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## *PREFACE*

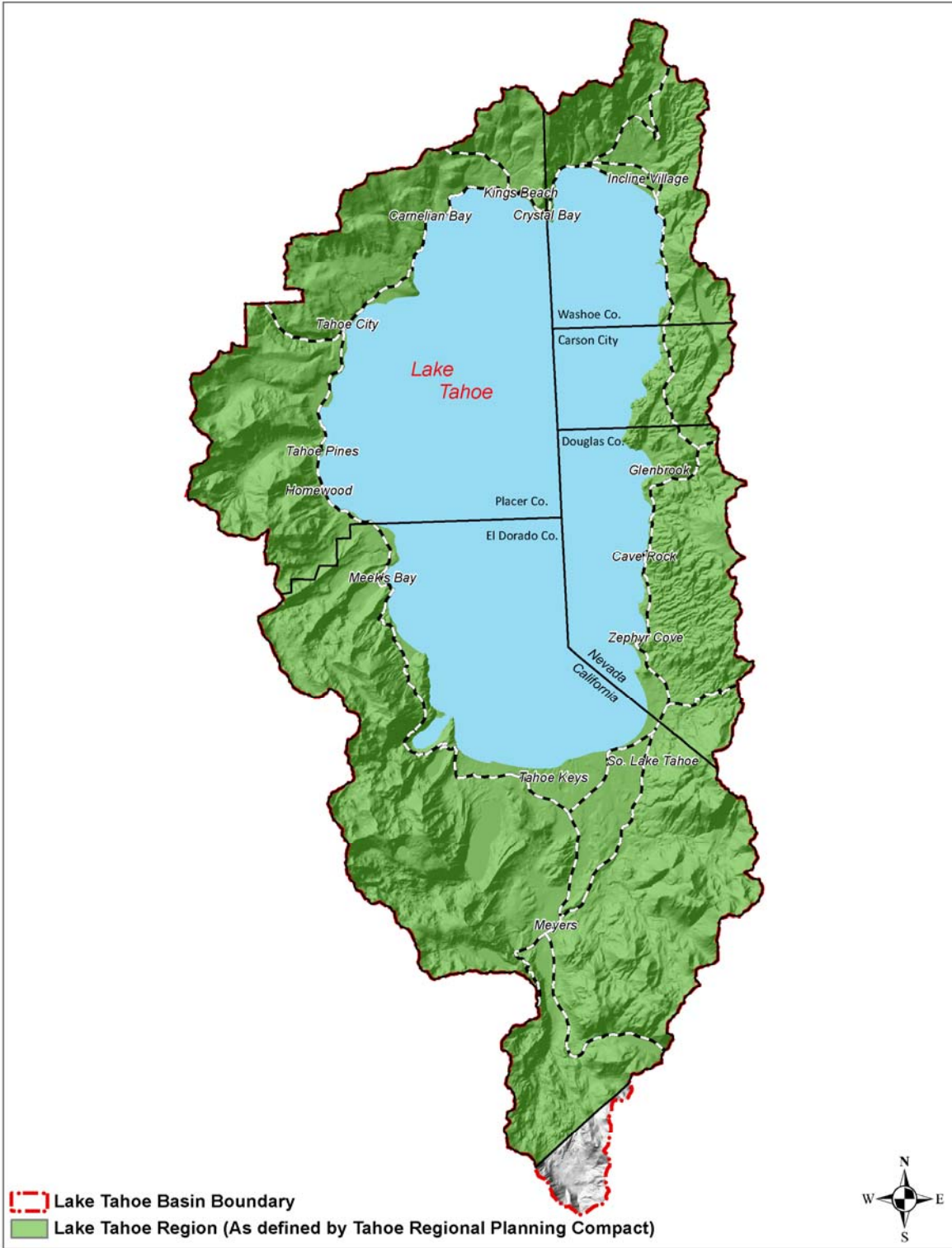
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The Lake Tahoe Region is located on the California-Nevada border between the Sierra Nevada Crest and the Carson Range (Refer to Figure 1). Approximately two-thirds of the Lake Tahoe ~~RegionBasin~~ is in California and one-third in Nevada. In total, the ~~RegionBasin~~ comprises about 501 square miles including the waters of Lake Tahoe which measures 191 square miles. Lake Tahoe is the dominant natural feature of the ~~RegionBasin~~ and is the primary focus of local environmental regulation to protect and restore its exceptional water clarity.

The Lake Tahoe Region contains the incorporated area of the City of South Lake Tahoe and portions of El Dorado County and Placer Counties, California and Washoe and Douglas Counties and the rural area of Carson City, Nevada. The ~~RegionBasin~~ is within the ~~Fourth, First and Fourteenth~~ Congressional Districts of California and the ~~Second Northern~~ Congressional District of Nevada. The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency is a separate legal entity governed by a body of seven voting delegates from California and seven voting delegates from Nevada. There is also a non-voting federal representative to the Governing Board.

The Tahoe Regional Planning Compact (P.L. 96-551, 94 Stat. 3233) provides the framework for the development and implementation of this Regional Plan. At a minimum, the ~~amendments to the~~ Regional Plan together with its amendments must achieve and maintain adopted environmental threshold carrying capacities while providing for orderly growth and development consistent with such capacities.

**FIGURE 1 - LAKE TAHOE REGION**



# TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

## GOALS AND POLICIES

### Statement of Mission

**THE TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY IS THE INNOVATIVE LEADER IN LEADS THE COOPERATIVE EFFORT TO PRESERVE, RESTORING, AND ENHANCE THE UNIQUE NATURAL AND HUMAN ENVIRONMENT OF THE LAKE TAHOE, IMPROVING LOCAL COMMUNITIES, AND ENHANCING PEOPLE'S EXPERIENCES WITH OUR IRREPLACEABLE ENVIRONMENT. REGION.**

### Statement of Principles

#### Preamble

TRPA shall interpret and administer its plans, ordinances, rules, and regulations in accordance with the provisions of the Compact. This statement of principles is intended to confirm the policies set forth in the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact (P.L. 96-551, December 19, 1980), in its specific provisions and as a whole, so as to guide the Agency in resolving conflicts, in charting the future direction, and in enhancing public understandability. The following statement of general policy provides TRPA with direction and consistency for enactment and implementation of the Regional Plan and increases TRPA and public understanding of the TRPA Goals and Policies.

#### Principles

1. The Tahoe Region exhibits unique and irreplaceable environmental and ecological values of national significance which are threatened with deterioration or degeneration.
2. The purpose of TRPA is to:
  - a. Maintain the significant scenic, recreational, educational, scientific, natural, and public health values provided by the Region; and
  - b. Insure an equilibrium between the Region's natural endowment and its manmade environment.

Together these will encourage the wise use of the waters of Lake Tahoe and the resources of the area, preserve public and private investments in the Region, and preserve the social and economic health of the Region.

3. In accomplishing its purpose, TRPA is to:
  - a. Establish environmental threshold carrying capacities, defined as environmental standards necessary to maintain significant scenic, recreational, educational, scientific, or natural values of the Region or to

maintain public health and safety within the Region, including but not limited to standards for air quality, water quality, soil conservation, vegetation preservation, and noise;

- b. Adopt and enforce a Regional plan and implementing ordinances which achieve and maintain such capacities while providing opportunities for orderly growth and development consistent with such capacities; and
- c. Pursue such activities and projects consistent with the Agency purposes.