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Major Regional Plan Update Strategy	Local Government Implementation Opportunities and/or Challenges	Options
Local Government TMDL Implementation	1. Attaining NPDES permit (California) and Memorandum of Agreement (Nevada) compliance.	
	2. Funding and Preparation of Stormwater Load Reduction Plans (SLRP) per requirements from each State (a.k.a., TMDL Implementation Plans).	2.1 Include TMDL strategies/projects in transects and updated plan area statements. 2.2 Use air and water quality mitigation fee interest to fund SLRP development.
	3. Identifying TMDL implementation incentives for inclusion in TRPA RPU.	3.1 Use existing unallocated CFA and new allocations to leverage private investments in public/private TMDL projects. 3.2 Outside higher intensity transects use EIP projects.
	4. Coordination and partnering with each State DOT.	4.1 Require inclusion of TMDL strategies/projects as part of Regional Transportation Plan update. 4.2 Ensure DOTs partner with local jurisdictions when developing highway water quality projects to maximize TMDL pollutant load reduction opportunities.
	5. Establishing private development TMDL requirements.	5.1 Develop TRPA Code language that requires private environmental redevelopment projects to contribute to implementation of jurisdiction PLRP and SLRP.

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	6. Conducting review of private development applications for compliance with TMDL requirements.	6.1 Implement fee similar to stormwater inspection program fee used in other jurisdictions for NPDES compliance.
	7. Inspections for compliance with TMDL requirements during private development.	7.1 Fee same as 6.1.
	8. Funding for public TMDL projects and ongoing operations and maintenance (O&M).	8.1 Update EIP 5-year project list to reflect capital and O & M needs for achieving TMDL milestones. 8.2 Include TRPA Code changes that support creation of entities like stormwater utility or drainage districts for O&M in appropriate transects. 8.3 Use of fees assessed through sanitary sewer bill or other mechanism.
	9. Complying with NPDES reporting requirements.	
	10. Ongoing Operations and Maintenance (O&M) related to TMDL facilities (i.e., funding).	10.1 Leverage existing staff resources to share inspection responsibilities. For example, allow TRPA BMP inspections to also meet jurisdiction NPDES inspection requirements for priority commercial properties and illicit discharges. 10.2 Funding mechanisms same as 8.1-8.3.

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Use of Transect Planning and Zoning at Community Level	1. Consolidation of 175 plan area statements into ±15 plan area statements with character areas based on transect planning and zoning.	1.1 TRPA staff and consultant assistance.
	2. Funding for updated plan area statements and character areas.	2.1 California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) funding. 2.2 Nevada HUD Sustainability Grant funding including local jurisdiction support letters. 2.3 TRPA assistance same as 1.1.
	3. Rigidity/Flexibility of transect system.	3.1 TRPA approve regional standards with “strictest governs” clause. 3.2 TRPA “regulatory reform” package: a. Accelerated review. b. Executive Director variance with finding of no or positive impact on threshold. c. Allocation of CFAs and TAUs as incentives.
	4. TRPA approval of new plan area statements and character areas.	4.1 Approval by Executive Director based on “strictest governs” clause.
	5. TRPA approval of amendments to plan area statements and character areas.	5.1 Same as 4.1.
	6. Local government transects planning and zoning system implementation.	6.1 MOU for lower intensity transects. 6.2 Development of Regional Impact Process.

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		6.3 TRPA processing of projects in more intense transects.
	7. Specificity of TRPA standards in Code of Ordinances.	7.1 Transects and districts at Regional Plan level and character areas at local level.