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# Fuel Dock // 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. MONDAY-FRIDAY

WEATHER PERMITTING

#### **TRPA Updates**

The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency has been working diligently to prepare a draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Lake Tahoe Shoreline Plan; a collaborative planning process to enhance recreation and protect Lake Tahoe's 72 miles of shoreline.

The goal is to strike a balance between recreational access, the many uses along Tahoe's shores, and environmental protection. The proposed Shoreline Plan would update goals, policies, and regulations focused on structures such as marinas, piers, buoys, ramps, and boat slips to support water-dependent recreation and effective resource management.

Key policy areas the Shoreline Plan will address include public access, recreation, marinas and boating, low lake levels from drought and climate change, environmental impacts, lakefront property issues, and simplified permit approval processes where possible.

Because Lake Tahoe has a mixture of public and private ownership and is world-renowned for its water clarity and natural beauty, agreed upon standards for shoreline structures such as piers, buoys, and boat ramps have historically been challenging to attain.

Visit www.shorelineplan.org to learn more about the Shoreline Plan, sign up for information about upcoming meetings, view the full notice of preparation and project description for the draft environmental impact statement, or ask questions or submit comments about the Lake Tahoe Shoreline Plan.

A HIGHLIGHT OF

## **Upcoming community events**

#### **Holly Arts Annual Holiday Gift Faire**

December 2 | 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

## Tahoe XC Ski Area Kickoff Party at Jake's on the Lake

December 4 | 5:00 pm - 9:30 pm

#### Sip, Shop and S'mores

December 7 | 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

#### **TCPUD Breakfast with Santa**

December 9 | 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

#### **LAKE LEVELS**

Readings taken on Tuesday, November 28, 2017

Lake Tahoe Natural rim 6,223' Elevation 6,228.12' | Elevation in 2016 6,222.77



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### Road construction update; boating licensure

In South Lake Tahoe, work continues on a \$57 million drainage and road widening project from the wye intersection with State Route 89 to the Trout Creek Bridge in South Lake Tahoe. Completion is expected in fall 2019.

In Tahoe City, work continues on a \$35 million project to build a new Truckee River bridge east of the Caltrans Maintenance Yard with roundabouts on either end of the realignment, replacement of the existing Truckee River (Fanny) Bridge, and construction of a roundabout at the wye intersection. Project completion is expected in fall 2018. For more information, visit www.fannybridge.org.

#### **Mandatory Boater Safety Education**

Beginning in 2018, the Division of Boating and Waterways will implement a program of boat operator licensure. All drivers of vessels propelled by an engine, regardless of whether the engine is the principal source

of propulsion, will be required to carry a California Boater Card as proof that they have taken and passed a state approved boater safety examination. Approved examinations will be available online and will cost approximately \$30.

There is a one-time card application fee of \$10; once issued, the card remains valid for a boat operator's lifetime and there is no renewal required. This program is being implemented to promote boating safety education and awareness in California. Many other states have already put boating licensure into practice. You may read the new policy in its entirely at www.californiaboatercard.com.

Check with your boat insurance as some companies will be offering a discount to those who have acquired their Boater Card.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2018, anyone 20 years and younger must obtain his or her card.



## 2016-17 wettest year on record

As the water year came to an end on Sept. 30, the 2016-17 water year become the No. 1 wettest year as reported by the Central Sierra Snow Lab near Donner Summit.

The season's 573 inches of snow ranks the 16<sup>th</sup> greatest since 1879. Due to frequent and powerful atmospheric rivers, precipitation totals — rain and the water equivalent of snow — reached 121 inches, making 2017 the all-time wettest winter since precipitation measurements began on Donner Pass in 1871, as reported by weather historian Mark McLaughlin in Tahoe Weekly. That 10 feet of water is more than double the average of 54 inches and nearly a foot more water than 1982, the previous No. 1 wettest year.

The unprecedented storm pattern raised Lake Tahoe about 6.5 feet, the greatest seasonal rise for Big Blue since the Tahoe dam was built in Tahoe City.

