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Lake Tahoe
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Executive Director Report

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Fanny Bridge Ribbon Cutting Event

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Tahoe Basin Public Safety Training Complex
Lake Tahoe Community College

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MAY 20, 2026

Padilla, Schiff Introduce Bill to Stop Spread of Golden Mussels Infesting California Water Systems

Washington, D.C. – Today, U.S. Senators Alex Padilla and Adam Schiff (both D-Calif.), members on the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, introduced the *Golden Mussel Eradication and Control Act of 2026* to expedite the control and eradication of golden mussels – harmful species native to China and Southeastern Asia that pose a significant health risk to the public.

These invasive species latch onto pumps, pipes, and infrastructure compromising water delivery, clogging water screens, THREATENING water quality for 27 million Californians, harming native wildlife, and jeopardizing over $50 billion in agriculture production across the state.

"The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) supports the Golden Mussel Eradication and Control Act of 2026," **said Julie W. Regan, Executive Director, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency**. "Lake Tahoe does not have golden mussels, but if introduced, golden mussels would irreversibly harm the lake's famed clarity, $5 billion annual outdoor recreation-based economy, and water supply infrastructure. The proposed development of a pilot program for prevention, education, monitoring, control, research and eradication will not only benefit Lake Tahoe, but also California waterbodies that are already plagued or threatened by this aquatic invasive species."

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Tahoe Transportation District Board Update

- 5-year Financial Forecast
- Adopted 2027 Budget
- Emerald Bay Shuttle Operating Contract
- Jim Marino, Exec. Dir. Anniversary

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Staffing Update

- Associate Environmental Specialist: Sarah Barth
- 3 Current Summer Interns:
  - Hanna Morrow (Comms/Government Affairs)
  - Cadence Lambdin (Finance)
  - Colleen Hoskins (EIP-Stormwater)
- Additional new hires and interns will be onboarding soon

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Caldor Fire Restoration Project

What's Coming Up

June:

- Workplan and Budget
- Tahoe Keys Marina plan amendment and project
- Legal appeal
- Monopine cellular structure ordinance

Tahoe Summit
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