

\$3M in state money for Tahoe environmental work

The California Tahoe Conservancy board this month awarded more than \$3 million in Proposition 1 funds for eight projects to improve the Lake Tahoe Basin's forests, lake clarity, and water quality.

The projects approved for funding include:

- Aquatic Invasive Species program planning, Tahoe Resource Conservation District \$862,000: To evaluate new techniques for controlling aquatic invasive plants and plan for future AIS control efforts.
- Control of the invasive Mysis shrimp to recover lake clarity and ecosystem health, UC Davis, \$390,081: To plan and test a strategy to reduce the abundance of nonnative Mysis shrimp, which damage Lake Tahoe's food web and harm lake clarity.
- Lake Tahoe West Restoration partnership, National Forest Foundation, \$398,750: To plan for large-landscape, multi-jurisdictional forest health, water quality, and restoration projects on nearly 60,000 acres on the West Shore.
- Tahoe City Caltrans maintenance yard relocation, Tahoe Transportation District, \$354,000: To evaluate the feasibility of relocating the Tahoe City Caltrans maintenance yard, which sits on environmentally sensitive land on the banks of the Truckee River, to a more appropriate location.
- Polaris Creek and wetland restoration, feasibility study, Tahoe RCD, \$282,000: To explore the feasibility of restoring Polaris Creek and adjacent wetlands near Dollar Point on the North Shore.

- Country Club Heights erosion control project, El Dorado County, \$250,000: To construct water quality improvements in several areas of Meyers to enhance wildlife habitat, increase groundwater recharge, and improve water quality.

- Country Club Heights erosion control project, Phase 3, El Dorado County, \$250,000: To plan for future storm water improvements that will improve water quality in areas of Meyers that discharge directly into the Upper Truckee River.

- Bijou Park Creek restoration priority acquisition, South Lake Tahoe, \$572,250: To acquire and restore one environmentally sensitive urban parcel as part of the city's effort to restore the Bijou Park Creek watershed.