

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

<u>Comment</u>	<u>Response</u>
<p>EMAIL From: carol mazerall To: Lahontan Subject: Lake Tahoe Pier Basin Plan Amendment Date: Friday, January 25, 2019 5:43:30 PM</p> <p>I strongly oppose removing the existing protective measures in place to protect spawning habitat. It makes no sense in the grand plan TO PROTECT LAKE TAHOE. If the TRPA and the Water Board were making decisions to protect the Lake, there would be no more development IN THE LAKE. It is not logical to believe you can mitigate wildlife’s best interests by adding piers.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment.</p> <p>Sincerely, Carol Mazerall</p>	<p>As noted in the Staff Report, the proposed action will not change the number of allowable piers at Lake Tahoe. The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) is the responsible authority responsible for land use and development distribution at Lake Tahoe. Although the Basin Plan amendment will allow piers to be constructed in previously prohibited areas, pier development remains subject to stringent regulatory oversight by both the TRPA and the Water Board. TRPA requirements prevent pier development in near stream mouths and specify detailed design criteria to limit impact. Similarly, existing (and remaining) Basin Plan requirements prohibit the disturbance to sensitive lands, including Stream Environment Zones, lands within the 100-year floodplain, and land beneath the high-water rim of Lake Tahoe. Exemptions to these prohibitions can only be made if (1) there is no feasible alternative; (2) impacts are fully mitigated; and (3) sensitive areas are restored in an amount 1.5 times the area disturbed for the project. These protections, coupled with other local and regional requirements, ensure water quality and wildlife habitat are protected.</p>

<u>Comment</u>	<u>Response</u>
<p><u>EMAIL</u> From: Tom Carter To: Lahontan Subject: Lake Tahoe Pier Basin Plan Amendment Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 7:11:16 AM</p> <p>I just realized my public comment was not sent by the February 1, 2019 deadline. I have been out of the country and would ask that you include my comments.</p> <p>Reducing the protections on the Lake and its fauna in the interests of more development and intrusion of man made construction of more piers and buoys, does not reflect the regulatory agencies of TRPA and The Lahontan Water Board's stewardship to protect Lake Tahoe. Please do not remove any protective measures on spawning areas in California.</p> <p>Thank you for this opportunity.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Tom Carter</p>	<p>The proposed action will not reduce the protections to Lake Tahoe and associated habitats. The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) is the responsible authority responsible for land use and development distribution at Lake Tahoe. Although the Basin Plan amendment will allow piers to be constructed in previously prohibited areas, pier development remains subject to stringent regulatory oversight by both the TRPA and the Water Board. TRPA requirements prevent pier development in near stream mouths and specify detailed design criteria to limit impact. Similarly, existing (and remaining) Basin Plan requirements prohibit the disturbance to sensitive lands, including Stream Environment Zones, lands within the 100-year floodplain, and land beneath the high-water rim of Lake Tahoe. Exemptions to these prohibitions can only be made if (1) there is no feasible alternative; (2) impacts are fully mitigated; and (3) sensitive areas are restored in an amount 1.5 times the area disturbed for the project. These protections, coupled with other local and regional requirements, ensure water quality and wildlife habitat are protected.</p>