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<p>SR-2 Restore and maintain scenic quality: the scenic qualities of the natural appearing landscape are restored and maintained.</p>		<p>SR -2.1 Project evaluation: Evaluate proposed development projects for adverse impacts to landscape views from roadways, bikepaths, public recreation areas, and lake tahoe.</p>	<p>Projects must not create an adverse impact to landscape views from roadways, bike paths, public recreation areas, and Lake Tahoe. (Previously submitted to TRPA.)</p>	<p>Existing implementation measures</p>	
<p>SR-2 Restore and maintain scenic quality: the scenic qualities of the natural appearing landscape are restored and maintained.</p>		<p>SR -2.2 Travel routes: design development in areas identified as non-attainment to improve, or at least not adversely affect, the travel route ratings of the scenic thresholds.</p>	<p>Travel routes: Design development in areas identified as non-attainment, to improve the travel route ratings of the scenic thresholds.</p>	<p>Existing implementation measures</p>	
<p>SR-2 Restore and maintain scenic quality: the scenic qualities of the natural appearing landscape are restored and maintained.</p>		<p>SR -2.3 Correct scenic degradation: correct factors or conditions that contribute to scenic degradation to improve scenic quality.</p>	<p>SR -2.3 Correct scenic degradation: correct factors or conditions that contribute to scenic degradation to improve scenic quality and attain the scenic thresholds.</p>	<p>Existing implementation measures</p>	

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SR-2 Restore and maintain scenic quality: the scenic qualities of the natural appearing landscape are restored and maintained.		SR -2.4 Scenic quality improvement: program implement through project review recommendations in the scenic quality improvement program for the Lake Tahoe Basin, September 27, 1989 (SQIP) for development proposed in targeted scenic restoration areas.		Existing implementation measures	
SR-3: Publicly accessible scenic views accessibility of Lake Tahoe for public viewing is improved.		SR-3.1 Highway view corridors: enhance the opportunities to view Lake Tahoe by designing view corridors from highways.		Existing implementation measures	
SR-3: Publicly accessible scenic views accessibility of Lake Tahoe for public viewing is improved.		SR -3.2 Scenic pull-offs Provide pull-offs facilities on public property at scenic viewpoints from highways and roadways.		Existing implementation measures	
SR-3: Publicly accessible scenic views accessibility of Lake Tahoe for public viewing is improved.		SR -3.3 Scenic pull-off signage: identify photo sites and scenic turnouts with signs along the highways and roadways, as appropriate.		Existing implementation measures	
SR-3: Publicly accessible scenic views accessibility of Lake Tahoe for public viewing is improved.		SR -3.4 Scenic pull-off time limits use time limits for parking at highway and roadway turnouts.		Existing implementation measures	

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SR-3: Publicly accessible scenic views accessibility of Lake Tahoe for public viewing is improved.		SR -3.5 Preserve lake and ridgeline views preserve lake and ridgeline views from major transportation corridors, public gathering spaces, public recreation areas, and the shoreline of Lake Tahoe.		SR.IMP-1 Amend Chapter 30, Design Standards for site design to protect ridgeline views, view of natural features, and lake views from scenic highway corridors, public gathering areas, and the shoreline of Lake Tahoe.	
SR-3: Publicly accessible scenic views accessibility of Lake Tahoe for public viewing is improved.		SR-3.6: Scenic corridor parking: parking along scenic corridors should be managed to protect scenic views and roadside vegetation. Efforts to provide and consolidate parking along scenic corridors should be encouraged.		SR.IMP-2 Amend Chapter 30, Design Standards: to require the consolidation and co-location of parking lots visible from the scenic highway corridors.	
			Preserve and restore views to the Lake from the road, lake, scenic turnouts, recreation areas, and key view points, etc.		
			Retain height limits as outlined in current TRPA Code, with no special height districts.		
			Create native tree density standards to improve scenery along roadways and to create natural vegetative screens, except where vegetation would block mountain, lake, or meadow views or conflict with defensible space requirements. This standard would require a number of native trees be retained or planted to enhance developed areas.		<p>Requiring that a certain number of healthy native trees are growing within a certain distance to roadways in non-SEZ areas would enhance commercial, tourist and other areas that are dominated by development. This could also lead to noise reduction and improve air and water quality.</p> <p>Require a certain number of healthy native trees are growing within a certain distance to roadways in non-SEZ areas that would enhance commercial, tourist and other areas that are dominated by development. This could also lead to noise reduction and improve air and water quality.</p>

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			Create special scenic protection zones to preserve viewsheds of mountains, meadows, lake views, and geological features.		
			Prohibit transfer of development to areas where the development would impact scenic resources.		
			Obtain grant money to assist business owners to install BMPs/defensible space/native landscaping. Create a land use plan that maximizes natural views from roadways, neighborhoods, tourist and commercial areas.		The Threshold Indicator, "Community Design" is not in attainment. Policies should be created to reach this threshold standard.
			Include scenic value as part of metrics applied to land as part of consideration for development and redevelopment.		When considering environmental value of land that needs to be restored/deed restricted, a piece of land with structures that block scenic views from roadways, the lake, etc. should be weighed, along with other threshold values.
			<p>Dark Sky Goal: Protect the night sky from light pollution. Protect night-time lake views and other scenic corridors from light pollution and excessively bright lights as viewed from across the lake.</p> <p>As proposed in Community Design:</p> <p>Night sky views in the Basin will be improved and protected.</p>		<p>Adopt same Ordinances as Mammoth Lakes</p> <p>* For a copy of the Mammoth, California lighting ordinance - go to this link and then to chapter 17.34: http://www.municode.com/Resources/gateway.asp?pid=16632&sid=5</p> <p><u>Where communities' desire improved Night Sky views when compared to existing (2010) conditions, TRPA will work with local jurisdictions to enforce lighting requirements for existing structures, streets, and other areas with exterior lighting. All new projects must fully mitigate impacts to Night Sky through use of appropriate lighting and other measures as needed.</u></p> <p>As proposed in Community Design:</p>

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					<p>IMP: IMP – Scenic/CD: TRPA will adopt and enforce the Mammoth Lakes, CA Lighting and signage ordinances in existence in 2010.</p> <p>IMP – Scenic/CD: Where communities desire improved Night Sky views when compared to existing (2010) conditions, TRPA will work with local jurisdictions to enforce lighting requirements for existing structures, streets, and other areas with exterior lighting.</p> <p>IMP – Scenic/CD: All new projects must fully mitigate impacts to Night Sky through use of appropriate lighting and other measures as needed.</p>
			<p>Establish scenic protection zones to protect scenic resources such as mountains, meadows, lake views. <i>Dark (Night) skies</i> and other special views.</p>		
			<p>Convert utilities from above ground to underground.</p>		

*Alternative 4 policy statements were prepared with the best publically available information from the TRPA and some of the information may be out-of-date. Additionally, according to TRPA staff, some details are lacking in Alternative 4 that may have been fully developed in Alternative 2.

**Similar to any RPU alternative, the Conservation Alternative needs to be subjected to the same rigorous environmental analysis to determine if its policies and implementation measures are sufficient for ETCC achievement and maintenance.

Italics identify policy or implementation that were revised as part of the Milestone process – it is unclear from the documents provided if the changes are in reference to Alt 2 or both Alt 2 and Alt 4.

The Conservation Alternative Policies and Implementation Measures and related code amendments must strengthen and implement restriction without variance procedures, exemptions, exceptions and will require enforcement in a timely manner.