

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 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 during the 2013–2014 Interim. The bill draft request (BDR) will be forwarded to the Legislative Commission for transmittal to the 78th Session of the Nevada Legislature in 2015.

RECOMMENDATION FOR LEGISLATION

1. On August 25, 2014, the Committee voted unanimously to request legislation for a resolution to urge Congress to facilitate the release of the federal grant funds previously awarded to the Nevada Fire Safe Council (NFSC) for hazardous fuels treatment in the Lake Tahoe Basin. **(BDR R-431)**

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMITTEE LETTERS

2. On May 2, 2014, the Committee voted unanimously to send a letter to Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General, United States Department of Justice, to request assistance in securing the immediate release of the federal grant funds previously awarded to the NFSC for hazardous fuels treatment in the Lake Tahoe Basin.
3. On August 25, 2014, the Committee voted unanimously to send a letter to Governor Brian Sandoval in support of an increase in the Governor's *Executive Budget* for the 2015–2017 Biennium in an amount up to \$500,000 in each fiscal year for the TRPA funding request for the Lake Tahoe Aquatic Invasive Species Program.
4. On August 25, 2014, the Committee voted unanimously to send a letter to Governor Brian Sandoval to urge the issuance of the general obligation bonds authorized, but not yet sold, by Senate Bill 438 (Chapter 437, *Statutes of Nevada 2011*) to fund Nevada's apportioned share of the costs for the Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program (EIP). Senate Bill 438 required an amount of not more than \$12 million through the sale of general obligation bonds be provided to carry out Nevada's share of the EIP. On March 11, 2014, the State Board of Finance approved the sale of \$1.5 million of these authorized bonds, and \$10.5 million remains to be issued.

5. On August 25, 2014, the Committee voted unanimously to send a letter to the Nevada State Office, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior, and Nevada's Congressional Delegation, to commend the fire districts in the Lake Tahoe Basin for their work and to encourage continued funding of hazardous fuels projects in the Lake Tahoe Basin from the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) of 1998.
6. On August 25, 2014, the Committee voted unanimously to send a letter to Governor Brian Sandoval in support of issuing the general obligation bonds authorized, but not yet issued, for the Conservation and Resource Protection Grant Program, commonly referred to as the "Question 1 Program." Specifically, the letter would support the \$2.1 million that is designated for the Stateline-to-Stateline Bikeway. On March 11, 2014, the State Board of Finance approved the sale of \$1.25 million of these authorized bonds. There is a remaining authority to issue more than \$19 million in these bonds.
7. On August 25, 2014, the Committee voted unanimously to send a letter to Governor Brian Sandoval in support of an increase in the Governor's *Executive Budget* for the 2015–2017 Biennium in the amount of \$85,000 in each fiscal year for the Division of State Parks, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. These funds will provide a match for federal transportation funding that was previously matched by SNPLMA funds. This will allow continued operation of the shuttle service operated by the Tahoe Transportation District between Incline Village and Sand Harbor State Park.
8. On August 25, 2014, the Committee voted unanimously to send a letter to all of Nevada's Congressional Delegation and those in California's Congressional Delegation whose districts include a portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin, in support of a revision to technical language in the reauthorization of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act of 2012 (Public Law 112-141 – Map 21) to allow the Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization to receive federal formula funds for capital projects and transit services under Map 21.