

TAHOE TMDL UPDATE

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The Lake Tahoe TMDL efforts are wrapping up the Draft Technical Report and progressing on the Integrated Water Quality Management Strategy. The Draft Technical Report documents the culmination of more than three years of research in developing pollutant load estimates and modeling the Lake clarity responses. The Source Category Groups are developing initial basin-wide load reduction estimates from the major sources. The Tahoe TMDL Team is excited about upcoming workshops with the Forum and agency stakeholders regarding load reduction options.

TMDL Technical Report (Phase 1)

- Draft Technical Report to be distributed in June 2007 to Agency Partners for review and comment.
- Draft Technical Report to be released to the public at a workshop in early September 2007.
- Lahontan and NDEP Staff are setting up an informal public review and commenting process for the Draft Technical Report. The process will likely involve the TIIMS Pathway website so Staff can evaluate and respond at regular intervals to public comments. The informal process will be iterative and is expected to continue through 2008 until the Draft Technical Report becomes part of the Draft Final TMDL in early 2009. There will be a formal public review and comment period for the Draft Final TMDL.
- Technical Report will be used as a foundation for load estimations and needed load reductions.

INTEGRATED WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (Phase 2)

- Source Category Groups estimating basin-wide potential load reductions.
- Load Reduction Matrix Evaluation Report will be circulated to agency Focus Teams in late August and to public in September.
- Forum Workshops with agency Focus Teams in Fall 2007:
 - September 27 – Load reduction concepts and context
 - Week of October 22 (25 or 26 or ?) – Load reduction options
 - Week of Nov 12 – Options, prioritizing and packaging