission (Pub. Res. Code, Sec. 5097). If any human remains are discovered or recognized in any location other than a dedicated cemetery, there will be no further excavation or disturbance of the site or the nearby area reasonably suspected to overlie adjacent human remains until:

- The El Dorado County coroner has been informed and has determined that no investigation of the cause of death is required, and

If the human remains are of Native American origin, the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California shall be notified immediately, and no further activity shall occur until:

- The descendants from the deceased Native Americans have made a recommendation to the landowners, or the person responsible for the excavation work regarding the treatment or disposal of human remains and any associated grave goods, with appropriate dignity, as provided in Pub. Res. Code, Sec. 5097.98, or
- The Native American Heritage Commission was unable to identify a descendant or the descendant failed to make a recommendation within 24 hours after being notified by the Commission.

To assure that potential undiscovered resources are identified during site grading, a qualified archaeologist shall be on-site during initial ground disturbing construction excavation and grading operations.

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2.0 APPROVAL OF THE IS/MND

Certification by Those Responsible for Preparation of this Document. The Lake Tahoe Community College District has been responsible for the preparation of this mitigated negative declaration and the incorporated initial study. I believe this document meets the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, is an accurate description of the proposed project, and that the lead agency has the means and commitment to implement the regulatory compliance measures/mitigation measures that will assure the project does not have any significant, adverse effects on the environment. I recommend approval of this document.

Al Frangione, Director of Facilities and Capital Construction Date
Lake Tahoe Community College

Approval of the Project by the Lead Agency. Pursuant to Section 21082.1 of the California Environmental Quality Act, the Lake Tahoe Community College District Board of Trustees has independently reviewed and analyzed the initial study and mitigated negative declaration for the proposed project and finds that the initial study and mitigated negative declaration for the proposed project reflect the independent judgment of the Lake Tahoe Community College District. The lead agency finds that the project design features will be implemented as stated in the mitigated negative declaration.

I hereby approve this project.

Russi Egan, VP of Administrative Services Date
Lake Tahoe Community College District

3.0 RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

The Draft IS was circulated for public review and comment between April 9, 2021 and May 10, 2021. A Notice of Intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration was sent to state agencies and persons and organizations expressing interest in the project. Copies of the Draft IS and FMP plan documents were available at LTCC bond construction offices, as well as online on the LTCC website.

Comments in the form of a letter and email were received from one California state agency and the Washoe Tribe on the Draft IS. The following pages provide a formal response to the comments contained within each letter/email. A list of those who offered comments is provided below:

Comments Received by Date:

1. Gavin McCreary, California Department of Toxic Substances Control – 4/9/19
2. Kelsey Vella, California Department of Fish and Wildlife – 4/21/21

Comments and Responses

Each unique comment is copied below, followed by a response to the full comment. Each individual comment is identified by commenter and assigned a numerical number corresponding to the order the comment was made.

1. Gavin McCreary, California Department of Toxic Substances Control, 4/9/21

Comment Summary:

1. The MND should acknowledge the potential for historic or future activities on or near the project site to result in the release of hazardous wastes/substances on the project site. Where releases have or may occur, further studies should be carried out to delineate the nature and extent of the contamination, and the potential threat to public health and or the environment should be evaluated. Identify the mechanism to initiate any required investigation and/or remediation and the government agency who will be responsible for providing regulatory oversight.
2. Lead has been used as a gasoline fuel additive until 1992. Tailpipe emissions resulted in aerially deposited lead (ADL) along roadways. ADL contaminated soils can still exist along roadsides and medians and beneath areas of older construction. DTSC recommends collecting soil samples for lead analysis prior to performing any intrusive activities for the project.
3. If any sites within the project area in the vicinity of the project have been used or are suspected of having been used for mining activities, proper investigation for mine waste should be discussed in the MND.
4. If buildings or other structures are to be demolished on any project sites, surveys should be conducted for the presence of lead-based paints or products, mercury, asbestos containing materials, and polychlorinated biphenyl caulk.
5. If the project requires the importation of soil to backfill any excavated areas, proper sampling should be conducted to ensure that the imported soil is free of contamination.

6. If any portion of the project area has been used for agricultural, weed abatement or related activities, proper investigation for organochlorinated pesticides should be discussed in the MND.

Response:

1. Hazards and hazardous materials are analyzed on pages 75 through 82 of the Project's Draft IS/MND, specifically impacts 3.4.11-1 through 3.4.11-4. As stated in the IS/MND, no hazardous waste facilities or contamination sites were identified in the state databases. Impacts 3.4.11-1 and -2 indicate that construction equipment requires the use of fuels and oils for operation and that the College's Spill Containment Plan would be implemented to ensure materials are properly handled and stored. LTCC implements the LTCC Hazardous Materials Business Plan, which includes spill response procedures. Previous site assessments for the campus conducted in 2016 revealed no hazardous conditions present. Therefore, no additional investigation is needed for this project.
2. The LTCC main building was not developed until 1988, and no additional campus structures were constructed until 1993 (Child Development Center). In July and August 2016, EDR conducted a site reconnaissance survey and records search of the LTCC campus to assess the presence or likely presence of recognized environmental conditions, including hazardous substances or petroleum products in on or at the property due to any release to the environment. The EDR report did not identify hazardous conditions on the LTCC campus property. No concentrations of hazardous waste posing a threat to human health, safety, or welfare were identified. As discussed above, the LTCC Hazardous Materials Business Plan would be implemented during construction and operation.
3. No mining activities occurred on the campus or the surrounding area and therefore there is no risk of mining waste present in the area. Because there is no potential to encounter waste due to the lack of mining activity historically in the area, additional analysis regarding this topic is not required to be included in the IS/MND.
4. No buildings would be demolished for the LTCC FMP and TCP/THP Project. Some concrete pathway or asphalt pavement removal may occur, but those surfacing structures do not contain the listed contaminants.
5. No soil imports are proposed. Excavated soils would be balanced onsite and importation of infill is not proposed.
6. The LTCC campus was not previously used for agricultural operations or weed abatement. Timber harvesting occurred in the past, but no weed abatement activity in which organochlorinated pesticides were extensively used has occurred on the property.

2. Darrel Cruz, Washoe Tribe of California and Nevada, Personnel Communication

Comment Summary:

1. Voice message dated 3/25/21. The Tribe would like to request that the LTCC confirm the boundary of potential tribal resources. Afterward, I recommend that the College flag the area of the resource and avoid it for future development.
2. Email message dated 4/21/21. Thank you for the update on field work to locate the potential Washoe tribal resource. Glad to hear that the previously recorded Washoe cultural sites were located and that a protection plan is being developed. I would be happy to assist the College with the protection plan and provide comments or recommendation from the tribal perspective.

Response:

1. The College and cultural consultants conducted a field visit at the main campus on April 21, 2021 in an attempt to locate previously recorded cultural resources that may have Washoe tribal significance (P-09-4560). The resources (two ellipsoid depressions) were located and will be recorded on project base maps so that they can be avoided during future FMP project implementation.
2. The text of Initial Study Mitigation Measure CULTURAL-1 is revised below to outline measures necessary to protect potential Washoe tribal resources from disturbance during FMP development.

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4.0 TEXT MODIFICATIONS TO THE IS

The following changes to the IS dated April 9, 2021 have been made based on agency input and public comment on the IS. **Bold/Underlined** text is new text that has been added to the IS. Text that is shown in ~~strikeout~~ has been removed from the IS.

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Required Mitigation: **CULTURAL-1. Consultation with the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California**

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ATTACHMENT A MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM

The Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) for the LTCC Facilities Master Plan and Timber Conversion Permit Project is provided in Table A-1 and prepared in compliance with requirements of California Public Resources Code Section 21081.6 and Section 15097 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines. In general, the LTCC District shall be responsible for implementing and monitoring the measures identified below. Table A-1 describes each mitigation measure and identifies the responsible agency, timing, and monitoring requirements.

Table A-1

Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program Checklist for LTCC FMP and TCP Project

Mitigation Measure Description	Monitoring Responsibility	Timing	Monitoring Requirement
<p>SCENIC-1a. TRPA and City of South Lake Tahoe Design Guidelines Compliance Buildings, lighting, and signage shall comply with the design standards, and color requirements, to blend the structures into the existing background. New structures developed under FMP implementation shall comply with TRPA Design Guidelines and City of South Lake Tahoe Design Guidelines for building materials and colors. Signage shall be uniform and in accordance with TRPA and City guidelines as well as Community Plan guidelines. Internal and external lighting fixtures shall have the minimum necessary intensity and shall be in accordance with TRPA Code of Ordinances and City lighting standards. External lighting shall face downward and shall be mounted at a height appropriate for its purpose to avoid light pollution. Exterior lighting shall be shielded, and landscaping shall be placed so that light is not reflected offsite or into the night sky. Reflective materials shall be avoided. The Residential Student Living Building and Mixed Residential Living Buildings (Buildings 15 and 17) shall be designed to comply with TRPA height limits and shall, in particular, be designed to blend with the surrounding trees using appropriate colors and materials. Design details shall be presented to the TRPA and City for review and approval.</p>	LTCC	During Plan Development	Comply with design guidelines during project development and submit plans for agency approval.
<p>SCENIC-1b. Landscape Screening LTCC shall provide additional landscape screening to shield views of the structures nearest Al Tahoe Blvd. Large pines and other vegetation shall be planted east of the Mixed Residential Living building (Building 17) to reduce the visual presence of the structures. The trees shall be placed to reduce</p>	LTCC	During Plan Development	Comply with landscape design guidelines during project development

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<p>Mitigation Measure BIO-1: Bird Nest Site Protection Program</p> <p>The Program shall include surveys, consultation, and protective actions. Pre-construction surveys, occurring during the nesting season immediately prior to initial project construction (e.g., excavation, grading and tree removal), shall be conducted to identify any active nest sites within the Project area. Specifically, prior to initial construction activities (tree removal and excavation for construction), a qualified biological monitor shall visit the construction area to evaluate whether any nesting birds are occupying trees or whether any wildlife den/nursery sites are located within the Project disturbance area. If nest sites are identified, the biological monitor will have the authority to stop or reschedule construction activities near occupied trees or nursery sites if continued work could have negative impact on nesting birds or their young. If construction activities must be stopped, the monitor shall consult with TRPA and/or CDFW staff within 24 hours from the discovery to determine appropriate actions to restart construction while reducing impacts to identified bird nests.</p>	LTCC	Prior to construction	Complete pre-construction survey to identify and protect any active nests within the construction disturbance zone.
<p>Mitigation Measure CULTURAL-1: Consultation with the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California</p> <p>Prior to construction of the Public Safety Training Center or Equipment Storage Facility or associated tree removal, LTCC shall consult with the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California to establish whether the features of site P-09-04560 (ellipsoid depressions) are still present, where exactly they are located, and what features of the site may warrant additional study and recordation. Consultation with the Washoe Tribe will be completed to determine if the features are significant by meeting one of the four criteria established in the National Register of Historic Places or the California Register of Historical Resources, or if the features are considered Tribal Cultural Resources to the Washoe Tribe.</p> <p>If the site is determined to be significant, efforts to mitigate impacts to the site will be undertaken. These efforts may include incorporating the site features within open areas in parking lots or near building footprints, or redesigning the project to avoid the features.</p> <p>If the site features are determined not to be significant through consultation with the Washoe Tribe, then any physical disturbance to the features will be considered as having no effect to historical properties, and no further action is required.</p> <p>April 2021 consultation with representatives from the Washoe Tribe (Darrel Cruz) confirmed that the mapped site P-09-04560 (ellipsoid depressions) near the proposed public safety training center and equipment storage facility should be avoided/protected during implementation of Facility Master Plan construction. As such, the resource is considered significant and will be protected from disturbance</p>	LTCC	During Plan Development	Implement protection measures to avoid physical impacts to identified resources.

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<p>CULTURAL-2. Identify and Protect Undiscovered Archaeological Resources or Human Remains</p> <p>If previously undiscovered archaeological resources are discovered during construction or any subsequent activity, ground disturbing activity will cease in the vicinity of the discovery until the TRPA Cultural Resources staff (or their qualified consultant) assesses it for eligibility to the NRHP, compliance with TRPA Code Section 29, and/or (in the event of a prehistoric or ethnographic find) for Native American (Washoe) values. This assessment will occur in consultation with the California SHPO, TRPA, and the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, as appropriate. Cessation of applicable construction activity will continue until proper treatment can be determined and implemented by the responsible agencies. Collected archaeological materials will be curated at a facility selected by the designated agency or the lead federal agency. The cost of curation of any collected archaeological materials will be the responsibility of the LTCC.</p> <p>If human remains are discovered during construction, the LTCC shall comply with state laws relating to the disposition of Native American burials, which fall within the jurisdiction of the Native American Heritage Commission (Pub. Res. Code, Sec. 5097). If any human remains are discovered or recognized in any location other than a dedicated cemetery, there will be no further excavation or disturbance of the site or the nearby area reasonably suspected to overlie adjacent human remains until:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The El Dorado County coroner has been informed and has determined that no investigation of the cause of death is required, and If the human remains are of Native American origin, the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California shall be notified immediately, and no further activity shall occur until: • The descendants from the deceased Native Americans have made a recommendation to the landowners, or the person responsible for the excavation work regarding the treatment or disposal of human remains and any associated grave goods, with appropriate dignity, as provided in Pub. Res. Code, Sec. 5097.98, or • The Native American Heritage Commission was unable to identify a descendant or the descendant failed to make a recommendation within 24 hours after being notified by the Commission. <p>To assure that potential undiscovered resources are identified during site grading, a qualified archaeologist shall be on-site during initial ground disturbing construction excavation and grading operations.</p>	<p>LTCC</p>	<p>During Construction</p>	<p>Report to and coordinate with responsible agencies if previously undiscovered resources are discovered during ground disturbance.</p>