

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW AND OVERSIGHT OF THE TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY AND THE MARLETTE LAKE WATER SYSTEM

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218E.555

This summary presents the recommendations approved by the Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) and the Marlette Lake Water System (MLWS) at its meeting on August 16, 2024. The bill draft requests (BDRs) will be forwarded to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) for transmittal to the 83rd Session of the Nevada Legislature.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATION

1. Request the drafting of a bill to prohibit the operation of any watercraft vessel at a speed in excess of 5 nautical miles per hour within 600 feet of the water line of Lake Tahoe. **(BDR –)**
2. Request the drafting of a bill allowing cities and counties to form Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to provide funding for transportation, housing, and mitigation of visitor activities in the Lake Tahoe Basin. **(BDR –)**
3. Request the drafting of a bill allowing local jurisdictions within the Lake Tahoe Basin to charge an impact fee to developers of housing units greater than 1,000 square feet. The fees collected are to be used to pay for utility hookup, impact, and/or mitigation fees for housing units that are less than 1,000 square feet and are deed restricted for sale or rent to occupants with certain income levels to qualify as affordable, moderate, or achievable units. **(BDR –)**
4. Request the drafting of a bill to amend Article IX of the Bi-State Compact to:
 - a. Establish the Lake Tahoe Basin Scenic Byway Corridor Recreation Safety Zone and allow the Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) and its contractors to issue parking tickets to illegally parked vehicles within the Safety Zone. The bill will provide that if the use of contractors is allowed, the writing of tickets will not be incentivized by basing contractor pay on the number of tickets written and will not become effective until additional elements of Lake Tahoe transportation planning are in place;
 - b. Clarify that the TTD or other local governments are allowed to charge a fee for public parking at certain paved rights-of-way and off-highway parking areas along the State Route 28 Scenic Corridor that are connected by improved paved paths. The fees collected will remain in the Lake Tahoe Basin to be used by the partnering federal, state, and local agencies to administer the parking management programs, operate and maintain the public parking lots, connecting trails, and associated facilities (i.e., sanitation, signage), as well as public transit that provides the public access to their public lands; and

- c. Impose a public transit surcharge on the per-night charge for rental of any transient lodging in the Lake Tahoe Basin. The proceeds of the surcharge are to be paid by the lodging operator to the applicable county for distribution to the TTD. In Nevada, the surcharge shall be \$4.25 per night. Of the \$4.25 surcharge, \$0.25 will be distributed by TTD to the Tahoe Science Advisory Council to support its activities. The remainder of the surcharge will be used to support transportation needs in the Lake Tahoe Basin. The Board of the TTD will have the authority to provide a waiver of the \$4 surcharge to entities that already have a comparable surcharge to support transportation in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

This bill will not become effective until the State of California enacts substantially similar legislation. **(BDR –)**

5. Request the drafting of a bill amending or eliminating certain reporting requirements by the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, as follows:
 - a. Eliminating the requirement for annual reporting to the LCB regarding fire prevention and forest health in the Nevada portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin. The report is required by [NRS 528.150](#) and was established in 2009; and
 - b. Amending the reporting requirement to the State Board of Examiners regarding the Nevada Land Bank report on lands or interests in land transferred, sold, exchanged, or leased in the Lake Tahoe Basin from quarterly to annually. The report is required by [NRS 321.5954](#). **(BDR –)**
6. Request the drafting of a bill authorizing the release of the next phase of general obligation bonds in an amount of \$19 million to continue to implement Nevada’s portion of the Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) for the 2025–2027 Biennium and including authority for the expenditure on EIP projects of any interest accumulated on proceeds from bond issuances for the EIP. **(BDR –)**
7. Request the drafting of a bill to provide that a logging permit is not required for cutting operations conducted by a landowner unless the operations conducted qualify as a legally defined logging operation. **(BDR –)**
8. Request the drafting of a bill granting Nevada’s Division of State Parks an exemption from the requirement that funds collected in a day exceeding \$10,000 be deposited no later than the next working day and instead allow up to ten working days for such deposits. **(BDR –)**

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMITTEE ACTION

9. Send a letter to the Governor, the Senate Committee on Finance (FIN), and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means (WM) expressing the Committee’s support for a State General Fund appropriation to maintain the State of Nevada’s one-third share of operating funding for the TRPA for the 2025–2027 Biennium. The historic funding ratio for the TRPA is one-third/two-thirds for Nevada and California, respectively.

10. Send a letter to the Governor, FIN, and WM expressing support for a State General Fund appropriation of \$2.5 million for each fiscal year of the 2025–2027 Biennium for Nevada’s portion of the funding strategy set forth in the Lake Tahoe Transportation Action Plan.
11. Send a letter to the TRPA requesting that the Agency provide the Committee with the status of its update of the environmental analysis conducted in the 2012 Regional Plan, TRPA’s Threshold Standards, and other environmental updates, prior to the start of the 2025 Legislative Session.
12. Send a letter to the TRPA encouraging the Agency to utilize the following priorities in its decision-making processes, work, and resources: (1) preservation, protection, and restoration of the Lake; (2) enhancing the visitor experience; (3) mitigating impacts on residents; and (4) economic considerations.
13. Send a letter to the TRPA encouraging the Agency to consider exempting local events (i.e., Douglas County, South Lake Tahoe, and El Dorado County) from the current restriction on the total number of events and activities that can take place at the Tahoe Blue Event Center per year. Request that the TRPA provide an update on the status of permit restrictions for local events prior to the start of the 2025 Legislative Session.