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To the Governing Board and Lake Tahoe Community,



It is my pleasure to present to you this 2020 annual report. In the agency's 50-year history, 2020 was unlike any other. The COVID-19 crisis dealt tremendous loss, constant uncertainty,

and immense challenges to our communities and the nation. Simultaneously, regional transportation and recreation were stressed, and the deepening impacts of climate change unleashed record-shattering wildfires across the West.

Alongside the adversity, positive lessons and opportunities abounded. Unity and shared resilience came to the surface. As a troubled citizenry looked to public agencies and resources for stability, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) and our many partner agencies stood together to answer the call. Through the crucible of 2020, the spirit of partnership that began with TRPA's creation 50 years ago has been reinforced and we continue to apply it to the region's greatest challenges.

Transportation, Sustainable Recreation, and Community Revitalization

We are making strides to confront climate change and visitation impacts by transforming and better connecting Lake Tahoe's transportation systems. Working with local, state, federal, private, and nonprofit partners, we launched a significant update to the Regional Transportation Plan. The plan has clear targets for more frequent and effective transit and trails, technology for the

21st century, and a corridor planning framework that addresses congestion in recreation hot spots.

We have stepped into a more active role in sustainable recreation by convening a broad working group of public and private land managers, the private sector, and environmental educators to ensure Lake Tahoe's increasing popularity doesn't destroy the very experience that residents and visitors are here to enjoy.

Our housing strategies are working to revitalize our local communities. The Tahoe Living working group is listening to local governments and stakeholders about Regional Plan amendments that can encourage a variety of affordable and achievable housing types. We were also able to partner with the Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless to transform old motels into transitional housing before winter set in last year.

Water Quality, Forestry, and Aquatic Resources

TRPA and partners are taking determined actions to control the alarming spread of aquatic invasive weeds in Lake Tahoe. Control projects have begun in Taylor Creek marsh and outside the Tahoe Keys channels where the largest infestation in the region is spreading lakeward. Traditional control methods are not enough, and last year we worked with partners on the environmental review of new, more effective methods to finally control invasive weeds that now cover 172 acres of the Tahoe Keys lagoons. We also worked with the Tahoe Resource Conservation District to adapt the watercraft inspection program to COVID-19 protocols while protecting the lake from the introduction of new invasive species.

The worst wildfire year on record scorched more than 4 million acres in California alone last year. As the climate gets hotter, wildfires are getting bigger and more destructive throughout the year. TRPA and the Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team are working to match the size of the threat with landscape-scale forest resilience projects that reduce fuels across tens of thousands of acres. We are taking an active role in the 59,000-acre Lake Tahoe West Restoration Partnership to restore forest health, habitat, and stream zones throughout West Shore forests.

I am proud of the progress TRPA made during a very trying year. As this report shows, TRPA staff adapted in ways that maintained customer service and allowed us to push forward on the Strategic Initiatives set by our Governing Board. Multiple crises strengthened teamwork and interagency collaboration, and steeled our commitment to Lake Tahoe's restoration and community revitalization. Please join us in this collaborative work and thank you for your commitment to improving Lake Tahoe's future.

Sincerely,



Joanne S. Marchetta
Executive Director
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency



Honoring the Past. Elevating the Future.

TRPA STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Set by the Governing Board, these strategic initiatives reflect the agency's commitment to protect Lake Tahoe's environment while improving regional transportation, increasing diverse housing options, and facilitating community revitalization.

Keeping Tahoe Moving: Transportation and Sustainable Recreation ●

Implement the Regional Transportation Plan to improve transportation systems for residents and commuters, and meet visitor recreation needs while protecting the environment.

Tahoe Living: Housing and Community Revitalization ● Implement strategies that result in affordable housing options, environmental redevelopment, and walkable, bikeable communities.

Restoration Blueprint: Environmental Improvement Program

Implementation ● Lead the restoration of Lake Tahoe's environment and revitalization of its communities through collaboration and public/private investments.

Measuring What Matters: Thresholds and Monitoring Update ●

Streamline and improve the threshold standards and monitoring programs TRPA uses to measure progress in conserving and restoring Lake Tahoe's environment.

Building Resiliency: Climate Change and Sustainability ● Increase the long-term resilience of the natural and built environments by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and combining natural resource protection with healthy communities.

Digital First: Innovation ● Help property owners navigate the permit process with transparency and predictability across agencies.

INITIATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

Keeping Tahoe Moving: Transportation and Sustainable Recreation

Lake Tahoe's sustainable future relies on an effective, interconnected transportation system. The benefits encompass climate resilience, greenhouse gas emission reduction, recreation experience, equitable transit, quality of life, and the prosperity of the region. To meet these broad needs and to achieve emission reduction targets of Nevada and California, Tahoe's transportation system needs a transformation. TRPA and partners are working on strategic investments in transit, multi-use paths, and parking management to meet visitor, resident, and commuter demand while protecting the Tahoe Basin's unique natural resources.

Key 2020 Accomplishments

Advanced significant plans to guide the future of transportation at Lake Tahoe:

- **Regional Transportation Plan Update:** This transformative plan emphasizes improvements to transit, technology, and equity of access to further reduce reliance on the automobile and greenhouse gas emissions. The updated plan will be considered for adoption in 2021.
- **State Route 89 Recreation Corridor Plan:** The Governing Board approved this plan in October 2020. It improves recreation access, parking, and traffic congestion in some of the most heavily visited recreation destinations in Tahoe, including Emerald Bay. The plan could result in 37,400 fewer cars in the corridor every summer month.
- **Resort Triangle Transportation Plan:** TRPA collaborated with Placer County on its release of the final plan connecting North Tahoe with Truckee and the Highway 80 entry to reduce trips with enhanced transit, parking management, roadway operations, and employer resources.

Other Accomplishments:

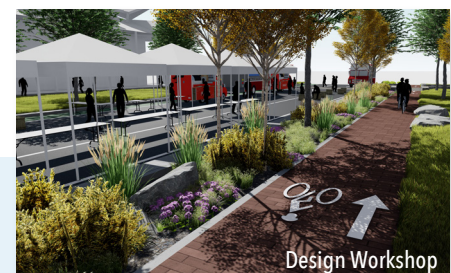
- The Bi-State Consultation on Transportation reconvened to drive consensus on the regionally significant transportation infrastructure investments needed over the next decade.

- TRPA convened a sustainable recreation working group in response to unprecedented visitation and recreation pressures across the region during the COVID-19 pandemic. Public land managers, private recreation providers, and communications professionals coordinated actions and messages.

Future Focus

- Implement the updated Regional Transportation Plan through collaboration with partners to develop sustainable funding.
- Address regional recreation challenges through development of a sustainable recreation strategy and Trails Master Plan.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT



Main Street Management Plan

The TRPA Governing Board approved the Main Street Management Plan in November 2020, which is a key condition of the U.S. 50/South Shore Community Revitalization Project. TRPA will keep driving implementation of enhanced street design, parking management, wayfinding, transit, and performance metrics.

Tahoe Living: Housing and Community Revitalization

This new initiative identifies complementary local and regional actions that increase the availability of housing for residents and results in the implementation of the Regional Plan, Sustainable Communities Strategy, and California Regional Housing Needs Assessment.

Key 2020 Accomplishments

- Participated in development of the Housing Tahoe Partnership's South Shore Housing Action Plan, which identifies housing strategies, priorities, and recommended timing for a comprehensive program.
- Approved the Housing Work Plan, which lays the groundwork to launch key housing initiatives that align with South Shore and North Shore Housing Action Plans.
- Provided key grant application support to Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless for a California Project Homekey grant. Through Project Homekey, Placer County and Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless acquired and converted four motels in the Tahoe Region into 84 safe housing units for people living in our communities without shelter.
- Worked with partners to set TRPA priorities for plan and code changes to accelerate the delivery of affordable housing.
- Amended the Tourist Core Area Plan to allow for a new workforce affordable housing project on the South Shore.
- Coordinated with Placer County to update area plans to allow more diverse types of workforce housing by adding multi-family land uses and changing accessory dwelling unit requirements.

Future Focus

- Implement Tahoe Living working group recommendations that support the production and preservation of affordable/achievable housing options that improve livability and walkability.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Sugar Pine Village

A 248-unit deed-restricted affordable housing project near the Y in South Lake Tahoe is moving forward in 2021. TRPA partnered with the California Tahoe Conservancy, the developer, non-profits, and multiple agencies to develop and approve this community-serving, mixed-use project which will have a variety of unit sizes and income designations.



Building Resiliency: Climate Change and Sustainability

Climate change and its impacts pose significant and growing risks to the health, safety, and sustainability of the Tahoe Region. Every TRPA initiative includes strategies to strengthen the sustainability and resilience of Tahoe's environment, communities, and economy. Working together to update the national award-winning 2014 Lake Tahoe Sustainability Plan will reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, help meet the climate change goals of states and local governments, and strengthen the region's communities and economy.

Key 2020 Accomplishments

Accelerated actions to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change at Lake Tahoe:

- **Sustainable Transportation:** Updated the Regional Transportation Plan with stronger climate strategies including electric vehicles, connections to land-use, and expansion of transit and trails.
- **Sustainable Recreation and Tourism:** Built new coalitions with dozens of regional recreation and visitation partners for tourism and destination management strategies that will be essential for GHG-reducing transportation improvements.
- **Collaboration and Partnerships:** Supported the City of South Lake Tahoe and Placer County in adopting climate plans, collaborated with the State of Nevada on its first ever State Climate Strategy, and worked with the California Tahoe Conservancy on the Lake Tahoe Vulnerability Assessment.

Other Accomplishments:

- Received a \$100,000 grant from the California Tahoe Conservancy for updates to the basin-wide GHG emissions inventory and future climate scenarios.
- Continued ensuring EIP and TRPA programs including housing, land use, forest health, AIS, and science and monitoring are responsive to climate adaptation.

Future Focus

- Lead the regional climate resiliency goals by updating the Tahoe Region's greenhouse gas inventory and Basin-Wide Climate Strategy with prioritized climate actions.
- Address increasing visitation and outdoor recreation pressures on Lake Tahoe's environment and communities.



TEAM HIGHLIGHTS



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LONG RANGE & TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

The Long Range and Transportation Planning Division updates plans and regulations to ensure they are achieving and maintaining environmental thresholds. Additionally, the team leads and supports key strategic initiatives which help to further the goals and policies of the Regional Plan and Regional Transportation Plan.

Key 2020 Accomplishments

- Supported local government area plans and amendments that implement Regional Plan policies at the community scale. The Washoe County Tahoe Area Plan and four other area plan amendments were under development or approved in 2020.
- Received broad public and stakeholder input on options to restore Meeks Creek and lagoons to a functioning ecosystem. In partnership with the USDA Forest Service, the project could significantly enhance wetlands and revitalize recreation amenities in an area that is culturally significant to the native Washoe people.
- Led the Sustainable Recreation Working Group to coordinate a regional response to recreation and visitation pressures throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in consistent public messages and management of unprecedented litter, crowding, and safe recreation.

Future Focus

- Support local government area plans to accelerate environmental restoration and community revitalization.
- Convene a new Future of Tourism coalition to set action plans and sustainable recreation management strategies to address growing visitor and recreation use pressures.
- Complete a Regional Trails Plan that incorporates natural trails into the Active Transportation Plan.



Photo: Sarah Underhill

CURRENT PLANNING

The Current Planning Division reviews project applications to further environmental improvement and economic investments in Lake Tahoe communities. Project implementation by the public and private sectors helps achieve environmental threshold benefits.

Key 2020 Accomplishments

Shoreline Plan Implementation:

- Registered 74 percent of previously existing moorings and began permitting new moorings, with the first allocation lottery scheduled for 2021.
- Reviewed new pier applications received during the 2019 pier lottery. Eight new piers have been approved by the Governing Board and Hearings Officer (five multiple parcel piers and three single parcel piers).

Project Permitting and Customer Service:

- Strengthened customer service during a steep rise in construction activity and project planning. Permit applications increased 7 percent, and phone inquiries increased 34 percent, from 2019.
- Approved 1,383 tree-cutting permits to help achieve defensible space on private parcels, a 37 percent increase from 2019. TRPA issued all permits electronically.
- Advanced the Digital First initiative by accelerating availability of online applications during COVID-19 closures. 58 percent of applications were submitted electronically in 2020, up from 14 percent in 2019.
- Met goals for the timely and consistent review of 979 project permit applications.

Other Accomplishments:

- Assisted local businesses during COVID-19 with guidance on outdoor dining.
- Streamlined permitting by delegating additional permitting authority to El Dorado County.

Future Focus

- Continue to make customer service a top priority while ensuring Regional Plan compliance in the field.
- Continue to improve long-term monitoring, compliance inspection tools, project security assessment and return procedures, and MOU monitoring and training.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Tahoe South Events Center



The TRPA Governing Board unanimously approved the Tahoe South Events Center. The \$80 million project led by Tahoe Douglas Visitors Authority, in partnership with Douglas County, will provide significant air and water quality improvements, free and frequent year-round transit service to surrounding neighborhoods, and other amenities to decrease traffic congestion.

Code Compliance and Enforcement

Permitting and compliance staff ensure all projects meet TRPA's Code of Ordinances and environmental standards. Primary responsibilities include code enforcement, inspection of permitted projects, permit monitoring of memorandum of understanding (MOU) partners, and inspection and enforcement of best management practices to reduce stormwater pollution.

Key 2020 Accomplishments

- Completed 143 code case inspections within one week of intake.
- Completed 166 pre-grade inspections within three days of request and 320 final inspections within 15 days of request.
- Completed 100 audits of projects reviewed and approved by local government MOU partners. Local governments met requirements between 90 and 99 percent of the time, and corrective measures underway are monitored to completion.
- TRPA's watercraft education team invested more than 800 hours on the lake educating the public on boating rules such as the carbureted two-stroke engine ban, noise ordinances, and the 600-foot no-wake zone. The team removed 13 vessels from unauthorized moorings, assisted with noise and scenic quality monitoring, and took 501 corrective actions related to no-wake zone violations and more.

Future Focus

- Continue to implement the Shoreline Plan.
- Continue to make customer service a top priority while ensuring Regional Plan compliance in the field.
- Continue to improve long-term monitoring, compliance inspection tools, project security assessment and return procedures, and MOU monitoring and training.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Kayak Event in Emerald Bay

TRPA staff members and the watercraft team joined an organized paddle event in Emerald Bay in July 2020 to engage with kayakers, paddleboarders, and boaters and educate them on the 600-foot no wake zone and safety improvements of the 2018 Shoreline Plan.



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT

TRPA's Environmental Improvement Division leads the Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program (EIP). The EIP is an unparalleled partnership working to achieve the environmental goals of the Tahoe Region.

Local, state, and federal agencies, private entities, scientists, and the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California have collaborated for more than 20 years to restore the environmental health of Lake Tahoe.



LAKE TAHOE
**ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM**

Key 2020 Accomplishments

- Collaboratively developed a basin-wide priority list of EIP projects for federal funding resulting in approximately \$16 million for projects under the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act. This included \$6 million for Forest Health, \$6 million for Watershed Restoration, and \$4 million for Aquatic Invasive Species.
- Awarded more than \$2.4 million in mitigation funds to local jurisdictions and land banks for restoration projects, new maintenance equipment, water quality improvement projects, and land acquisition.
- The California Tahoe Conservancy broke ground on the restoration of the Upper Truckee Marsh. This project will restore over 250 acres of floodplain and enrich native fish and bird habitat. The restored marsh will also act as a natural pollution filter, improving water quality in Lake Tahoe.

Future Focus

- Continue to strengthen the EIP collaborative partnership by working with all sectors to align priorities, collaboratively develop multi-jurisdictional projects, and increase the pace and scale of restoration basin-wide.
- Develop funding strategies for the Forest Action Plan, the AIS Control Action Agenda, and watershed restoration projects through the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act and other state, local and private sources.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Tahoe Keys Weed Control

TRPA continued to lead the collaborative stakeholder process to help solve one of Lake Tahoe's most pressing environmental challenges. In the summer of 2020, TRPA and the Lahontan Water Board released a comprehensive draft environmental review of the proposed test project to treat aquatic weeds in the Tahoe Keys. The agencies hosted interactive public webinars and field trips resulting in thousands of comments on the proposed project.



Photo: Drone Promotions

Stormwater Management

Reducing polluted stormwater runoff from urban areas and roads is a foundation of the EIP's water quality focus area. Area-wide solutions offer opportunities for the public and private sectors to partner and meet stormwater infiltration and erosion control requirements, generate funding for system maintenance, implement the Lake Tahoe Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Program, and achieve other community goals.

Key 2020 Accomplishments

- Surpassed 20,000 Best Management Practice (BMP) Certificates since 1999. In 2020, issued 361 BMP certificates: 313 for single-family residential parcels, 28 for multi-family residential parcels, and 20 for commercial parcels.
- Certified 88 new businesses in the Lake-Friendly Business Program for BMP compliance. 233 members to date: 130 in California and 103 in Nevada.
- Initiated the Ski Run “Mountain to Marina” Green Infrastructure Project, a multiple benefit water quality project that incorporates regional stormwater treatment, bicycle and pedestrian connectivity, parking, recreation access enhancement, and fuels reduction in an area of mostly resident workers and families in South Lake Tahoe.

Future Focus

- Continue basin-wide progress in achieving Total Maximum Daily Load reductions by supporting local jurisdictions and reviewing plans and permit applications for BMPs.
- Continue providing technical assistance to property owners complying with TRPA's incentive programs including coverage exemptions and mooring registrations.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Lower Kingsbury Stormwater Treatment

In December 2020, the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection awarded TRPA \$100,000 in federal Clean Water Act funding to implement regional stormwater treatment in the Lower Kingsbury neighborhood. This project is a top priority for Douglas County who continues to exceed stormwater pollution reduction targets.



Forest and Vegetation Management

Forest health is essential to the health of the Lake Tahoe watershed and the safety of its communities. As a member of the Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team (TFFT), TRPA helps implement the Lake Tahoe Forest Action Plan to improve the resilience of Lake Tahoe's forests to withstand the increasing threats of drought and climate change.

Key 2020 Accomplishments

- Actively worked with EIP partners and the TFFT to treat approximately 2,600 acres of overstocked forests to reduce hazardous fuels—an amount somewhat lower than average due to COVID-19 working precautions.
- Approved key updates to TRPA forest health code to support prescribed burning and tree removal best practices, and streamline large-scale fuel reduction projects. In addition, the changes allow forest managers to use vehicles and equipment on frozen ground in sensitive stream environment zones during more winter months as snowpack in the Sierra Nevada continues to decline.
- Provided project management for the proposed 59,000-acre Lake Tahoe West Restoration Partnership and launched a comprehensive environmental analysis. This landscape-scale forest resilience project will more than double the amount of fuel reduction work completed on the West Shore every year.
- Continued to engage with the Tahoe science community to develop a forest carbon sequestration model which will complement and inform projects such as the Lake Tahoe West Restoration Partnership and the Tahoe-Central Sierra Initiative.

Future Focus

- Support implementation of Liberty Utilities and Nevada Energy resiliency corridors.
- Investigate the use of innovative technologies for biomass utilization within the basin.



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Aquatic Resources

Lake Tahoe faces a constant and serious threat from the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS), and the popularity of boating during the COVID-19 pandemic emphasized the importance of a stable, comprehensive prevention program. TRPA leads the multi-sector AIS partnership at Lake Tahoe, and its accomplishments are the result of the collective contributions of many organizations and individuals. Multi-agency control programs are working to manage invasive species already established here, and the watercraft inspection program is keeping new invasives out of the Tahoe Region.

Key 2020 Accomplishments

- Agencies and marina partners phased opening of boat inspections in keeping with COVID-19 travel restrictions and protocols.
- Implemented COVID-19 safety protocols throughout the watercraft inspection season, including an appointment system to maintain distance and sanitation.
- Watercraft inspectors and boat launch partners oversaw 14,500 unique vessel launches including 4,600 inspections at regional inspection stations—58 percent of inspected boats required decontamination.
- Intercepted 20 boats with invasive mussels onboard, an 80 percent increase from 2019.
- Began control work on a 100-acre invasive weed infestation in Lake Tahoe that has spread from the Tahoe Keys. This work will continue in 2021 to manage further spread of this in-lake population.
- Continued implementing the AIS Control Action Agenda with invasive weed control work at Taylor and Tallac Creek marsh in partnership with the USDA Forest Service.

- Expanded tests of emerging aquatic weed control methods such as using ultraviolet light. Also, work began on the installation of new bubble curtains in two marina locations to prevent plant fragments from floating lakeward.

Future Focus

- Continue to investigate emerging solutions for prevention, control, and monitoring and develop funding strategies to achieve the AIS Control Action Agenda.
- Continue to collaboratively develop an effective control approach for the expansive infestation of aquatic invasive weeds in the Tahoe Keys.

RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS

TRPA continuously tracks the progress and effectiveness of implementing the region's plans, programs, and strategies by monitoring hundreds of environmental threshold standards, performance measures, and management actions. The Research and Analysis Division collaborates with the science community and provides the best possible information for policy decisions, operations, and accountability.

Key 2020 Accomplishments

- Increased the availability of online permit applications from 8 to 33 by the end of 2020, dramatically improving efficiency and ease of public access to TRPA permit services.
- Provided access for over 51,000 users to LakeTahoeInfo.org, up from 19,000 users in 2019.
- Responded to 627 unique requests from property owners, real estate agents, and local government partners for permitting information, up more than 60 percent from 2019.
- Converted an additional 1,454 paper project files to digital for easier access by staff and the public. More than 13,000 paper permit files have been digitized since 2013.
- Deployed an update to the Tahoe Boating App to improve the safety of paddlers and boaters by allowing the smartphone app's information to be accessed when out of cell range.
- Worked with partners to update the Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) threshold standard to use the latest science and align the standard with regional goals for reducing dependence on the automobile, promoting mobility, and reducing GHG emissions.

Future Focus

- Continue to streamline and enhance systems, reduce staff time for data entry, and improve tracking, reporting, analysis, and processing of information and permits.
- Advance the thresholds update strategic initiative.

2020 Field Monitoring

- Completed data collection on meadows, marshes, and riparian areas as part of the first Tahoe Region Stream Environment Zone (SEZ) Baseline Condition Assessment.
- Completed 40 bioassessments in stream environment zones.
- Monitored noise levels for 35 plan area statements, eight transportation corridors, and nine shoreline sites.
- Worked with agency partners to complete three basin-wide osprey breeding surveys, five peregrine falcon surveys, waterfowl habitat surveys, and the annual lake-wide survey of Tahoe yellow cress populations.
- Monitored bicycle and pedestrian activity at 30 sites using automated counters.
- Maintained three air quality and visibility stations.



EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

TRPA supports a culture committed to public education, outreach, and community engagement to implement the Lake Tahoe Regional Plan. External Affairs leads public engagement initiatives in collaboration with a variety of agency and nonprofit stakeholders. Last year, TRPA celebrated its 50th anniversary. The novel coronavirus pandemic required TRPA to quickly pivot from high-touch engagement and planned in-person events to safe, distant tactics to celebrate the milestone.

Key 2020 Accomplishments

Public Outreach

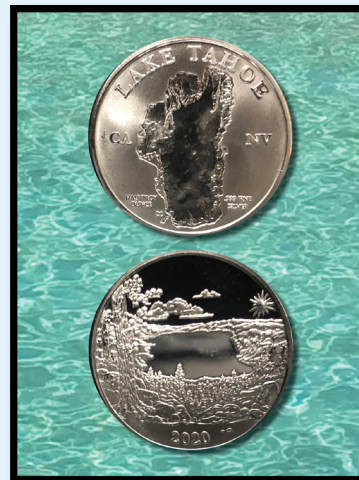
- Published two editions of the award-winning newspaper Tahoe In Depth, including a special 50th anniversary edition celebrating the bi-state compact that created TRPA.
- Hosted the Spirit of TRPA Awards virtually to recognize the milestones, achievements, and some of the people who worked tirelessly to protect the Lake Tahoe and create more resilient communities.
- Convened basin partners for consistent regional communication about outdoor recreation issues and COVID-19 pandemic response.
- Made international news as a signatory on the new Future of Tourism coalition, calling on tourism agencies and travel companies to commit to responsible tourism in the wake of COVID-19.
- Coordinated the 5th annual Epic Promise Winter Adventure Program, which allowed 215 fifth-grade students to snowshoe at Heavenly Mountain Resort and learn about snowmaking, avalanche safety, and winter wildlife survival.

behavior with bilingual yard signs and signposts, digital billboards, and sled litter campaigns.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Lake Tahoe Commemorative Coin

In celebration of TRPA's 50th anniversary, 1,000 commemorative coins were minted on historic Coin Press No.1 at the Nevada State Museum in Carson City. The .999 silver coins were a gift for donations to environmental stewardship programs. The program raised \$106,000.



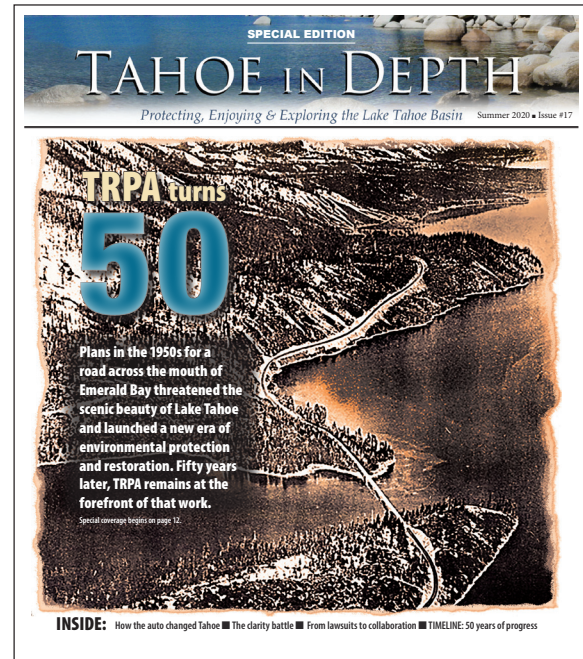
The Tahoe Coin features artwork from South Lake Tahoe artist Eleanor Bonbon and was minted at the Carson City Mint.

Environmental Education

- The TRPA Environmental Scholarship Fund received record donations from generous TRPA staff, Governing Board, and Advisory Planning Commission members. Since 2004, 27 local high school seniors pursuing environmental careers have been awarded a total of \$11,950.
- Utilized TakeCareTahoe.org to help sustainable recreation partners communicate rapidly changing guidelines and stewardship messages. Take Care helped influence

Legislative Affairs

- Received official commendations from the governors of California and Nevada as well as Lake Tahoe's United States Senate delegation, each recognizing the agency's 50th anniversary.
- Testified before the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power on the impact of invasive species on Lake Tahoe.
- Ushered in the 24th annual Lake Tahoe Summit in August. The virtual event, hosted by U.S. Senator Catherine Cortez Masto, engaged a record 1,400 people and focused a national spotlight on the Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program.
- Lake Tahoe received emergency funding for transportation through COVID-19 relief funds. Securing funds for Lake Tahoe in the reauthorization of the federal transportation bill is a top priority.



The cover of the June 2020 issue of Tahoe In Depth featured TRPA's 50th anniversary celebration.



2020 Lake Tahoe Summit poster and host U.S. Senator Catherine Cortez Masto.



Future Focus

- Continue to grow TRPA's role as a leader in collaborative outreach locally, regionally, nationally, and globally to inspire sustainable actions and help achieve conservation and stewardship at Lake Tahoe.

HUMAN RESOURCES AND FINANCE

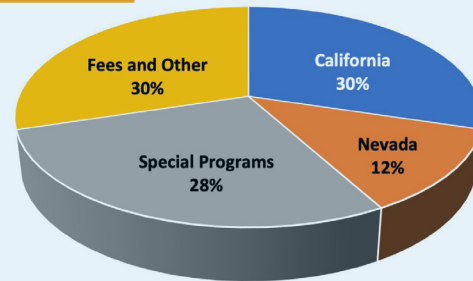
The highest quality standards in human resources and organizational development, along with best practices in financial management, keep TRPA operating as a high-performing team.

- Ranked in the top three of the Northern Nevada Human Resources Association's 2020 Best Places to Work survey.
- Formed a team to support an organizational culture and community of diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Refinanced long-term debt, freeing \$500,000 to complete long-deferred maintenance and necessary building repairs. Planning and contracting for those repairs is underway.

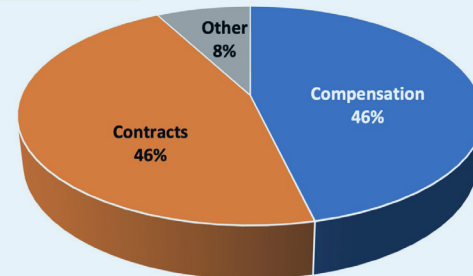
Funding for TRPA's core functions comes from a variety of sources, including the states of California and Nevada, fees for services, and competitive grants. TRPA is organized to reflect the three core functions it performs: planning, implementation, and research and analysis in a "Plan, Do, Check" framework. TRPA presently has 64 full-time equivalent positions.

2020-21 TRPA BUDGET

Revenues



Expenses



Tahoe Regional Planning Agency						
Sources & Uses of Funds Provided (\$K)						
Fiscal Year 2019-20						
	CA	NV	Grants	Fees	Other	Total
TRPA GF Indirect Functions	1,969	624	29	62	772	3,456
TRPA Direct Programs						
Current Planning	308	58	4	2,242		2,611
Shoreline	166	52		219	11	448
Env Improvement	349	111			1	461
Long Range Planning	449	142				592
Research & Analysis	1,190	377				1,567
Air Quality	327	523				849
Tahoe Science Adv. Council	79					79
Other Programs						
Aquatic Invasive Species	375	375	1,825	773		3,348
Stormwater Management			75		15	90
Environmental Improvement			643			643
Transportation			3,922		7	3,929
	5,211	2,262	6,498	3,295	806	18,073





VISION

a lake environment that is sustainable,
healthy, and safe for the community
and future generations.

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