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As part of the joint effort to use the best science in establishing a policy to restore Lake Tahoe's famed clarity, the Lahontan Water Board and the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection are pleased to announce the availability of three documents. The first two are lengthy technical reports providing the results of significant science and research efforts. The **Lake Tahoe Total Maximum Daily Load Technical Report** analyzes the pollutant sources and introduces the Lake Clarity Model, which is the tool that will be used in crafting water clarity restoration strategies. The **Pollutant Reduction Opportunity Report** evaluates, on a basin-wide scale, general strategies for reducing pollutant input to Lake Tahoe. The technical reports will be used to draft the Final Lake Tahoe TMDL, expected in 2009.

The third is a short, less technical summary of these efforts along with a description of next steps **Charting a Course to Clarity** will help you consider what strategies make sense. It synthesizes the two, large technical documents above, and summarizes what scientists have learned so far to answer four questions:

1. What pollutants are causing Lake Tahoe's clarity loss?
2. How much of each pollutant is reaching Lake Tahoe?
3. How much of each pollutant can Lake Tahoe accept and still reach the clarity goal?
4. What are the options for reducing pollutant inputs to Lake Tahoe?

Between September 2007 and February 2008, the Lahontan Water Board and the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection are conducting a series of public workshops for stakeholders and holding discussions with local governments about approaches for improving Lake Tahoe's clarity --- approaches that ideally are both technically feasible and politically acceptable. This information will be the basis of the TMDL Implementation Plan and will be used by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency to update its 20-year Regional Plan. We are accepting comments which will assist us in preparing the Final Lake Tahoe TMDL. A formal comment period and scientific peer review will be scheduled for the final TMDL document.

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