

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Thomas M. Miller, County Executive Officer
By: Jennifer Merchant, Principal Management Analyst

DATE: April 15, 2008

SUBJECT: Adopt an Ordinance that will Amend Chapter 9 Public Peace, Safety & Welfare; Article 9.08 Offenses Against Public Peace and Decency, to include 9.08.030 to ban alcohol on portions of the Truckee River during designated summer holiday periods.

ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt an Ordinance that will Amend Chapter 9 Public Peace, Safety & Welfare; Article 9.08 Offenses Against Public Peace and Decency, to include 9.08.030 to ban alcohol on portions of the Truckee River during designated summer holiday periods.

BACKGROUND: On February 5, 2008, your board approved Resolution 2008-27, requesting state legislation to authorize a proposed alcohol ban on the Truckee River. The action was taken because state law currently allows alcohol use on navigable waterways throughout the state, unless expressly prohibited by statute. Irresponsible alcohol use along the Truckee River during peak holiday periods has created a public safety hazard, degradation of the tourism experience and a negative impact on the environment.

State Senator Dave Cox, R-Fair Oaks, sponsored SB 1159, which authorizes the Placer County Board of Supervisors to impose an alcohol ban on the Truckee River between Fanny Bridge and River Ranch during designated summer holiday periods. SB 1159 is supported locally by the USDA Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, the North Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce, Tahoe City Downtown Association, and various local businesses, include those that operate on the Truckee River.

Implementation of the ordinance will require a Board resolution for the purpose of selecting dates during which the ban would be imposed. Once the Ordinance has been approved by your Board, staff will return with a Resolution for your consideration, approving the dates during which the ordinance will be effective for 2008 and 2009. The proposed dates are July 4, 5 and 6, 2008 and July 3, 4, and 5, 2009.

FISCAL IMPACT: State and local law enforcement efforts are already broadened over the holiday period throughout the North Lake Tahoe area. Public safety officials

agree that this proactive step will have a chilling affect on the number of people on the Truckee River significantly decreasing the number of alcohol-related incidents and additional necessary enforcement action. Related costs associated with law enforcement efforts in enforcing the proposed ban are not expected to be greater than existing.

SB 1159 does require the posting of signs to notify the public. This can be accomplished in conjunction with an existing Department of Public Works signage program and is expected to require only a nominal expense.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt an Ordinance that will Amend Chapter 9 Public Peace, Safety & Welfare; to include Article 9.08.030 Offenses Against Public Peace and Decency to ban alcohol on portions of the Truckee River during designated summer holiday periods; and approve a Resolution regarding July 4, 2008 and 2009 Holiday Enforcement Periods.

cc: Brian Wirtz, Deputy County Counsel

Attachments: Ordinance
Placer County Code, Chapter 9, Article 9.08.030
Support Letters

**Before the Board of Supervisors
County of Placer, State of California**

**In the matter of: AN ORDINANCE ADDING
SECTION 9.08.030 TO ARTICLE 9.08 OF THE
PLACER COUNTY CODE PROHIBITING POSSESSION
OF OPEN ALCOHOLIC CONTAINERS ALONG
THE TRUCKEE RIVER DURING DESIGNATED
HOLIDAY PERIODS**

Ord. No. _____

First Reading: _____

The following ORDINANCE was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors

of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held _____, by the following

vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Attest:
Clerk of said Board

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF PLACER, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN as follows:

Section 1: Section 9.08.030 is hereby added to Article 9.08 of the Placer County Code and shall read as follows:

ARTICLE 9.08: OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC PEACE AND DECENCY (continued)

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SEC. 9.08.030 POSSESSION OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALONG SPECIFIED REACHES OF THE TRUCKEE RIVER DURING CERTAIN SUMMER HOLIDAY PERIODS PROHIBITED:

A. Prohibition; Geographic Extent

No person may consume any alcoholic beverage or possess any can, bottle, or other receptacle containing any alcoholic beverage which has been opened, or a seal broken, or the contents of which has been partially removed in the following designated area along the Truckee River:

1. Those areas extending from the edge of the water upland for a distance of three (3) feet on both sides of the river, beginning at the outfall of Lake Tahoe and ending at the upstream edge of the Alpine Meadows Bridge.
2. This prohibition shall also extend to all islands, rock outcroppings, and any other land or structures within the confines of the river.
3. This prohibition includes all bridges and pipeline crossings not otherwise exempted herein.

B. Timing of Prohibition.

This prohibition shall only apply during summer holiday periods that the Board of Supervisors shall designate by Resolution.

C. Exemptions

1. The provisions of this prohibition shall not apply to the Highway 89 Bridge.
2. The provisions of this prohibition shall not apply to businesses that possess a valid liquor license issued by the California Department of Alcohol Beverage Control.

3. The provisions of Section 9.08.020 shall not be applicable to this section.

D. Penalty

Violation of this section is an infraction, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$50 for the first violation, \$100 for the second violation, and \$150 for the third violation occurring in any calendar year.

Section 2: The foregoing specified ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after the date of final passage of this ordinance.

Article 9.04

OFFENSES BY OR AGAINST PUBLIC OFFICERS AND GOVERNMENT

Sections:

- 9.04.010 False or fraudulent statements or misrepresentations.**
- 9.04.020 False or misleading writings or documents.**
- 9.04.030 Dogs used by sheriff personnel.**

9.04.010 False or fraudulent statements or misrepresentations.

It is unlawful for any person to knowingly falsify or conceal any fact, or make any false or fraudulent statement or misrepresentation in any matter or proceeding within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the county. (Prior code § 12.10-1)

9.04.020 False or misleading writings or documents.

It is unlawful for any person to knowingly use any false or misleading writing or document in any matter or proceeding within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the county. (Prior code § 12.10-2)

9.04.030 Dogs used by sheriff personnel.

It is unlawful for any person wilfully to strike, injure, abuse, obstruct, or distract any dog used by the Placer County sheriff's department if that person knows, or reasonably should know, that the dog is under the control of, and being used by an officer of the sheriff's department in the performance of any of the functions or duties of that department or of that officer. (Prior code § 12.70)

Article 9.08

OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC PEACE AND DECENCY

Sections:

- 9.08.010 Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in designated area prohibited.**
- 9.08.020 Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in designated area prohibited—Exceptions.**

9.08.010 Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in designated area prohibited.

Any person consuming any alcoholic beverage or possessing any can, bottle, or other receptacle containing any alcoholic beverage which has been opened, or a seal broken, or the contents of which has been partially removed in the following designated area shall be guilty of an infraction:

A. That area of land located in Kings Beach, California known as Agatam County Beach described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the low water line of Lake Tahoe at the intersection of the south-westerly extension of the south-easterly boundary of Lot 8 Block BF of Brockway Vista subdivision (M.O.R. Bk. D, Pg. 16);

Thence from said point of beginning north-easterly along said south-easterly boundary of said Lot 8 and the north-easterly extension thereof to a point on the north-easterly boundary of Brockway Vista Avenue, Placer County Road X7038;

Thence north-westerly along said north-easterly boundary of Brockway Vista Avenue to the south corner of Lot 141 Block BE of said Brockway Vista subdivision;

Thence north-easterly along the south-easterly line of said Lot 141 to the east corner of said Lot 141 of Brockway Vista subdivision;

Thence north-westerly along the north-easterly boundaries of Lots 141, 142, 143 and 144 Block BE of Brockway Vista subdivision to the north corner of Lot 144, to a point on the south-easterly side of Coon Street, Placer County Road X7026;

Thence north-easterly along the south-easterly boundary of Coon Street to its intersection with the south-westerly boundary of California State Highway 28;

Thence north-westerly along said south-westerly boundary of California State Highway 28 to the easterly corner of Lot 42 Block B of said Brockway Vista subdivision, said point being the north-easterly corner of the Kings Beach State Recreation area;

Thence along the easterly boundary of said Kings Beach State Recreation Area to a point on the low water line of Lake Tahoe;

Thence south-easterly along the low water line of Lake Tahoe to the point of beginning.

Excepting therefrom any land owned by the state of California for which an adopted management plan or other authorized action expressly provides for, or otherwise governs, the consumption of alcoholic beverages, or any land or buildings owned by the state of California

for which a lease or rental agreement does not prohibit the consumption of alcoholic beverages.

B. That area of land located in Kings Beach, California known as Buck's/Speedboat County Beach located at the end of Speedboat and Harbor Avenues in Brockway, Lake Tahoe.

C. That area of land located in Kings Beach, California known as Secline Beach including the beach, day-use area, streets and parking lot. (Prior code § 12.5)

9.08.020 Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in designated area prohibited—Exceptions.

Exceptions to Sec. 12.5 of this code may be granted in writing by the county executive officer or his or her designee upon consultation with the director of parks and recreation of the North Tahoe public utility district, operator of the adjoining Kings Beach State Recreation Area. (Prior code § 12.5-1)

Article 9.12

PROPERTY OFFENSES

Sections:

- 9.12.010 Possession or use of glass containers or maintaining open fires in designated areas prohibited.
- 9.12.020 Trespassing.
- 9.12.030 Skateboards, roller skates and in-line skates.
- 9.12.040 Payment of reward for conviction of littering or shooting violation.
- 9.12.050 Solar shade control.

9.12.010 Possession or use of glass containers or maintaining open fires in designated areas prohibited.

A. Any person possessing or using glass bottles, jars, tumblers, or vessels of whatever nature, empty or not, or maintaining any open fire in the following designated areas shall be guilty of an infraction, except that persons may pick up glass containers left or discarded by others and remove or deposit same in an approved trash receptacle:

That area of land located in and around Lake Tahoe, California maintained as the following county beaches:

1. Agatam Beach Area;
2. Coon Street Picnic;
3. Moon Dunes Beach;
4. National Avenue Picnic Area;

5. Patton Beach;
6. Secline Beach including the beach, day-use area, streets and parking lot;
7. Speedboat/Buck's Beach.

B. Exceptions to subsection A of this section may be granted in writing by the county executive officer or his or her designee upon consultation with the director of parks and recreation of the North Tahoe Public Utility District, operator of the adjoining Kings Beach State Recreation Area. (Prior code §§ 12.6, 12.6-1)

9.12.020 Trespassing.

A.1. Every person who remains, or allows his or her personal property to remain on the real property of another after being requested by the owner of such real property to leave or remove such personal property, shall be guilty of a public offense. These provisions shall not be applicable to law enforcement or fire personnel acting within the course and scope of their employment, nor to persons on the real property pursuant to process of law.

2. Such request may be oral or written if made in person and shall be immediately effective.

3. For the removal of personal property, if the owner thereof is not personally present, such request shall be in writing and attached to the personal property to be removed. It shall be effective in seventy-two (72) hours, or when the writing is actually received, whichever comes first.

4. The provisions of this subsection shall be in addition to any other punishments or remedies provided by law.

B. It is unlawful for any person to enter upon unimproved real property belonging to another person unaccompanied by such other person without having in possession written, signed authorization from such other person for such entry. Such written authorization shall be produced upon demand of any peace officer enforcing the provisions of this section. Any charge under this subsection shall be dismissed when the person charged produces in court such written, signed authorization from such other person for such entry. (Prior code § 12.18)

9.12.030 Skateboards, roller skates and in-line skates.

A. It is unlawful to ride or propel any skateboard, roller skate, in-line skate or any similar device upon any sidewalk or street in the county so as to interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

B. It is unlawful to ride or propel any skateboard, roller skate, in-line skate or any similar device upon any



March 5, 2008

Mr. Dean Florez
Government Organization Committee
Fax: 916.445.5258

Dear Mr. Florez,

My name is Bric Haley and I am the General Manager and Owner of the River Ranch Lodge & Restaurant, located on the banks of the Truckee River, just outside Tahoe City, California. The River Ranch Lodge is the take out point for most of the groups rafting down the Truckee River from Tahoe City.

Over the past few years, I have seen alcohol related problems on the river escalate at an alarming rate, especially over the Fourth of July weekend. These problems cause havoc, injuries and multiple arrests. I addressed this issue with the Placer County Board of Supervisors at their meeting in July 2007 and am pleased that the Supervisors and Senator Dave Cox are interested in taking the lead role in attempting to address this issue. I am in full support of SB1159 (Cox) to allow the Placer County Board of Supervisors to place certain restrictions on the use of alcohol on the Truckee River during holiday periods. Should this effort be successful, I believe it would go a long way to bringing this deteriorating situation back under control.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Bric Haley", is written over a printed name.

G. Bric Haley

cc: Senator Dave Cox



March 9, 2008

Senate Governmental Organization Committee
1020 N Street, Suite 584
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Support of Senate Bill 1159 (Cox)
Alcoholic Beverages: Possession: Truckee River**

Dear Members of the Senate Governmental Organization Committee,

On behalf of the **Mourelatos Family, owners of the Mourelatos Lakeshore Resort in Tahoe Vista CA.**, we are writing to express our support for Senate Bill 1159, authored by Senator Dave Cox, an urgency statute that would authorize the Placer County Board of Supervisors to prohibit alcohol on a portion of the Truckee River (from Tahoe City Hwy 89 Bridge to the Alpine Meadows Bridge) during specified summer holiday periods.

The Mourelatos Lakeshore Resort provides over 4,000 room nights of lodging at Lake Tahoe each year. Many of the families that stay with us take the trip down the Truckee to enjoy this wonderful resource. The river is a popular destination for river rafting during the summer months, especially the July 4th holiday period when thousands of rafters embark down the river. Irresponsible alcohol use, along this portion of the river during peak holiday periods, has created a public safety hazard, degradation of the tourism experience, and a negative impact on the environment. This behavior is offensive to families and others who are trying to enjoy the river in a responsible manner.

SB 1159 will assist the County in resolving irresponsible alcohol-related behavior and in restoring a family-friendly, safe tourism and recreational experience for all participants. We are prepared to assist Placer County in support and implementation of this necessary legislation.

We urge your support of SB 1159.

Sincerely,

**Alexander A. Mourelatos
General Manager – Mourelatos Lakeshore Resort
Small Lodging Seat – North Lake Tahoe Resort Association
Vice President - North Tahoe Business Association.**

**Cc: State Senator Dave Cox
Placer County Board of Supervisors
Thomas M. Miller, Placer County Executive Officer**

TRUCKEE RIVER RAFTING
With
MOUNTAIN AIR SPORTS

March 5, 2008

TO: Senator Dave Cox
Re: Senate Bill 1159

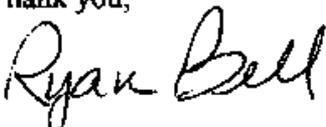
FROM: Ryan Bell
Mountain Air Sports/Truckee River Rafting
P.O. Box 5519
Tahoe City, CA 96145

Senator Cox,

We understand that Placer County is considering an alcohol ban on the Truckee River from Tahoe City to Alpine Meadows, during the Fourth of July holiday. We feel strongly that this would be a huge benefit to our community. As owners and operators of Truckee River Rafting since 1974, we have seen the Fourth of July holiday go from a fun and safe family rafting experience, to an out of control drinking party. Many of the participants are under age and severely intoxicated while using their own private rafts. We now see the Fourth of July holiday as no longer a fun and safe experience for families and tourists visiting Lake Tahoe.

Please vote to pass the alcohol ban before any one else is hurt or killed due to such abundant, irresponsible behavior.

Thank you,


Ryan Bell

March 06, 2008

Governmental Organization Committee
1020 N Street, Suite 584
Sacramento, CA 95814
FAX: 916-445-5258

RE: Support of Senate Bill 1159 (Cox)
Alcoholic Beverages: Possession: Truckee River

Dear Members of Governmental Organization Committee,

On behalf of the Resort at Squaw Creek, a 405 room Resort in Squaw Valley, we are writing to express our support for Senate Bill 1159, authored by Senator Dave Cox, an urgency statute that would authorize the Placer County Board of Supervisors to prohibit alcohol on a portion of the Truckee River (from Tahoe City HWY 89 Bridge to the Alpine Meadows Bridge) during specified summer holiday periods.

The Truckee River is a popular destination for river rafting during the summer months, especially the July 4th holiday period when thousands of rafters embark down the river. Irresponsible alcohol use, along this portion of the river during peak holiday periods, has created a public safety hazard, degradation of the tourism experience, and a negative impact on the environment. This behavior is offensive to families and others who are trying to responsibly enjoy the river and the bicycle path from Squaw Valley to Lake Tahoe.

SB 1159 will assist the County in resolving irresponsible alcohol-related behavior and in restoring a family-friendly, safe tourism and recreational experience for all participants. We are prepared to assist Placer County in support and implementation of this necessary legislation.

We urge your support of SB 1159.

Sincerely,

Roger Beck
Managing Director

Richard McLennan
General Manager

Cc: State Senator Dave Cox
Placer County Board of Supervisors
Thomas M. Miller, Placer County Executive Officer



March 8, 2008

The Honorable Dean Florez, Chair
Members, Senate Governmental Organization
1020 N Street, Suite 584
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Support of Senate Bill 1159 (Cox)
Alcoholic Beverages: Possession: Truckee River**

Dear Chair and Members of the Senate Governmental Organization Committee:

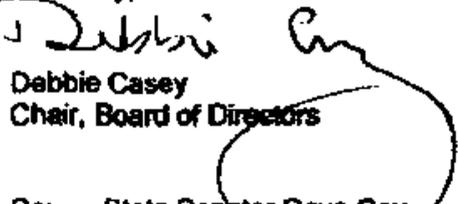
On behalf of the North Lake Tahoe Resort Association and the North Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce, we are writing to support SB 1159. As you are aware, this is an urgency statute that would authorize the Placer County Board of Supervisors to prohibit the consumption of alcohol or possession of an open alcoholic beverage container on the Truckee River between the Highway 89 bridge in Tahoe City and the Alpine Meadows Road bridge during specified summer holiday periods.

The Truckee River is a popular destination for river rafting and related recreation during the summer months at North Lake Tahoe. This is especially true during the 4th of July holiday period when thousands of rafters use the river. Unfortunately, irresponsible alcohol use along this portion of the Truckee River during peak summer holiday periods has created a public safety hazard, degradation of the tourism experience and a negative impact on the environment. Inappropriate behavior resulting from the misuse of alcohol is offensive to families and others who are trying to enjoy the river in a responsible manner.

The passage of SB 1159 will assist Placer County in community-supported efforts to reduce and resolve irresponsible alcohol-related behavior. Our mutual goal is to restore a family-friendly, safe tourism and recreational experience for our visitors and local residents.

We urge your support and passage of SB 1159.

Sincerely,


Debbie Casey
Chair, Board of Directors


Steve Teshara
President & Chief Executive Officer

Cc: State Senator Dave Cox
Placer County Board of Supervisors
Thomas M. Miller, Placer County Executive Officer

County of Placer

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District 1
ROBERT WEYGANDT



PLACER CO. TOLL FREE # 800-488-4308

District 5

March 5, 2008

Senate Governmental Organization Committee
1020 N Street, Suite 584
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Support of Senate Bill 1159 (Cox)
Alcoholic Beverages: Possession: Truckee River**

Dear Members of the Senate Governmental Organization Committee,

On behalf of the Placer County Board of Supervisors, we are writing to you regarding Senate Bill 1159, authored by Senator Dave Cox, an urgency statute that would authorize the Placer County Board of Supervisors to prohibit alcohol on a portion of the Truckee River (from the Westside Highway Bridge to the Alpine Meadows Bridge) during specified summer holiday periods.

The Truckee River is a popular destination for river rafting during the summer months, especially the July 4th holiday period when thousands of rafters embark down the river. Irresponsible alcohol use, along this stretch of the river during peak holiday periods, has created a public safety hazard, degradation of the tourism experience, and a negative impact on the environment. This behavior is offensive to families and others who are trying to enjoy the river in a responsible manner.

SB 1159 will assist the County in resolving irresponsible alcohol-related behavior and in restoring a family-friendly, safe tourism and recreational experience for all participants. We urge your support of SB 1159.

Sincerely,

Jim Holmes, Chairman
Placer County Board of Supervisors

Cc: State Senator Dave Cox
Placer County Board of Supervisors
Thomas M. Miller, Placer County Executive Office



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Lake Tahoe Basin Management
Unit

35 College Drive
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150
(530) 543-2600

File Code: 5300

Date: March 10, 2008

Jennifer Merchant
Principal Management Analyst
Placer County
P.O. Box 772
Carnelian Bay, CA 96140

Dear Jennifer:

As we discussed at our meeting last fall, the LTBMU supports Placer County's efforts to address the problems related to alcohol abuse on the Truckee River during the 4th of July holiday. This recurring problem has implications for the safety and enjoyment of our visiting public, as well as potential implications for forest resources.

Specifically, we support the two-fold approach of banning alcohol on the Truckee River through state legislation (SB 1159), and the surrounding lands through a county ordinance. Both pieces are necessary in order to ensure the safety of recreationists and the protection of natural resources.

Sincerely,

ELI ILANO
Deputy Forest Supervisor





Tahoe City Public Utility District

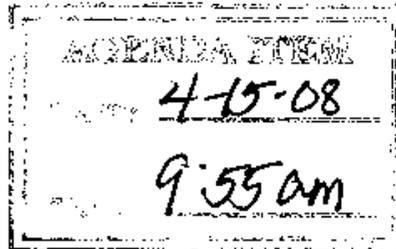
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CLERK OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Honorable Bruce Kranz, Supervisor
Placer County
175 Fulweiler Ave.
Auburn, CA 95603



RE: Support of SB 1159, (Cox)

Dear Bruce:

At our March 21, 2008 Board meeting, the Tahoe City Public Utility District Board of Directors considered taking an official position on SB 1159, Alcoholic Beverages: Possession: Truckee River, authored by Senator Dave Cox.

As you know TCPUD operates and maintains public trail, parking, and river access facilities along this section of the Truckee River. We are concerned with the magnitude of use and the dangerous issues involved with July 4th, 2007. We very much appreciated the opportunity to review and discuss this legislation with your county staff. After a lengthy discussion we determined that we would support the legislation but had the following comments and suggestions for your consideration:

- TCPUD would encourage an amendment to the legislation that would specify limits on the maximum number of potential days each summer that the alcohol ban could be enacted.
- Placer County should provide information to local community organizations and local public agencies so that broad public outreach is accomplished in a timely manner.
- TCPUD does not have enforcement personnel and cannot assist with enforcement of the alcohol ban.
- TCPUD would like to be included in an annual review process undertaken by Placer County.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our comments to you for your consideration. We hope that your efforts to address the issue will be successful.

Sincerely,

Catherine K. Atchley
President

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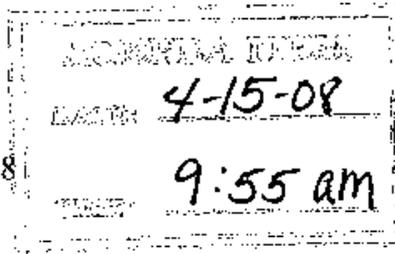
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March 31, 2008

State Senator Dave Cox
State Capitol, Room 2068
Sacramento, CA 95814



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CLERK OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RE: Support of Senate Bill 1159
Alcoholic Beverages: Possession: Truckee River

Dear Senator Cox,

On behalf of the Tahoe City Downtown Association we are writing to express our support for Senate Bill 1159, the urgency statute that would authorize the Placer County Board of Supervisors to prohibit alcohol on a portion of the Truckee River (from Tahoe City Hwy 89 Bridge to the Alpine Meadows Bridge) during specified summer holiday periods.

The Tahoe City Downtown Association exists to enhance and promote a vibrant and prosperous commercial and social center for the residents and visitors of Tahoe City. Past irresponsible alcohol use, along the above described portion of the Truckee River during peak holiday periods, has created a public safety hazard, degradation of the tourism experience, and a negative impact on the environment. This behavior is often offensive to families and others who are trying to enjoy the river in a responsible manner, and is certainly counterproductive to our efforts to maximize a quality community experience.

Senate Bill 1159 will assist Placer County in resolving irresponsible alcohol-related behavior while restoring a family-friendly, safe tourism and recreational experience for all participants. We are prepared to assist Placer County in support and implementation of this necessary legislation, and look forward to reviewing its success in the future.

We strongly support Senate Bill 1159.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Wilderotter
Board President

- DATE 4-8-08
- Board of Supervisors - 5
 - County Executive Office
 - County Counsel
 - Administrative Assistant
 - Mike Boyle*
 - Rich Colwell*
 - Holly Hungen*

cc: Chair Jim Holmes, Placer County Board of Supervisors
Thomas M. Miller, Placer County Executive Officer
Jennifer Merchant, Tahoe Manager/Placer County CEO

From: BONNIE LOFSTEDT [chopper@tci.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2008 6:54 PM
To: Placer County Board of Supervisors
Subject: Proposed alcohol ban on Truckee

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I would like to offer my opinion on the proposed alcohol ban on the Truckee River. First of all, I am against this proposed ban and feel that it would cause far more problems than the benefits that have been discussed. Hundreds of people come to North Tahoe each 4th of July to have fun on the Truckee River. Is there underaged drinking? There is. Is there an occasional disturbance? There is. Is additional police surveillance needed? Yes. Now, by banning alcohol on the River, what exactly will be improved? Either, less people will come to Tahoe on the 4th of July, impacting the local businesses, or they will find other places to "party" in the Tahoe area. There will still be underaged drinking. The additional police surveillance needed to patrol the three mile stretch of River will now need to be increased to enforce the new regulation. Also to patrol the entire Lake area, and parks, to prevent the "problems" that were confined to a very small and accessible area of the Truckee. Kids will drive back into the forest areas making forest fires a real possibility. Drinking on power boats in Lake Tahoe will increase.

I live right on the Truckee River across from the "River Ranch". When the rafters come up on my property to have a beer, since they will have to be over three feet from the river, do I call the police department to have them removed?

I enjoy watching the rafters and feel that this proposed ordinance is the first step in banning all rafters from the Truckee River, a public waterway.

Please reconsider this proposed ordinance.

Thank you,
Curt Lofstedt
Tahoe Resident
On the Truckee River