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STAFF REPORT

Date: June 15, 2022

To: TRPA Governing Board

From: TRPA Staff

Subject: Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Annual Program Update

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Summary and Staff Recommendation:

Staff is providing an update on AIS program activities being implemented and planned, to achieve program goals of preventing new introductions and reducing populations of existing aquatic invasive species.

The update includes an early season report of the prevention program and progress on permanent inspection stations. Watercraft inspections and decontaminations continue to demonstrate their effectiveness of preventing new introductions.

Major projects are underway that include the Taylor-Tallac Ecosystem Restoration Project and the Tahoe Keys Lagoons Aquatic Weed Control Methods Test, with additional high priority projects being planned for that are identified in the AIS Control Action Agenda.

Monitoring activities are scheduled for this year to demonstrate project effectiveness, coupled with enhancing performance metrics to better understand how holistic actions are achieving goals of the AIS Action Agenda.

Funding of the program is diverse, with new funds coming through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, allowing staff to increase pace and scale with the addition of a new AIS Project Coordinator.

This item is for informational purposes and no action is required.

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