

Good evening. Thank for allowing me to speak.

My name is Karen Critor and I have been a resident of Washoe Valley for 30 years. I'm also a board member of Washoe Valley Alliance.

I'm concerned about the way this proposed amendment has been presented to the public and the lack of public input for an issue that could substantially impact peoples quality of life.

Only one poorly attended Public Workshop was held at night in the Planning Department. The few of us who attended only received information regarding the meeting second-hand and at the last minute. The attendance and issues discussed were not included in the Staff Report.

The draft of the proposed amendment was only presented to two CABs: Warm Springs and the South Truckee Meadows/Washoe Valleys. This is an important County-wide issue and should have been formally presented to all CABs including East Truckee Canyon, Incline Village/Crystal Bay, North Valleys, Spanish Springs, Sun Valley and West Truckee Meadows.

Comments from CAB members and citizens were not included in the Staff report for consideration by the Planning Commission. South Valleys citizens had numerous issues with the proposal. The South Valleys CAB asked to see a final draft of the amendment before moving on it. This has not been provided.

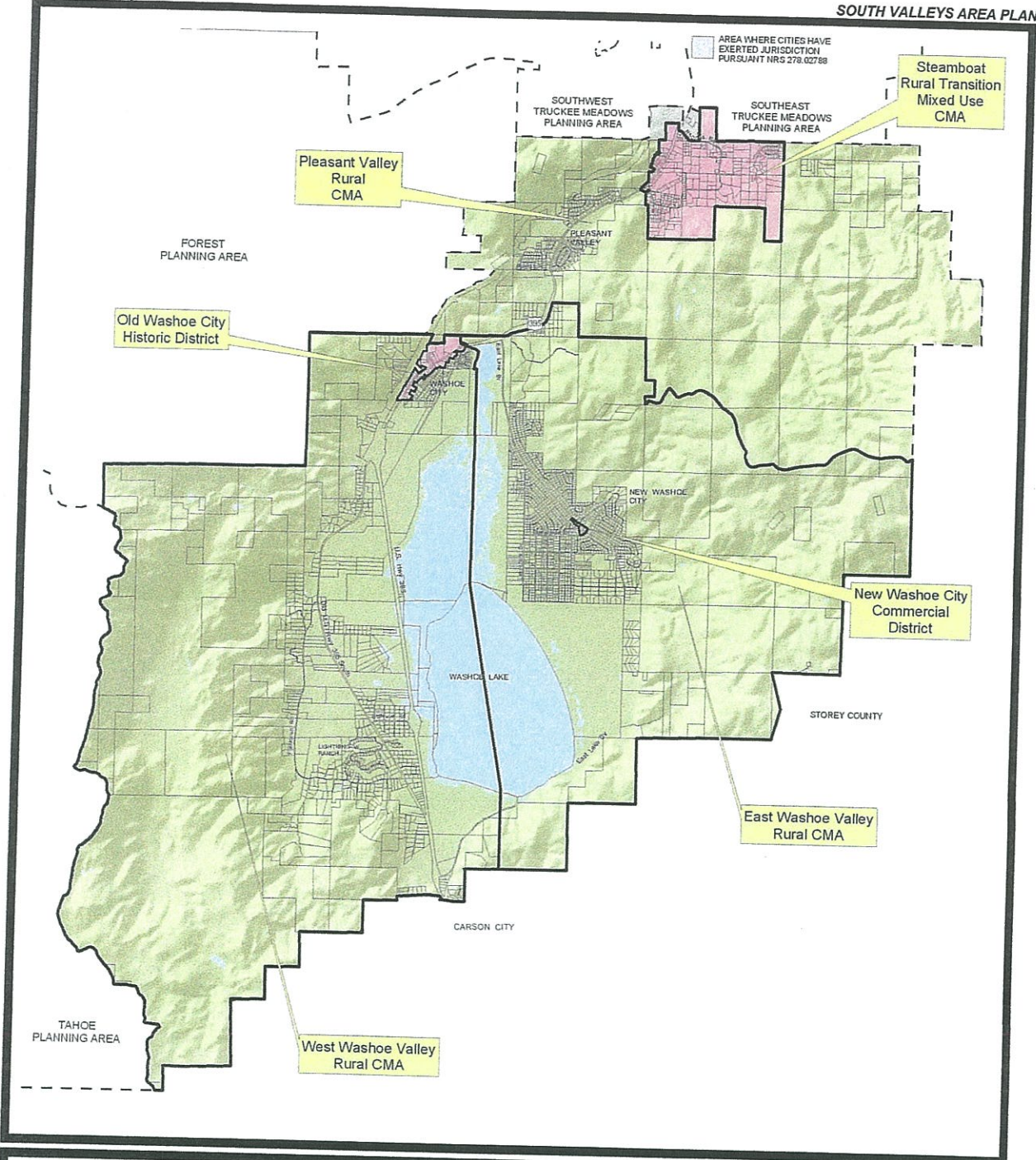
The Staff Report contains an "Important Note" which states that this Code Amendment does not apply to the South Valleys or Warm Springs since they do not allow outdoor entertainment. Why then was this Code Amendment only presented to those two CABs?

In fact, this is not true. In the South Valleys only the Old Washoe City Character Management Area and the Steamboat Rural Transition Mixed Use Character Management Area have special Allowed Use

Tables which prohibit Outdoor Entertainment. The vast majority of the South Valleys area would be impacted by the County's standard Allowed Use Table.

The "Important Note" was therefore inaccurate and misleading and may have prevented citizens from expressing concerns.

Based on the lack of citizen input, incomplete reports and misleading information, we respectfully request that action on this Code Amendment be delayed until it can be presented to all CABs so that Washoe County citizens can make their concerns known.



SOUTH VALLEYS CHARACTER MANAGEMENT PLAN

- SPECIAL CHARACTER MANAGEMENT AREA
- RURAL CHARACTER MANAGEMENT AREA

SOURCE: COMMUNITY SERVICES

WCPC ADOPTION DATE: July 15, 2008
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