

Senate Bill 630 Public Access Grants

June 25, 2020

Recommended Action



Authorize two (2) Senate Bill 630 Access Grants

- Sierra Business Council Water Trail Outreach (\$150,000)
- California Department of Parks and Recreation Rubicon Trail and Emerald Bay Facilities Improvements (\$100,000)

Background – Senate Bill 630





The Lake Tahoe Science and Lake Improvement Account

Dedicated revenue supporting:

- Tahoe Science Advisory Council (CNRA)
- Nearshore Research and Monitoring (Lahontan)
- Aquatic Invasive Species Control and Lake Access Improvement (Conservancy)

Background – Water Trail







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The Lake Tahoe Water Trail

- Paddle sports trip planning and support
- 72 mile water route
- 20 designated trailheads
- Interactive website
- Map and Access Guide



Grant Award – Water Trail







Leads the Water Trail program to support:

- Lake access
- Environmental stewardship
- Safety

Grant funding will enhance SBC's Water Trail education and outreach activities.

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Grant Award – Water Trail

Anticipated Activities	Budget
Map and Access Guide (Spanish and English)	\$46,425
Stewardship/Safety Brochure (Spanish and English)	\$28,255
Outreach Campaign (Social Media, Digital and Print Advertising)	\$50,160
Website Update and Enhancement	\$25,160
Grant Total:	\$150,000

SBC to provide \$60,000 in matching funds

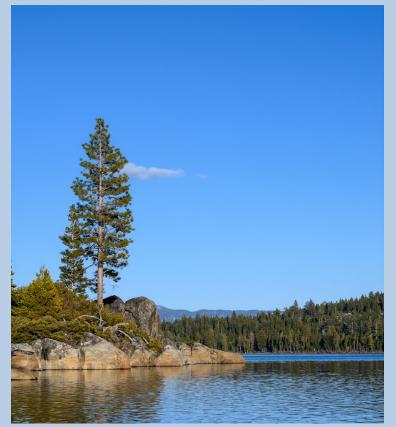
Background – Emerald Bay

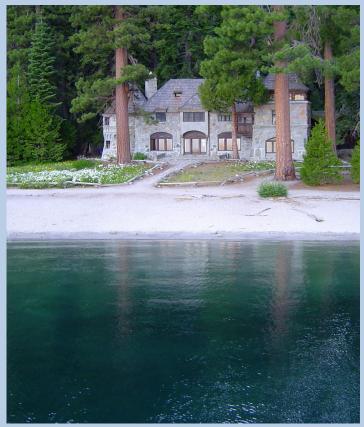


Emerald Bay State Park

- National Natural Landmark
 - Vikingsholm
 - Fannette Island
 - Eagle Falls
 - Rubicon Trail

330,000 visitors in 2019 (paid visitation)





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Grant Award – Emerald Bay





Project Need

- Heavy visitor use has impacted resources
- User-created paths bypass the main trail
- Lack of signage causes confusion

Grant funds will support priority improvements at Lake Tahoe's premier destination.





Grant Award – Emerald Bay

Anticipated Activities

Reconstruct ~800 feet of the Rubicon Trail

Install interpretive panels, benches, and directional signage

Restore disturbed areas

Trim vegetation and brush (no tree removal)



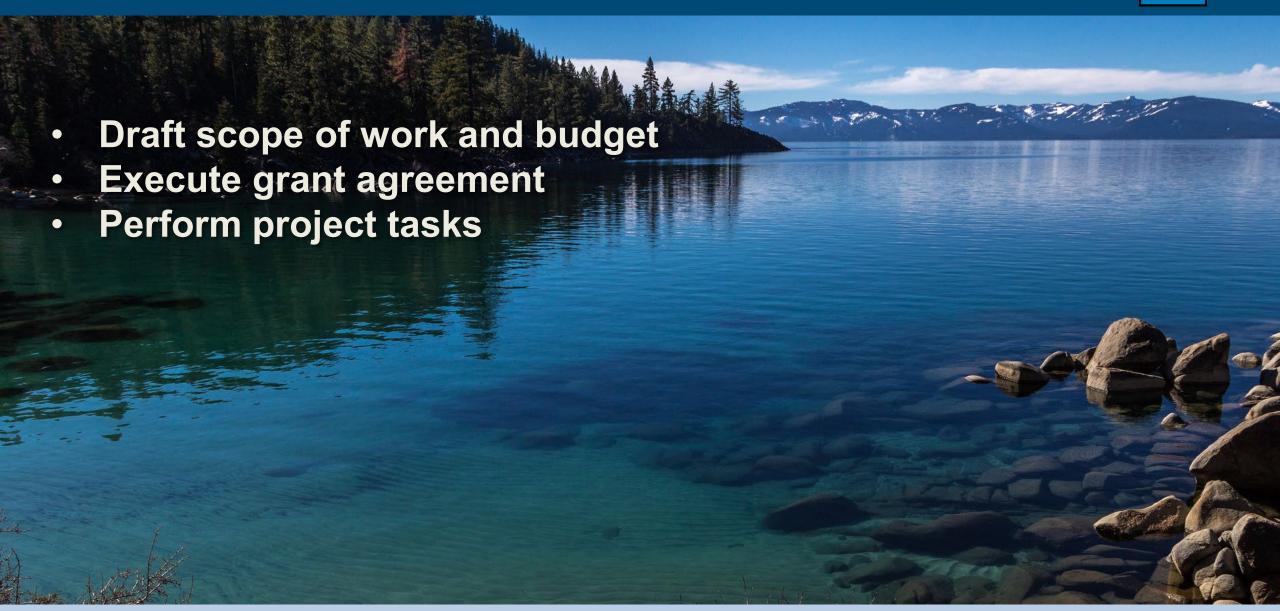
Grant Award – Emerald Bay

Activity	Amount
Labor	\$40,000
Staff support	\$18,000
Materials	\$36,000
Equipment and tools	\$6,000
Total	\$100,000

California Department of Parks and Recreation to provide \$25,000 in matching funds

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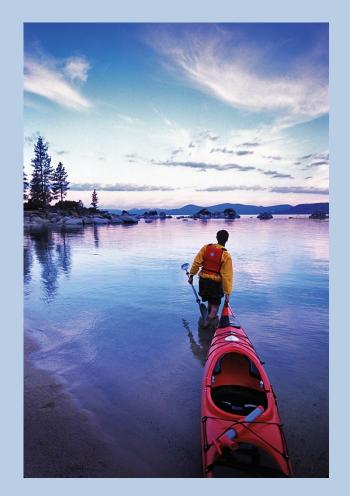
Next Steps



Recommendation



Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 20-06-06.1 authorizing:



The award of a grant to the Sierra Business Council for up to \$150,000 to support Lake Tahoe Water Trail education and outreach activities.

Recommendation



Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 20-06-06.2 authorizing:

The award of a grant to the California Department of Parks and Recreation for up to \$100,000 to implement Rubicon Trail re-construction and Emerald Bay facilities improvements.



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