



TAHOE

RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

May 20, 2024

Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
128 Market Street
Stateline, NV

RE: TRPA Threshold Standards Update

Dear TRPA Governing Board,

The Tahoe Resource Conservation District is a Special District providing project and program implementation in the Tahoe Basin. Tahoe RCD was established in 1974 and we are celebrating our 50th anniversary of conservation in the Lake Tahoe Basin. Our programs include management of the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Boat Inspection Program, AIS control work, leading the Tahoe Basin Network of Fire Adapted Communities program, leading the 2024 Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update (funded by CTC), we own and manage Johnson Meadow (a 206-acre parcel in the Upper Truckee), and provide stormwater monitoring services to the 4 Basin counties, City of SLT, Cal Trans, and NDOT. Tahoe RCD is also the co-lead for the AISCC EIP Working Group that developed the two new AIS Threshold standards and participated in the Watershed Restoration Group that developed the SEZ restoration goal.

We appreciate the effort to modernize the threshold categories by incorporating current science. The ongoing threshold update process is needed as many environmental thresholds are outdated (over 40 years old) and not easily understood. Applying current science provides better ways to protect the Tahoe environment while also offering more insight into the best ways to balance environmental concerns with people, recreation, and sustainable development. Tahoe RCD supports the current updates and encourages the TRPA Governing Board to adopt these updates.

We look forward to continuing work on updating additional threshold standards as the update process continues.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Vollmer", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mike Vollmer
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We Do Conservation

The mission of the Tahoe RCD is to promote the conservation, stewardship and knowledge of the Lake Tahoe region's natural resources by providing leadership and innovative environmental services to all stakeholders.