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STAFF REPORT

Date: July 15, 2026

To: TRPA Governing Board

From: TRPA Staff

Subject: 30th Annual Lake Tahoe Summit Update and TRPA Governing Board Resolution

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Summary and Staff Recommendation:
Staff will provide an update on the 30th Annual Lake Tahoe Summit taking place on August 19, 2026, and recommend adoption of a Governing Board Resolution recognizing the milestone 30th anniversary of the event.

Required Motion:
In order to adopt the resolution, the Board must make the following motion, based on the staff report.

1) A motion to adopt the Tahoe Summit 30th Anniversary Resolution as shown in Attachment A.

In order for motion to pass, an affirmative vote of any eight members of the Board is required.

Project Description/Background:
Thirty years ago, the first Tahoe Summit brought national and international attention to Lake Tahoe to address imminent threats to the region such as lake clarity loss, wildfire risk, and transportation challenges. . The Summit turned urgency into action, laying the groundwork for the creation of the Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program.

The Summit brought together federal, state, and local leaders, including President Clinton, Vice President Gore, and the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California to help launch an ambitious plan to restore and protect the lake for generations to come. That plan included hundreds of projects to restore the environment, upgrade infrastructure, and support more sustainable communities. At the conclusion of the first Tahoe Summit, leaders endorsed the plan and committed to funding it through formal memorandums of understanding and partnership agreements.

That ambitious plan became known as the Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program, or EIP, and it is still underway today, 30 years later.

Today, the EIP is a national model for bipartisan collaboration. EIP partners, collectively known as Team Tahoe, have implemented more than 900 lake-saving projects that protect water quality, reduce wildfire risk, restore ecosystems, and support sustainable recreation.

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Lake Tahoe remains one of the clearest lakes on Earth, not by accident, but because of decades of coordinated action. Rooted in the Bi-State Compact between Nevada and California, this cross-boundary restoration partnership has a proven track record of bringing public and private partners together to deliver big results for Lake Tahoe.

This year's Summit will be hosted by U.S. Senator Jacky Rosen of Nevada at Sand Harbor State Park. The event will celebrate the progress of the past 30 years and commit to solving the challenges the region will face in the next 30 years.

Event details, registration, and more can be found at www.tahoesummit.org.

Contact Information:
For questions regarding this agenda item, please contact Devin Middlebrook, government affairs manager, at (775) 589-5230 or dmiddlebrook@trpa.gov.

Contributing Public Comment:

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Attachment:

A. Resolution 2026 –__

Attachment A

Resolution 2026 –__

TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
TRPA RESOLUTION NO. 2026–

RECOGNITION CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNUAL LAKE TAHOE SUMMIT

Whereas, Lake Tahoe, straddling the border of California and Nevada in the Sierra Nevada, stands as a national treasure; and

Whereas, Lake Tahoe is 2.3 million years old, making it North America's oldest freshwater, permanent lake and the third oldest in the world. Lake Tahoe is also the second deepest lake in the United States, plunging to a depth of 1,645 feet, with waters so clear that objects can be seen at depths exceeding 70 feet; and

Whereas, Lake Tahoe is the ancestral, current, and future home of the Washoe people and the name Lake Tahoe derives from mispronunciation of the native name for the lake, *dáʔaw*; and

Whereas, Nevada's U.S. Senator Harry Reid and California U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein spearheaded the inaugural Lake Tahoe Summit in 1997; the event brought together federal, state, regional, and local leaders, the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, scientists, environmental advocates, and economic interests to address the deteriorating clarity of Lake Tahoe's waters; and

Whereas, the inaugural Tahoe Summit marked a defining moment in bipartisan collaboration to protect one of the nation's most iconic and treasured landscapes; and

Whereas, the inaugural Tahoe Summit led to the creation of the Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program or EIP to restore Lake Tahoe's water quality and strengthen the region's environment and economy for future generations; and

Whereas, a series of memoranda of understanding documents and Executive Order #13057 memorialized the innovative partnership framework of the Lake Tahoe EIP.

Whereas, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency serves as the convener of the EIP and more than 80 partners collectively known as "Team Tahoe." The diverse partnership includes the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, federal, state, regional, and local governments, non-profits, and the private sector;

Whereas, today the EIP is one of the nation's most successful conservation and restoration programs with more than 900 projects implemented across the areas of watersheds and water quality, aquatic invasive species, forest health, sustainable recreation and transportation, and science, stewardship and accountability;

Whereas, the 30th Annual Lake Tahoe Summit will be held on August 19, 2026, hosted by U.S. Senator Jacky Rosen of Nevada. The Summit will be attended by the Tahoe federal delegation, state and local elected officials, members of Team Tahoe, and the public to celebrate progress in the last 30 years, and commit to solving the challenges of the next 30 years;

Now therefore be it proclaimed, that Lake Tahoe is an irreplaceable natural, cultural, and economic treasure — a jewel of the Sierra whose protection is both a solemn responsibility and a profound privilege;

Be it further proclaimed, that the 30th annual Tahoe Summit is a celebration of all things Lake Tahoe and the power of public-private partnerships that benefit the lake, economy, and community;

Be it further proclaimed, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency reaffirms its enduring commitment to Team Tahoe and to advancing collaborative solutions that protect and restore the Lake Tahoe Region for generations to come.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency this ___ day of _____, 2026, by the following vote:

Ayes:
Nays:
Absent:

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Hayley Williamson, Chair
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
Governing Board