

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

A. Budget

Fiscal Year 2015/16: On January 9, 2015, Governor Brown announced his proposed Governor's Budget for the 2015/16 fiscal year.

For the Tahoe Conservancy, the proposed 2015/16 fiscal year budget includes:

- \$22,766,000 for capital outlay and local assistance to fund the California Tahoe Conservancy's various programmatic priorities and support the Environmental Improvement Program for the Lake Tahoe Basin, including:
 - \$1,021,000 in special funds dedicated to the Conservancy;
 - \$3,695,000 in remaining Proposition 12/40/50/84 bond funds;
 - \$13,950,000 from the Conservancy's allocation under recently approved Proposition 1;
 - \$600,000 pursuant to Senate Bill 630; and
 - \$3,500,000 in reimbursement authority for the acceptance and use of federal grants

- \$5,889,000 and 39.0 personnel years (PY) for ongoing support, including continuing "baseline" funding from various special funds and revenue sources dedicated to the Conservancy. This includes the addition of \$200,000 in Proposition 1 "program delivery" support funds. The Conservancy will also have authority to access up to \$476,000 in capital outlay funds for staff activities directly related to the implementation of capital outlay projects.

Following release of the proposed 2015/16 budget, staff was informed by the California Natural Resources Agency that, due to revenue shortfalls in the Environmental License Plate Fund, the Conservancy's appropriations to its support budget would be reduced by a total of \$70,000 in the current 2014/15 fiscal year, and by \$250,000 in the upcoming 2015/16 fiscal year. Staff will identify appropriate steps to deal with these reductions.

B. Status Update

Since the February 5, 2015 Board meeting, important actions have occurred on which staff will update the Board.

- Three workshops on the Conservancy's Draft Grant Guidelines
- Kings Beach Pier public visioning
- Alta Mira Site planning kick-off
- Preparation of the Greenhouse Gas Fuels Reduction Grant with partner agencies
- Release of Annual Incident Action Plan by the Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team (TFFT)

Additional information on the above can be found in the project updates in this report, or as specific agenda items.



View North from Alta Mira

C. Highlights

Newsletter: Subscribe to our e-newsletter (<http://eepurl.com/TQjK5>) and stay up-to-date on the latest Conservancy news.

D. Major Conservancy Projects Recently Completed or In Progress, El Dorado County

1. Public Access and Recreation

These projects enhance regional public access and recreation.



Sawmill II Bike Trail

Sawmill II Bike Trail and Erosion Control Project:

- Location: Phase 2A: Lake Tahoe Blvd. to Echo View Drive, Phase 2B: Echo View Drive to Incline Road
- Description: Class 1 trail connecting Lake Tahoe Blvd. to existing phases of Sawmill Bike Trail to Meyers, and erosion control spot treatments
- Conservancy Funding: \$821,000 planning (Bike trail and erosion control); \$350,000 construction (2B bike trail construction); \$85,000 acquisition (2B bike trail easement acquisitions)
- Total Project Cost: \$2,750,000
- Schedule:
 - 2011 Phase 2A and Echo View Erosion Control constructed
 - 2014 Phase 2B erosion control improvements constructed
 - 2015 Anticipated completion of bike trail (2B) and tree removal conducted last year is expected to be completed
- Lead Agency: El Dorado County
- Partners: Conservancy, TRPA, USFS, Caltrans
- Staff Contact: Mark Sedlock

2. Soil Erosion Control

These projects capture and treat stormwater from public rights-of-way (ROWs), address sediment sources, and improve water quality by reducing the amount of sediment and nutrients delivered to Lake Tahoe.



Sawmill II Erosion Control, completed initial phase

Lake Tahoe Boulevard Enhancement (Erosion Control):

El Dorado County's erosion control and Class 2 bike lanes.

- Location: From Sawmill Rd. to Boulder Mountain Rd. along Lake Tahoe Boulevard (LTB)
- Description: Erosion control improvements along LTB, Class 2 bike lanes from Sawmill Rd. to Boulder Mountain Rd. along LTB connecting to existing Class 2 lanes
- Conservancy Funding: \$355,000 planning (same as LTB above), \$211,613 erosion control construction
- Total Project Cost: \$400,000 (for Bike lanes, SEZ Enhancement and Erosion Control)
- Schedule:
 - 2015 Construction
- Lead Agency: El Dorado County
- Partners: Conservancy, USFS, TRPA, Caltrans
- Staff Contact: Mark Sedlock

Sawmill II Erosion Control:

- See above section

3. Natural Resources

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Sunset Stables Reach 5 Construction 2013

Upper Truckee River Sunset Stables Reach:

USFS restoration crews completed the second year of construction in 2014. After a year of irrigation to support plant establishment in 2015, the project will be completed in 2016.

- Location: between Meyers and South Lake Tahoe
- Description: 254 acres, Reach 5: 7,500 feet of channel construction, Reach 6 is on hold
- Conservancy Funding: \$2,479,728 planning; \$0 construction
- Total Project Cost: Reach 5 final design and construction - \$5,510,000
- Schedule:
 - 2013: 3,000 feet of new channel constructed Reach 5
 - 2014: 3,000 feet of new channel construction and related utility line relocation, Reach 5
 - 2015: No construction, new channel vegetation establishes, Reach 5
 - 2016: 1,500 feet of new channel construction at tie-in points and river relocation into new channel, Reach 5
- Lead Agencies: USFS, Conservancy
- Partners: US Army Corps of Engineers (Reach 6)
- Staff Contact: Joe Pepi
- Project documents:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/lbmu/UpperTruckeeRestoration>

Upper Truckee River Golf Course Reach:

Active litigation continues to impact this project.

- Location: between Meyers and South Lake Tahoe
- Description: restoration along UTR, includes Conservancy properties slated for transfer to California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)
- Conservancy Funding: \$500,000
- Total Project Cost: \$15,000,000
- Schedule:
 - 2012: project and some park unit boundary modifications approved
 - TBD due to on-going litigation
- Lead Agency: DPR
- Partners: Conservancy
- Staff Contact: Joe Pepi
- Project documents: <http://www.restoreuppertruckee.net/index.htm>

Tahoe Pines Campground Restoration and Access Project:

Staff has completed the preliminary plan stage and received Board authority to move this project forward to final design and construction at the July 2014 meeting. Staff is seeking approval from the California Public Works Board to proceed to working drawings. Staff will be applying for regulatory agency permits this year to allow for construction bid advertisement and project implementation in 2016.

- Location: confluence of Upper Truckee River and Echo Creek in Meyers
- Description: eight-acre site to restore SEZ and provide appropriate river-oriented access features
- Conservancy Funding: \$125,000 planning; \$650,000 construction
- Total Project Cost: \$975,000
- Schedule: 2016 construction
- California PWB approval anticipated in 2015
- Lead Agency: Conservancy
- Partners: Caltrans, BOR, DGS
- Staff Contact: Joe Pepi

4. Forest Improvement

The Forest Improvement Program projects are designed to improve habitat, reduce fire threat, and promote natural processes.



Staff works with the Lake Valley Fire Protection District (LVFPD) and the Meeks Bay Fire Protection District (MBFPD) to plan and implement the Conservancy's forestry activities in El Dorado County. In 2015, the Conservancy and partners will implement 80 acres of forest health/fuels reduction projects on Conservancy parcels in El Dorado County. These projects are coordinated through an annual Lake Tahoe Basin Fuels Reduction and Fire Prevention Incident Action Plan by the Tahoe Fuels and Fire Team.

E. Major Conservancy Projects Recently Completed or In Progress, Placer County

1. Public Access and Recreation

These projects enhance regional public access and recreation.



Homewood Bike Trail, existing conditions

Homewood Bike Trail:

No changes have been made to this project since the previous Board meeting. Tahoe City Public Utility District (TCPUD) will implement this project following Caltrans' completion of the Highway 89 Water Quality Project in this area.

- Location: Along State Route 89 in Homewood
- Description: the missing one-mile segment in the west shore bike trail system
- Conservancy Funding: \$325,274 planning; \$500,000 construction
- Total Project Cost: \$1,557,970
- Schedule: 2015/2016 - begin construction
- Lead Agency: TCPUD
- Partners: Conservancy
- Staff Contact: Sue Rae Irelan
- Project documents: http://tahoe.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/files/ITEM10a_HomewoodBikeTrail.pdf

Dollar Creek Shared-Use Trail:

This trail is part of a basin-wide Federal Lands Access Program grant which TTD was awarded that provides funds for its construction.

- Location: Dollar Hill to the end of Fulton Crescent Drive
- Description: 2.2 mile connection extending TCPUD's bike trail network
- Conservancy Funding: \$435,000 planning; \$500,000 acquisition

- Total Project Cost: NA
- Schedule:
 - 2014 - NV Energy parcel acquisition completed.
 - 2015 – construction expected
- Lead Agency: Placer County
- Partners: Conservancy, North Lake Tahoe Resort Association, Tahoe Transportation District (TTD), North Tahoe Public Utility District (NTPUD)
- Staff Contact: Sue Rae Irelan
- Project documents:
 - <http://www.placer.ca.gov/Departments/Works/Projects/DollarCreekBikeTrail.aspx>

Kings Beach General Plan Revision and Pier Redevelopment:

If approved by the Board this month, this project would produce a revised General Plan and the preliminary planning and environmental analysis to create an accessible pier that functions in normal water conditions.

- Location: Kings Beach State Recreation Area, Kings Beach
- Description: Redevelop the existing pier with a combination fixed pier/floating pier design, optimize the location relative to onsite needs, and extend the length to reach the navigational target at the 6,217-foot contour line. Also revise the General Plan to provide the planning basis for a redeveloped pier and other recreational needs.
- Conservancy Funding: \$562,700 for feasibility study, preliminary planning, general plan development, and environmental review
- Total Project Cost: est. \$587,700 (general plan/preliminary planning/ environmental)
- Schedule:
 - 2015 – Complete work on the feasibility study and preliminary plans and initiate general plan and environmental review processes,
 - 2015-2017 – General Plan development, pier preliminary plan completion, environmental analysis
 - 2018-2019 – Final Design and Construction
- Lead Agency: CA Department of Parks and Recreation
- Partners: Conservancy, North Lake Tahoe Resort Association
- Staff Contact: Sue Rae Irelan
- Project Documents: Older feasibility reports are being updated.

2. Soil Erosion Control

These projects address sources of sediment and capture and treat stormwater runoff from public rights-of-way. The projects improve water quality by reducing the amount of sediment and nutrients delivered to Lake Tahoe.



Brockway Erosion Control Project

Brockway Erosion Control:

There have been no changes to this project since the previous Board meeting. In the summer of 2014, construction began on the final element of the Brockway EC Project, the Boulder Bay LLC basin. During the summer of 2015 Boulder Bay LLC will refine the basin's function and establish vegetation on the freshly graded slopes. The basin will be brought into service when these tasks are complete.

- Location: California side of the Brockway watershed, although the greater watershed also includes Nevada
- Description: SEZ restoration, paving of unpaved roads, and installment of conveyance infrastructure and new infiltration facilities to reduce the volume of co-mingled flows originating from the Stateline casino corridor and surrounding residential areas
- Conservancy Funding: \$670,000 planning, \$652,497 construction, \$683,940 acquisition
- Total Project Cost: \$4,044,200
- Schedule:
 - 2012 - Construction
 - 2013 - Revegetation
 - 2013/14 – Monitoring
 - 2015 – Basin will be brought into service
- Lead Agency: Placer County
- Partners: Conservancy, USFS, State of Nevada, TRPA, NTPUD, Boulder Bay LLC

- Staff Contact: ScottCecchi
- Project documents: http://tahoe.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/files/ITEM7A_BrockwayECPSiteImprvmtGrantAugmt.pdf

Kings Beach Commercial Core and Watershed Improvement Projects:

Placer County made substantial progress on the Commercial Core project. Current activities include utility relocations, monitoring and maintenance. Construction of improvements to resume this spring (2015). The resolution of an underground stormwater outfall pipe encroaching on to the Conservancy's Secline Beach property. Resolution of the encroachment will be addressed at a future Board meeting will be discussed at a future Board meeting.

- Location: central Kings Beach
- Description: full streetscape improvements from Secline to Minnow, Class II bikeways from State Route 267 to Chipmunk, water quality improvements throughout the watershed
- Conservancy Funding: \$600,000 to plan the Commercial Core Improvement Project (CCIP) and \$1,123,000 for planning and acquisition grants for the Watershed Improvement Project (WIP)
- Total Project Cost: over \$45 million
- Schedule:
 - 2010 – Fox Clean Water Pipe completed
 - 2014 – Construction of the CCIP
 - 2015 – Completion of the CCIP, Coon Clean Water Outfall
- Lead Agency: Placer County
- Partners: Conservancy, Caltrans, TRPA, USFS, NTBA, NLTRA, DPR, HCD, FHWA, SWRCB
- Staff Contacts: Scott Cecchi, Lisa O'Daly
- Project documents: <http://www.kingsbeachcore.info/> ; <http://www.placer.ca.gov/~media/dpw/ProjectsKingsBeach/documents/KbEIRappB.ashx>

3. Natural Resources

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Lower Blackwood Creek, Fall 2013

Lower Blackwood Creek Restoration:

The Eagle Rock trails continue to be a favorite destination for Lake Tahoe visitors for their mountain and lake vistas. Post-project monitoring of the Lower Blackwood Creek Restoration project indicates very successful re-establishment of vegetation and visual sightings of fish populations, and the Project was named a TRPA Best in the Basin award winner.

- Location: west shore, five miles south of Tahoe City
- Description: enhanced water quality and aquatic and riparian habitat conditions along Blackwood Creek and the realignment of popular, but eroding, trails accessing Eagle Rock
- Conservancy Funding authorized: \$4,229,000
 - US Army Corps of Engineers reimbursements: \$3,175,000
 - Schedule:
 - 2011 – Construction of first phase of Eagle Rock trail
 - 2012 - Construction of stream improvements
 - 2013/2014 - Final site restoration, irrigation and plant establishment activities; monitoring; construction of second phase of Eagle Rock Trail
 - 2015 – Monitoring
 - Lead Agency: Conservancy
 - Partners: USACE, DGS, Tahoe Fund, California Conservation Corps
 - Staff Contact: Stuart Roll
 - Project documents: http://tahoe.ca.gov/ctc_projects/lower-blackwood-creek-restoration-69/

Alpine Meadows Lease:

Following the July 17, 2014 Board meeting, Alpine Meadows was granted a one year extension to the October 15, 2014 deadline for Best Management Practices (BMPs) installation on the Sherwood Ski Lift access road across Conservancy land. Implementation of improvements is scheduled to resume in the summer of 2015.

- Location: Alpine Meadows Ski Resort
- Description: installation of BMPs in areas addressed by the lease between Alpine Meadows and the Conservancy
- Conservancy Funding: none
- Schedule:
 - 2012 - emergency repairs necessitated by a landslide
 - 2013 - Construction of first phase of road BMPs
 - 2014 - Monitoring of phase 1 road BMPs
 - 2015 - Construction of final phase of road BMPs
- Lead Agency: Alpine Sierra Ventures, LLC
- Partners: Conservancy
- Staff Contacts: Shawn Butler, Scott Cecchi

4. **Forest Improvement**

These projects improve habitat, reduce fire threat, and promote natural processes.



Property post treatment

Staff works with the North Tahoe Fire Protection District (NTFPD) to plan and implement the Conservancy's forestry activities in Placer County. In 2015, the Conservancy and partners will implement 50 acres of forest health/fuels reduction projects on Conservancy parcels in Placer County. These projects are coordinated through an annual Lake Tahoe Basin Fuels Reduction and Fire Prevention Incident Action Plan by TFFT.

In addition to the above, staff is actively seeking new sources of funding for forestry treatment. Specifically, staff is leading the basin's application preparation process for a Greenhouse Gas Fuels Reduction grant through the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE).

Depending upon the outcome of a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant proposal submitted by NTFPD in collaboration with the Conservancy, the agencies may implement the first year of urban lot fuel treatment of approximately 100 acres in 2016.

F. Major Conservancy Projects Recently Completed or In Progress, City of South Lake Tahoe

1. Public Access and Recreation

These projects enhance regional public access and recreation.



Alta Mira – Before

After (artist rendering)

Alta Mira Acquisition

This is the bookend property for the El Dorado Beach improvement project that will expand public access to the shores of Lake Tahoe, provide storm water treatment, extend the bike path and incrementally improve the scenic quality of this stretch of US Highway 50 and the shoreline of Lake Tahoe.

- Location: 3339 Lake Tahoe Boulevard, City of South Lake Tahoe
- Description: This 0.55 acre property will continue the transformation of the South Lake Tahoe Waterfront by adding an addition 190 linear feet to the existing 2,050 linear feet of public lake access.
- Funding:
 - Acquisition: \$2,150,000 (Conservancy), \$500,000 (Tahoe Fund)
 - Planning and design to date: \$370,000
 - Construction estimate: \$4,000,000
- Funding partners: Conservancy/TTD/Tahoe Fund
- Lead Agency: California Tahoe Conservancy
- Staff Contact: Scott Cecchi

El Dorado Beach to Ski Run Boulevard Bike Trail and Lake Access Enhancement:

The City continues to acquire the easements needed for project implementation. Easements have been granted over three Conservancy properties. Portions of the trail are located within the U.S. 50 right-of-way.

- Location: South Lake Tahoe along U.S. Highway 50
- Description: A three-quarter mile segment that will bridge the trail gap between El Dorado Beach to Ski Run Boulevard
- Conservancy Funding: \$645,000 planning
- Total Project Cost: \$2,000,000
- Schedule:
 - 2016: Anticipated construction upon completion of easement acquisition
- Lead Agency: City of South Lake Tahoe
- Partners: Conservancy, Caltrans
- Staff Contact: Lisa O'Daly

South Tahoe Greenway Shared Use Trail:

The Board authorized staff to enter into agreements as necessary to apply for and secure grant funding for the Greenway Phase 1 and 2 Project, secure rights necessary for access to the required project area, and commit up to \$1,100,000 in state funds for match and reimbursement requirements through a 2014 Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant (Resolution 14-05-06).

The Conservancy and Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) were not successful in the 2014 joint grant application for ATP.

Unless the Board has objections, staff will reapply for the ATP grant in 2015/16, consistent with the Board's previous authorization.

Ongoing partnership collaboration for this application will include the Lake Tahoe Community College (LTCC) and City of South Lake Tahoe (CSLT). The project includes the following elements:

- Location: between the Sierra Tract neighborhood and Van Sickle Bi-State Park
- Description: 3.86-mile trail to provide the backbone of the bicycle network in the core of South Lake Tahoe; initial construction of Phase 1a, Glenwood Way to Herbert Ave., is 0.47 miles

- Conservancy Funding authorized: preliminary planning - \$585,060; Phase 1a final design and construction - \$881,000; final design and construction for Phase 1b and 2 - \$1,100,000.
- Total Project Cost: estimated \$12-15 million to complete the entire project
- Schedule:
 - 2014 –Final design Phase 1a
 - Four bids received for Phase 1a construction with two bids at or under the engineer’s estimate. DGS awarded the bid to the low bidder on March 13, 2015. DGS expects the bid to be executed by May 1, 2015 which will allow construction to begin in June 2015.
 - 2015 – Construction Phase 1a
 - New ATP grant request
 - 2016 – Final design of next construction phase, if new ATP grant is successful
 - 2018/2019 – Potential construction of ATP funded project

- Lead Agency: Conservancy
- Partners: LTCC, USFS, CSLT
- Staff Contact: Sue Rae Irelan
- Project documents: http://tahoe.ca.gov/ctc_projects/south-tahoe-greenway-79/

2. **Soil Erosion Control**

These projects improve water quality by addressing sources of sediment and stormwater runoff from public rights-of-way (ROWs) and by reducing the amount of sediment and nutrients delivered to Lake Tahoe.



Sierra Tract stormwater runoff (pre-project)

Sierra Tract Erosion Control:

The City advertised for construction bids in spring of this year with construction scheduled for completion by fall 2015.

- Location: Sierra Tract neighborhood in South Lake Tahoe
- Description: address stormwater runoff pollutants that discharge directly into the Upper Truckee River using improvements such as infiltration galleries
- Conservancy Funding: \$4,929,497 (all phases)
- Total Project Cost: estimated \$3 million to complete
- Schedule:
 - 2000-2013 - Phase 1A, 1B, and Phase 2 completed
 - 2014 - Grants funded for Phase 3/4, Final design
 - 2015 - Anticipated construction of Phase 3/4
- Lead Agency: City of South Lake Tahoe
- Partners: Conservancy, SWRCB, USFS
- Staff Contact: Joe Pepi
- Project documents: www.cityofslt.us/documentcenter/view/3204

3. Natural Resources

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Cove East in winter

Upper Truckee Marsh Restoration:

The Final EIR/EIS/EIS is being developed with the staff recommended alternative presented at the September Board meeting. Staff and contractors are comprehensively monitoring water in the Marsh thanks to partnerships with the State Water Resources Control Board and the United States Geological Survey.

- Location: mouth of the Upper Truckee River on the south end of Lake Tahoe primarily on Conservancy-owned lands
- Description: 600 acre river and marsh restoration project, including the Lower West Side Project
- Conservancy Funding authorized to date: \$3,700,000 planning; \$10,500,000 construction (Phase 1)
- Total Project Cost: estimated \$7 – 17 million additional to complete the project depending on final alternative
- Schedule:
 - 2001/2002 – Lower West Side project constructed
 - 2013 – Draft EIR/EIS/EIS released for public comment
 - 2014 – Preferred alternative presented to Board for discussion
 - 2015 – Anticipated Final EIR/EIS/EIS certification
- Lead Agency: Conservancy
- Partners: DGS, BOR, TRPA, SWRCB
- Staff Contact: Scott Carroll
- Project documents: http://tahoe.ca.gov/ctc_projects/upper-truckee-marsh-69/

4. Forest Improvement

The Forest Improvement Program projects are designed to improve habitat, reduce fire threat, and promote natural processes.



California Conservation Corps
Crews help fall a tree.

The Forest Improvement Program focuses on restoring forested habitats on Conservancy-owned property. Staff worked with the City of South Lake Tahoe Fire Department (SLTFD) and the Lake Valley Fire Protection District (LVFPD) to secure funding through the BLM Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA) grants to plan and implement forest health/fuels reduction projects on 30 acres at the City of South Lake Tahoe (Airport) parcels. The implementation is anticipated to take two years.

These projects are coordinated through an annual Lake Tahoe Basin Fuels Reduction and Fire Prevention Incident Action Plan by TFFT.

G. Urban Land Management Program

1. Special Use Requests

Pursuant to Board authority dated January 20, 2011, staff is authorized to enter into license agreements consisting of three years or less provided the Board is notified.



Eagle Rock film shoot by Loom

Staff is providing notice of five recent licenses below:

- a. Short-term (two-month) license granted to the Sugar Pine Foundation (SPF) executed on March 30, 2015. SPF will plant native conifer trees on several Conservancy parcels on the west and south shores of Lake Tahoe. The license fee for this activity was waived. Evidence of insurance listing the Conservancy as additional insured was not required.
- b. Short-term (four-month) license granted to the Tahoe Expedition Academy (TEA) executed on February 26, 2015. TEA will conduct educational bird surveys every other Tuesday for the duration of the agreement. The license fee for this activity was waived. Evidence of insurance listing the Conservancy as additional insured was provided.
- c. Short-term (five months) lease renewed for the Tahoe Flea Market (TFM) executed on February 19, 2015. TFM will operate and maintain its weekend flea market for the duration of the agreement. Evidence of insurance listing the Conservancy as additional insured was provided.
- d. Short-term (one year) license granted for Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board to perform Trout Creek water sampling two days per month executed on February 15, 2015. The license fee and insurance listing the Conservancy as additional insured were waived.

- e. Temporary Use (one day) license granted for Sierra Nevada College student Jaime Otterstrom to collect soil samples from five different locations in the Upper Truckee marsh for analytical purposes. The license fee and insurance listing the Conservancy as additional insured were waived.

2. Upper Truckee Marsh and Van Sickle Bi-State Park



Van Sickle Vista

The seasonal Upper Truckee Marsh dog closure will be in effect May 1 – July 31, 2015. The Conservancy-owned Cove East property, west of the river, remains open for year-round, leashed dog access. The El Dorado County Sheriff’s Office is currently under contract to enforce local ordinances on the marsh property, as well as at Van Sickle Bi-State Park (Van Sickle). Van Sickle opens for the season on May 1, 2015. More information about Van Sickle Bi-State Park is available at: http://tahoe.ca.gov/ctc_projects/van-sickle-bi-state-park-79/