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Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) Outreach and Lake Tahoe Restoration Act Update

Environmental Improvement Program Committee
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Governing Board
March 27, 2024

Overview

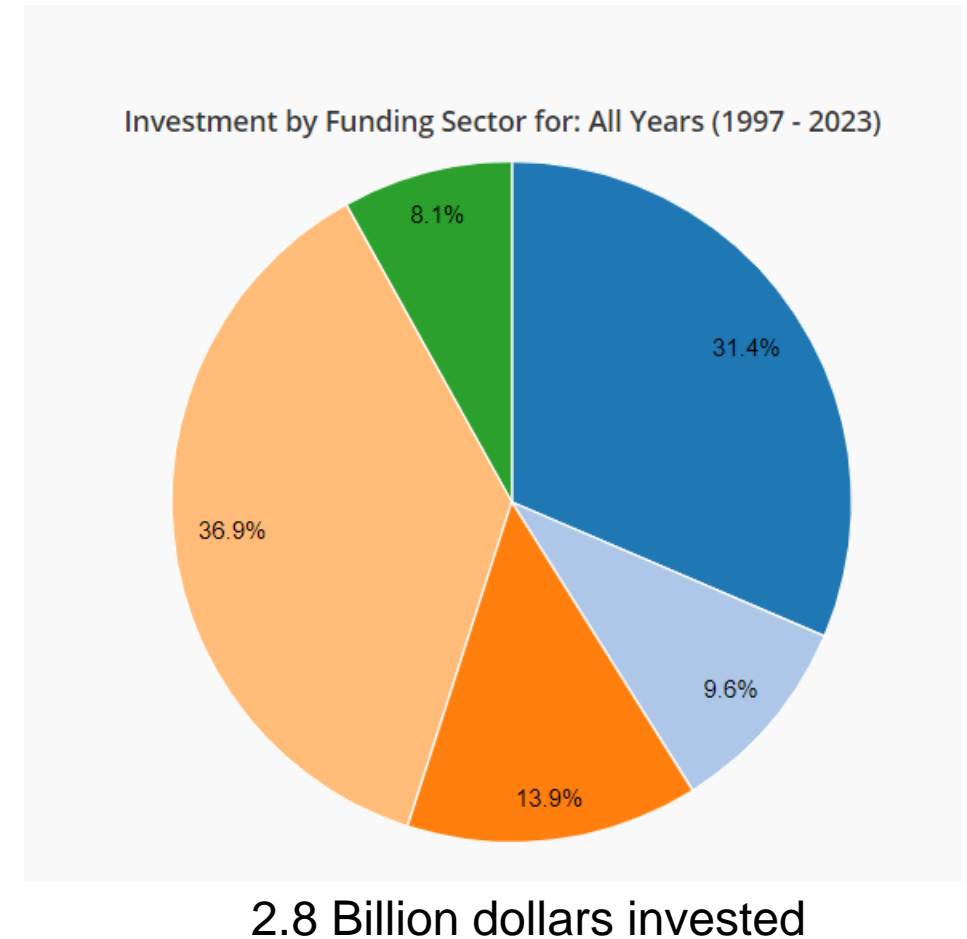
- EIP Funding Model
- Lake Tahoe Restoration Act
- Priority Projects
- Washington D.C. Trip
- Discussion





EIP Funding Model

- In the 28th year of EIP implementation.
- Shared funding model.
- Average 100 million dollars annually for EIP across all EIP sectors.



Background and History

- Lake Tahoe Restoration Act 2000
 - Legislation authorizing funding for restoration activities associated with the EIP.
 - Federal share of the EIP.
- Lake Tahoe Restoration Act 2016
 - Authorized up to \$415 Million over 7 years for EIP projects.
 - Appropriated \$114 Million.
 - An extension would add no new money, provides time to spend existing authorization.



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Enduring Power of the LTRA

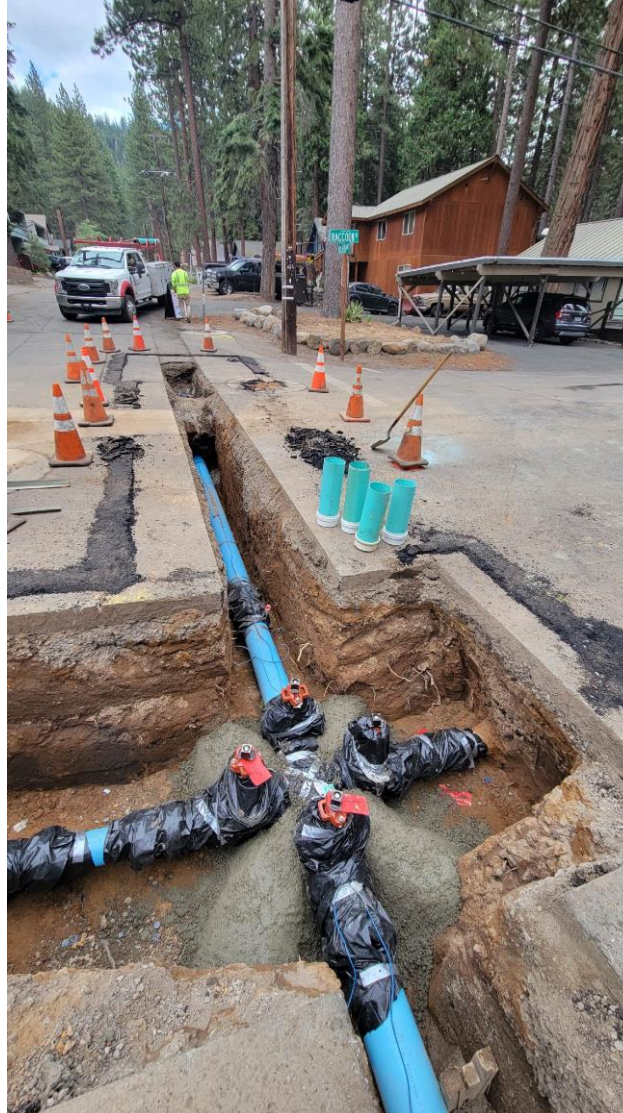


FOREST HEALTH

- 37 projects completed
- 21,000 acres treated

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE TO FIGHT FIRE

- 7 projects accelerated by LTRA
- more than 100 implemented by local water districts





Enduring Power of LTRA

WATER QUALITY

- 39 projects completed
- more than 500,000 lbs of fine sediment and pollution prevented annually from flowing into Lake Tahoe



AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

- 15 projects completed, 51,000 boats inspected, 271 acres treated

WATERSHED RESTORATION

- 17 projects completed
- 342 acres of wetland restored





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Community Benefits



THE EIP SUPPORTS
AN AVERAGE OF
1,700 jobs
A YEAR.
EVERY \$1 MILLION
IN EIP SPENDING GENERATES
\$1.6 million
IN ECONOMIC OUTPUT.



Photo courtesy: California Tahoe Conservancy



Leveraging

LTRA APPROPRIATIONS



THE INVESTMENT OF \$114 MILLION IN LTRA FUNDING SINCE 2016 HAS CATALYZED OVER \$500 MILLION IN STATE, LOCAL, AND PRIVATE MATCHING FUNDS.

Since 2016, \$114 million out of the \$415 million authorized has been appropriated for Lake Tahoe restoration.

That is 27 percent of the total authorization.

The extension would allow time to fill the appropriations gap.



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Forest Health: Priorities



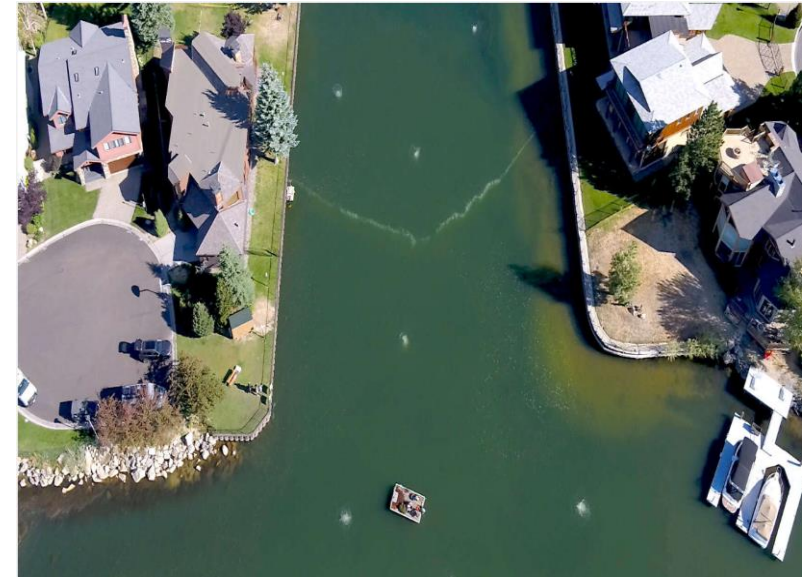


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Watersheds/Water Quality: Priorities





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Lahontan Cutthroat Trout



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Questions and Discussion

Discussion Questions

- What were the key takeaways from the trip to D.C.?
- How could committee members provide additional support?
- What might need further discussion from the committee in 2024 regarding the EIP funding model?

EIP Committee: Upcoming 2024 Items

Date/Timeline	Item
May 2024	EIP Virtual Project Tour
July 2024	Cutting the Green Tape and Restoration through Permitting
September 2024	Threshold Evaluation
November 2024	Threshold Evaluation