

## **Appendix B**

### **Implementation Agreements**

AGREEMENT OF FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES ON  
PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
AND ECONOMIC HEALTH OF  
THE LAKE TAHOE REGION

WHEREAS, President Clinton signed Executive Order 13057, "Federal Actions in the Lake Tahoe Region," on July 26, 1997, directing the Federal departments and agencies having principal management or jurisdictional authorities in the Lake Tahoe Region to establish a Federal Interagency Partnership on the Lake Tahoe Ecosystem to ensure that Federal agency actions are coordinated and operate to protect the extraordinary natural, recreational, and ecological resources in the Lake Tahoe Region and the economies that depend on them;

WHEREAS, Congress recognized in 1969 in Public Law 91-148, 83 Stat. 360, and then in 1980 in Public Law 96-551, 94 Stat. 3233, that there were special conditions and circumstances in the Lake Tahoe Region and that the waters and other resources of the Lake Tahoe Region were threatened with deterioration or degeneration, which required the establishment of an area-wide planning agency to maintain an equilibrium between the region's natural endowment and its human-made environment;

WHEREAS, Congress further recognized in 1980 in Public Law 96-586, 94 Stat. 3381, that the unique character of the Lake Tahoe Basin was of national significance and that special provisions were needed to be implemented to protect the environmental quality of the Lake Tahoe Basin;

WHEREAS, Lake Tahoe is a national treasure and a resource of worldwide significance;

WHEREAS, the people in the Lake Tahoe Region know that their successful economic future relies on the health of the environment; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, the Army, the Interior, and Transportation and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recognize this interdependence of economic and environmental sustainability in the Lake Tahoe Region;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Secretaries and Administrator of the participating Federal departments and agencies, commit ourselves to enhancing the environmental and economic health of the Lake Tahoe Region and further commit ourselves to working together and with the State, regional, and local governments and with the Washoe Tribe and other parties to achieve the actions directed by the President's Executive Order of July 26, 1997. Specifically, we agree to:

**Partnerships:** (1) work with the States of California and Nevada, the Washoe Tribe, and appropriate local government entities to achieve desired environmental thresholds for the Lake Tahoe Basin, and to enhance recreation, tourism, and other economic opportunities within the Region. These partnership

efforts are further defined in a multi-agency Memorandum of Agreement for the Lake Tahoe Region.

(2) encourage development of partnerships among governmental agencies and the private sector to augment the efforts undertaken by individual entities for the restoration and management of the Lake Tahoe ecosystem and the health of the local economy.

**Coordination:** (3) coordinate Federal programs, projects, and activities within the Lake Tahoe Basin, and to use consistent policies and strategies among all Federal agencies to address the Region's environmental and economic concerns.

(4) encourage Federal agencies within the Region to coordinate and share resource data, to avoid duplication of Federal efforts, and to eliminate inefficiencies in Federal actions to the greatest extent feasible.

**Environmental Thresholds:** (5) support and participate in programs and studies needed to identify and attain environmental thresholds for water quality, transportation, air quality, vegetation, soils, stream environment and restoration, wildlife habitat, fish habitat, scenic resources, recreation, and noise.

**Clean Water:** (6) support and participate in actions necessary to improve the water quality of Lake Tahoe through all appropriate means, including restoration and maintenance of shorelines, streams environment zones, and watersheds; protection of Lake designated uses; and control of airborne and other contaminants.

**Forest Health:** (7) support and participate in development of vegetative management actions necessary to attain a healthy Lake Tahoe Region, including a program of revegetation, road maintenance and obliteration, insect and disease management, and promotion of forest ecosystem health.

**Transportation:** (8) support and participate in programs and studies necessary to achieve transportation and air quality goals for the Lake Tahoe Region.

**Habitat:** (9) support and participate in fisheries and wildlife habitat restoration programs necessary to achieve habitat goals for the Lake Tahoe Region, including programs for threatened, uncommon, and endangered species.

**Recreation & Tourism:** (10) support and participate in development of and communication about recreational plans and programs, scenic quality improvement programs, and tourism opportunities in the Lake Tahoe Region.

- Washoe Tribe:** (11) support recognition for traditional and customary Washoe Tribal uses of, and for access to, Lake Tahoe.
- Research and Data Management:** (12) foster coordination of necessary scientific research and monitoring activities in the Lake Tahoe Region, and development of a common natural resource data base, including Geographic Information System (GIS) capability, in cooperation with regional and local colleges and universities.
- Public Involvement:** (13) support and participate in regional efforts to inform the public of the values of managing the Lake Tahoe Region to achieve environmental and economic goals, and to inform the public about what individuals, both resident and tourist, can do to contribute to successful achievement of these goals.
- (14) convene and facilitate public forums to provide opportunities for public involvement in solutions to the issues in the Lake Tahoe Region.

In order to establish the necessary coordinating mechanism to effectuate these goals, and to implement the Executive Order, the signatory Federal departments and agencies hereby establish this Federal Interagency Partnership. For the first year after its establishment, the Federal Interagency Partnership will be chaired by the Secretary of Agriculture. The Chair will be rotated among the members on an annual basis as determined by the Partnership.

The Secretaries and Administrator or their representatives shall meet at least annually to discuss progress on implementation of this agreement and to take such additional actions as may be necessary. The regional executives representing the Federal departments and agencies shall meet twice a year to discuss progress of implementing this agreement and to take such additional actions as may be necessary. These regional executives shall be representatives from the following Federal departments and agencies: U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Department of Transportation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and other Federal departments and agencies as deemed appropriate by the Federal Interagency Partnership.

The Partnership shall be supported by a Tahoe Basin Executive Committee comprised of local managers of the Federal departments and agencies responsible for implementing the terms of this agreement. The Tahoe Basin Executive Committee shall:

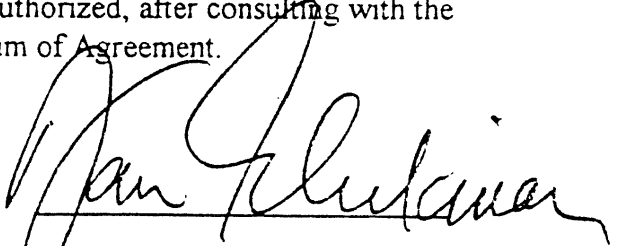
- (a) meet at least on a quarterly basis.
- (b) cooperate with the Lake Tahoe Basin Advisory Committee, an advisory committee, consisting of non-Federal representatives, to be established by USDA under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, which shall be used to advise them on implementing the terms of this Agreement and on other matters raised by the Committee.

- (c) notify the public of the meetings of the Tahoe Basin Executive Committee and of the twice-a-year regional executive meetings, each of which shall be open to the public.
- (d) By December 1, 1998, review and comment on the draft Environmental Improvement Program prepared by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and integrate appropriate Federal programs and funds to help achieve the goals of the Environmental Improvement Program.
- (e) be represented by the Chair of the Partnership in the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's Environmental Improvement Program Partnership.


The Forest Supervisor of the USDA Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit shall serve as the Chair of the Lake Tahoe Basin Executive Committee and shall provide the necessary staff support to the Tahoe Basin Executive Committee. The Tahoe Basin Management Unit shall also be responsible for arranging the regional executive meetings and for maintaining the Partnership's official records.

The Chair of the Partnership shall continually advise the President on the implementation of Executive Order 13057. This will take the form of an annual report to the President on the progress in the implementation of this agreement. The first report will be issued on or before September 30, 1998. The Chair of the Partnership is authorized, after consulting with the Partnership, to sign the Intergovernmental Memorandum of Agreement.

Secretary of Agriculture

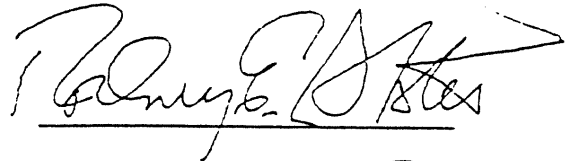



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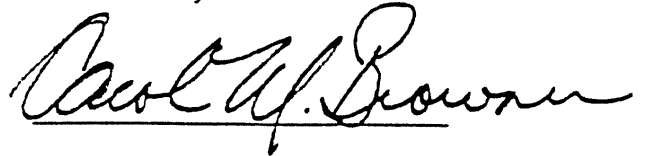

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Secretary of the Interior



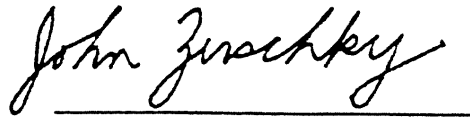

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Secretary of Transportation




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Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency




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Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)

**A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN THE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
AND THE  
STATE OF NEVADA**

**WHEREAS**, the Lake Tahoe basin is one of the world's extraordinary natural features and is an ecological, biological, and aesthetic resource of great significance to the people of California, Nevada, and the United States;

**WHEREAS**, the natural and recreational attributes of Lake Tahoe are the foundation of the regional economy, and future prosperity is dependent upon the sustainable development of the Lake Tahoe basin and on continued progress in achieving a careful balance between conservation and economic goals;

**WHEREAS**, there exists among the citizens of the Lake Tahoe basin in both California and Nevada a unique and strong consensus on the need to aggressively and effectively manage and protect the natural assets of the Lake Tahoe basin; the partnership of public and private interests includes the environmental community, the local business community, and the recreation and gaming industries; and this partnership is exemplified by the Lake Tahoe Transportation and Water Quality Coalition;

**WHEREAS**, the States of California and Nevada since 1969 have been parties to a bi-state compact that pursues joint efforts to protect the quality and the clarity of Lake Tahoe's waters, control soil erosion, protect the forests of the basin, ensure the Lake's scenic beauty, provide recreational opportunities and public access to the Lake, restore streams and watersheds, improve transportation, and generally enhance the rich biodiversity of the region;

**WHEREAS**, the people of California and Nevada have provided more than \$200 million to protect and manage the natural resources of the Lake Tahoe basin since the bi-state compact was created in 1969, including the approval of \$10 million and \$20 million by the voters of California and Nevada, respectively, in 1996 alone;

**WHEREAS**, the States of California and Nevada, in close cooperation with the people and agencies of the Lake Tahoe basin and the native peoples of the region, have supported effective and innovative efforts at protection and management of the natural resources of Lake Tahoe through the work of many agencies of both States, local governments, and the United States;

**WHEREAS**, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency has adopted nine thresholds for environmental quality, lake restoration and protection, and the carrying capacity of the Lake Tahoe basin; the thresholds are water quality, air quality, soil conservation, vegetation, fisheries, wildlife, scenic resources and community design, recreation, and noise; and the Agency has compiled a database of existing programs and projects designed to attain and maintain the thresholds;

**WHEREAS**, based on the thresholds and the database, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency has proposed an Environmental Improvement Program for the long-term protection and management of the region's natural resources and economy;

**WHEREAS**, a renewed commitment to the bi-state compact between California and Nevada, the continuation of existing State and local programs, and pursuing the objectives of the Environmental Improvement Program remain the greatest opportunities for achieving both the long-term well-being of the natural resources and the economic growth of the Lake Tahoe basin;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED,**

**THAT**, the States of California and Nevada reaffirm their commitment to the bi-state compact, and to the sound management and protection of the Lake Tahoe basin's natural resources and the support of a healthy, sustainable economy through their respective State programs and policies;

**THAT**, the States of California and Nevada commit to working with the outstanding public-private partnerships that exists in the Lake Tahoe basin, including, but not limited to, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, the Lake Tahoe Transportation and Water Quality Coalition, and many Federal and local agencies;

**THAT**, the States of California and Nevada express their commitment to the attainment of the environmental thresholds for Lake Tahoe and to the development and implementation of an appropriate Environmental Improvement Program, and urge other members of the public-private partnerships to also make such commitments;

**THAT**, the States of California and Nevada commit especially to active involvement with our Federal partners, who will share with the States and local members of the partnership the implementation and funding of this effort;

**THAT**, the States of California and Nevada request the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency to be the lead agency in bringing together those parties needed to pursue implementation of the Environmental Improvements Programs; and

THAT, this Memorandum of Understanding is to be expeditiously transmitted to all appropriate parties, including the President of the United States, the United States Congress, the California and Nevada Legislatures, the local governments of the Lake Tahoe basin, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, and the Lake Tahoe Transportation and Water Quality Coalition.

SIGNED



Governor of California



Governor of Nevada

This 22nd day of July 19 97

At South Lake Tahoe, California



**A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE FEDERAL INTERAGENCY PARTNERSHIP  
ON THE LAKE TAHOE ECOSYSTEM,  
THE STATES OF CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA,  
THE WASHOE TRIBE OF NEVADA AND CALIFORNIA, AND  
THE TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**

WHEREAS, on July 26, 1997, the President of the United States issued Executive Order 13057, "Federal Actions in the Lake Tahoe Basin," which, among other things, provided for the creation of a Federal Interagency Partnership on the Lake Tahoe Ecosystem, and directed that partnership "to negotiate a Memorandum of Agreement with the States of California and Nevada, the Washoe Tribal Government, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, and interested local governments...designed to facilitate coordination among the parties to the Agreement and...document areas of mutual interest and concern and opportunities for cooperation, support, or assistance";

WHEREAS, the Lake Tahoe Basin is one of the world's extraordinary natural features and is an ecological, biological, cultural, historical, and aesthetic resource of great significance to the people of California, Nevada, and the United States, as well as to its permanent residents and to its indigenous people, the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California;

WHEREAS, the natural and recreational attributes of Lake Tahoe are the foundation of the regional economy, and the future prosperity of the region is dependent upon the sustainable development of the Lake Tahoe Basin and on continued progress in harmonizing conservation and economic goals;

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has consented to the adoption of the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact (P.L. 96-551) between the states of California and Nevada, which created the bistate Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and charged that agency with the adoption, achievement, and maintenance of environmental threshold carrying capacities for the region, as standards to assure the preservation and restoration of significant scenic, recreational, educational, scientific, and natural values of the region, and to maintain public health and safety within the region;

WHEREAS, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency has proposed a draft Environmental Improvement Program setting forth the capital projects and other actions toward the achievement and maintenance of the thresholds it has established;

WHEREAS, the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact finds and declares that "Responsibilities for providing recreational and scientific opportunities, preserving scenic and natural areas, and safeguarding the public who live, work, and play in or visit the region are divided among local governments, regional agencies, the States of California and Nevada, and the Federal Government" and that "the Federal Government has an interest in the acquisition of recreational property and the management of resources in the region to preserve environmental and recreational values, and the Federal Government should assist the States in fulfilling their responsibilities";

WHEREAS, the States of California and Nevada have previously entered into a Memorandum of Understanding expressing their commitment to the attainment of the environmental thresholds for Lake Tahoe and to the development and implementation of an appropriate Environmental Improvement Program;

WHEREAS, there exists among the citizens of the Lake Tahoe Basin in both California and Nevada widely shared agreement on the measures and processes needed to protect the natural assets of the Lake Tahoe Basin, including the need for the adoption and implementation of an appropriate Environmental Improvement Program and the need for continued and expanded participation of public-private partnerships and consensus-building groups in the planning and implementation of environmental protection measures for Lake Tahoe;

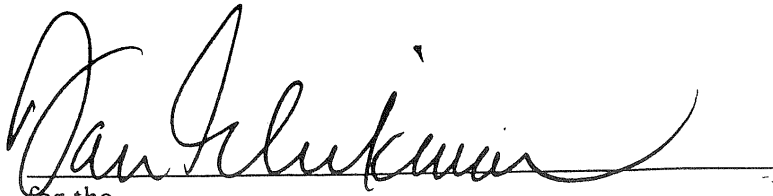
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED,

THAT, the signatories affirm their commitment to the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact, and to the sound management and protection of the Lake Tahoe Basin's natural resources and the support of a healthy, sustainable economy through their respective programs and policies;

THAT, the signatories express their commitment to the achievement and maintenance of environmental thresholds, cultural and historical values, and economic health for Lake Tahoe and to the adoption and implementation, of an appropriate Environmental Improvement Program;

THAT, the signatories agree to cooperate with each other to pursue implementation, including funding, of an appropriate Environmental Improvement Program; and

THAT, the signatories affirm their commitment to continuing and expanding the participation of public-private partnerships and consensus-building groups in planning and implementing environmental protection measures for Lake Tahoe, including, but not limited to, the adoption, maintenance, funding and implementation of an appropriate Environmental Improvement Program.



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FEDERAL INTERAGENCY PARTNERSHIP ON THE LAKE TAHOE ECOSYSTEM



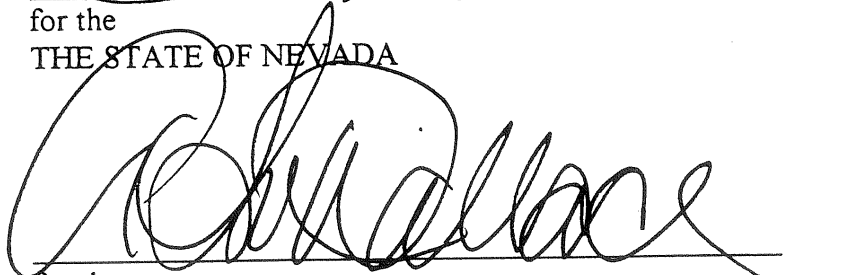
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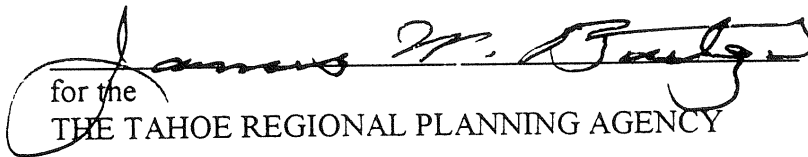
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