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.
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.

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.

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](image1) ![Untreated forest](image2)

*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](image3)

**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.

![Completed Homewood segment of the West Shore Bike Trail](image4)

**PARTNERED** with the Washoe Tribe through a Memorandum of Understanding to increase coordination and encourage Washoe Tribe participation on Conservancy projects.
2016 PROPOSITION 1 FUNDING AWARDS

Lake Tahoe Invasive Plant Control Project  
*Lake Tahoe Invasive Plant Control Project*  
$700,000

Johnson Meadow Acquisition  
*Johnson Meadow Acquisition*  
$4,234,000

Meeks Meadow Restoration  
*Meeks Meadow Restoration*  
$228,530

Lake Tahoe West Collaborative: A Multi-Jurisdictional Landscape Restoration Strategy  
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$849,100

Lake Tahoe Basin Wildlife Protection and Water Quality Enhancement Project  
*Lake Tahoe Basin Wildlife Protection and Water Quality Enhancement Project*  
$850,000

Antone Meadows Dam Removal and Restoration  
*Antone Meadows Dam Removal and Restoration*  
$149,938

Tahoe Storm Water Resource Plan  
*Tahoe Storm Water Resource Plan*  
$150,000

Meyers Stream Environment Zone Restoration and Erosion Control Project  
*Meyers Stream Environment Zone Restoration and Erosion Control Project*  
$1,100,000

Griff Creek Corridor and Public Access Project  
*Griff Creek Corridor and Public Access Project*  
$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:
- Removed 141 hazard trees
- Inspected 2,374 properties
- Completed 27 restoration projects
- Addressed 151 citizen reports
- Implemented 105 maintenance projects

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