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Re: Public comment to NOP of Draft EIR/EIS for Proposed Tahoe Basin Area Plan and Tahoe City Lodge Pilot Project

The Truckee River Watershed Council (TRWC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comment on the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/ Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Proposed Placer County Tahoe Basin Area Plan and Tahoe City Lodge Pilot Project.

The mission of the Watershed Council is to bring the community *Together for the Truckee* to protect, enhance and restore the Truckee River watershed. As the Truckee River is a central feature of Tahoe City and the only outlet of Lake Tahoe, we support the Area Plan's intent to achieve environmental improvement.

We offer the following comments to the County in preparation for the Draft EIR/EIS for the Tahoe Basin Area Plan and Tahoe City Lodge Pilot Project:

- **TRWC supports and recommends maintaining the project objectives** to promote environmental threshold gains, facilitate environmental development, preserve environmentally-sensitive areas and corridors, and improve environmental conditions including water quality. The Area Plan and Tahoe City Lodge Pilot Project are a critical opportunity to improve stormwater management and implement LID-scale BMPs.
- TRWC encourages Placer County to view this as an opportunity to **address the Truckee River Total Maximum Daily Limit and implement the Truckee River Corridor Access Plan.**

The Watershed Council's goal is to complete 50 high priority projects in the next 10 years in order to improve the health and function of the Truckee River watershed. Our First 4 Mile Restoration Project, within the identified Special Planning Areas, is one of our top priorities. We expect the project to complement the environmental and recreational gains of the Area Plan. Thank you again for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

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