

Summary of Consultant Activities – September 2024
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- As the senior member of “Team Tahoe” (aka the Lake Tahoe Partnership) federal advocacy network, continue advocacy in support of the 10-year extension of Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (LTRA). Two milestone achievements this month:
 - 1) House Natural Resources Committee approves the U.S. Senate version of the bill (S. 612) by unanimous consent September 19th; and
 - 2) The full House approved the bill by unanimous consent the evening of September 24th. **The LTRA 10-year extension goes next to the President’s desk for signature.**
- Continue to track the current status of proposed federal FY 25 LTRA funding levels and selected Tahoe projects proposed for Congressionally-Designated funding.
- Sign a “Team Tahoe” letter to Nevada U.S. Senator Catherine Cortez Masto requesting that she and her staff begin the formal process to draft legislation for introduction in Congress next year designed to “modernize” the Lake Tahoe Santini-Burton legislation of 1980.
- Review meeting notes from September 17th MAC meeting.
- Review new Lake Tahoe Regional Evacuation Plan developed through a collaboration between Lake Tahoe Fire Chiefs, law enforcement agencies, and emergency management agency officials. Invite Tahoe Douglas Fire Chief Scott Lindgren and City of South Lake Tahoe Fire Rescue Chief Jim Drennan to present an overview of the Plan to South Shore business and community leaders (scheduled for October 4th).