

PATHWAY Forum

Lake Tahoe TMDL

December 6, 2007, 8:30a.m. – 4:30p.m.



10:30-12:00 Discussion in Small Groups: TMDL adjusted scenarios (K&W)

1. Per the information presented this morning and over the last few months, what ideas can you embrace? What ideas do you like? Why?
2. Which ideas are hot buttons? Which ideas are most controversial? Why?
3. What conclusions on meeting the Clarity Challenge can you draw from the information presented?
4. The proposed scenario requires financial investment. What are your ideas regarding funding to meet the Clarity Challenge?
5. It will be necessary to develop innovative practices to achieve the Clarity Challenge; however, this increases uncertainty in planning. What's the best approach for incorporating innovative practices into the strategy, while continuing to make near-term progress? How should we focus effort and investment in research and development of innovative practices?

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1:30-2:15 Discussion in Small Groups: Connecting the strategy to actions. How will we implement the Clarity Challenge?

1. Given that the focus/priority of this project is on urban fine sediment reduction, your feedback in October directed the TMDL effort to emphasize incentives over regulation. How do we incentivize actions to reduce fine sediment in urban areas? Based on the coverage information shared today, what are innovative (not regulatory) ways to reduce coverage in the Basin?
2. Much of the onus of implementation will fall on municipalities and transportation agencies. What are the best things each of the following can do to support the municipalities and transportation agencies' success?
 - You/Individuals
 - Your constituency
3. What are the pros, cons, and challenges of establishing a Basin-wide storm water utility district?
4. There's the saying "what gets funded, gets done." What can individuals and constituencies do to support funding to achieve the Clarity Challenge?
5. What can individuals and constituencies do to reduce fine sediment/pollutant loads to help achieve the Clarity Challenge? Consider:
 - Homeowners/Homeowner Associations
 - Real Estate interests
 - Tourists
 - Environmental/conservation interests
 - Recreational interests
 - Business interests
 - Municipalities and government agencies
 - Education/social interests
 - Other?
6. What do you see as the value of innovation in meeting the Clarity Challenge?
7. What ideas do you have for building support for achieving the Clarity Challenge via education and outreach?