



2016 REPORT

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



As 2016 draws to a close, I am pleased to report on yet another year of major accomplishments by the Conservancy and its partners. This year was especially notable because, for the first time in our history, we allocated most of our funding through a single highly competitive grant process for a broad range of restoration projects.

From a key acquisition in the Upper Truckee River to restoration of Meeks Meadow to removal of aquatic invasive species, these projects demonstrate the value of our strong partnerships with local, state, federal, and tribal governments, and the depth of our commitment to funding the highest priority restoration efforts in the Basin.

Sincerely,

Larry Sevison
California Tahoe Conservancy Chair

OUR MISSION

To lead California's efforts to restore and enhance the extraordinary natural and recreational resources of the Lake Tahoe Basin.



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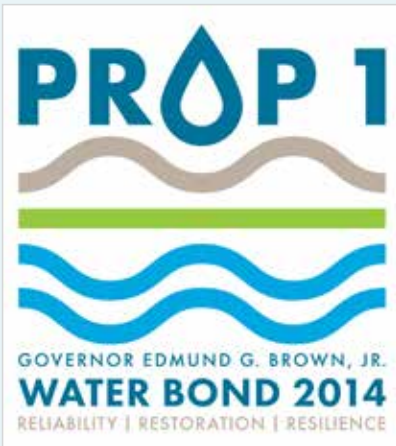
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2016 HIGHLIGHTS

AWARDED more than \$9 million (pending) in State funds for multi-benefit watershed restoration, sensitive land acquisition, forest health, storm water planning, and aquatic invasive species projects.



Johnson Meadow property

SECURED acquisition funding in partnership with the Tahoe Resource Conservation District to acquire Johnson Meadow, the largest privately-held stretch of the Upper Truckee River connecting over 1,000 acres of floodplain.



Demolition of Sawmill 4-plex

DEMOLISHED a dilapidated residential building located on environmentally sensitive land near the Upper Truckee River and stabilized the site to prepare for full restoration next year.

RECEIVED more than \$25 million in federal funds with partners to protect communities from the threat of catastrophic wildfire by treating hazardous fuels in high priority areas on federal, state, local, and private lands throughout the Lake Tahoe Basin.



Treated forest



Untreated forest

The photo on the left shows forest that had been treated prior to fire and the photo on the right shows an area that had not been treated prior to fire. The treated area did not burn as vigorously and many trees will survive compared with the untreated area. Emerald Fire, 2016.

RESTORED 120 acres of stream environment zone in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service on the Upper Truckee River Sunset Stables Reach 5 Restoration Project.



Upper Truckee River Sunset Stables Reach 5 Restoration Project



PARTNERED with the Washoe Tribe through a Memorandum of Understanding to increase coordination and encourage Washoe Tribe participation on Conservancy projects.

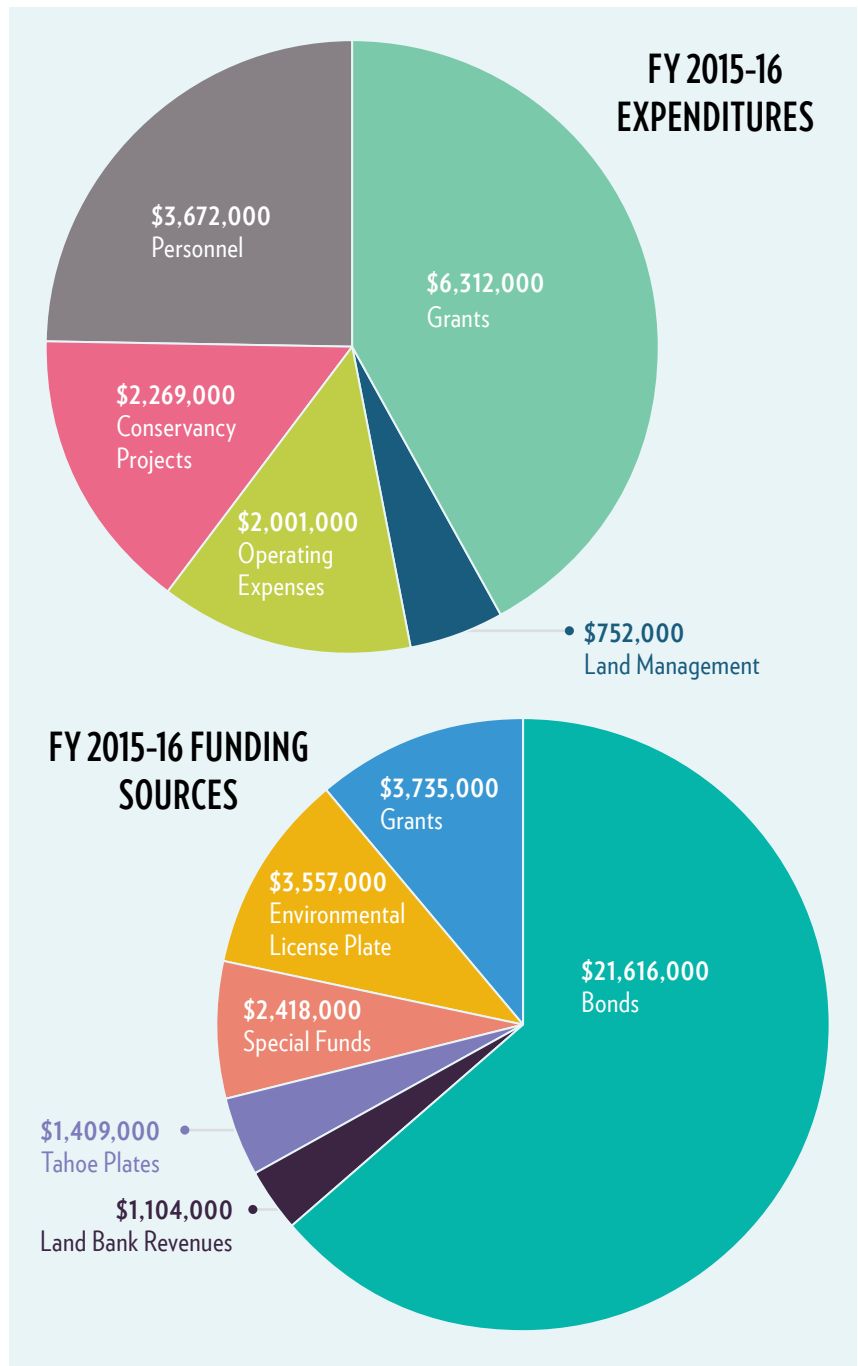


Completed Homewood segment of the West Shore Bike Trail

COMPLETED the last remaining gap in the West Shore Bike Trail in partnership with the Tahoe City Public Utility District. The trail now runs continuously from Sugar Pine Point State Park to Tahoe City and beyond.

2016 PROPOSITION 1 FUNDING AWARDS

Lake Tahoe Invasive Plant Control Project <i>Tahoe Resource Conservation District</i>	\$700,000
Johnson Meadow Acquisition <i>Tahoe Resource Conservation District</i>	\$4,234,000
Meeks Meadow Restoration <i>Washoe Tribe</i>	\$228,530
Lake Tahoe West Collaborative: A Multi-Jurisdictional Landscape Restoration Strategy <i>National Forest Foundation</i>	\$849,100
Lake Tahoe Basin Wildlife Protection and Water Quality Enhancement Project <i>Lake Valley & North Tahoe Fire Protection Districts</i>	\$850,000
Antone Meadows Dam Removal and Restoration <i>Burton Creek State Park, California State Parks</i>	\$149,938
Tahoe Storm Water Resource Plan <i>Tahoe Resource Conservation District</i>	\$150,000
Meyers Stream Environment Zone Restoration and Erosion Control Project <i>El Dorado County</i>	\$1,100,000
Griff Creek Corridor and Public Access Project <i>Placer County</i>	\$1,200,000 (pending)
TOTAL	\$9,461,568



MANAGING STATE LANDS

The Conservancy maintains and inspects approximately 4,700 parcels on the California side of the Basin.

2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:
 Inspected **2,374 properties**
 Addressed **151 citizen reports**

Removed **141 hazard trees**
 Completed **27 restoration projects**
 Implemented **105 maintenance projects**

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