



TMWA Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 21, 2013

Press Clippings

June 12, 2013- August 14, 2013



Nahin Chowdhury (Mamie Towles Elementary School)
2010 Poster Art Contest – Honorable Mention, Grades 4-6

Important Notices

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND WATER PROJECT DEDICATION Please join us on Saturday, July 13th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. outside the Caughlin Club tennis courts. We will have a cart full of delicious ice cream bars and pops for attendees to enjoy; this is a family event! Our Board President Mike Heffner will provide a brief review of the Water Project and will acknowledge a few key individuals who helped to bring the project to fruition. We will also be dedicating a plaque to Ken Walters; the former Board Member who was instrumental in making the conceptual project a reality. Ken passed last fall; his dedication and commitment to Caughlin Ranch was unwavering and he is truly missed. Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us to celebrate the completion of this monumental, cost-saving project.



COMMON AREA TREES In January of each year, the Birch trees located in the common area greenbelt are sprayed to protect the trees from insect infestations. On Wednesday, June 26th, the Jeffrey

Pines located in the common area greenbelt will be sprayed to protect them from insects and bores. This process is repeated every year and does not pose any harm to humans, animals or other vegetation.

8-21-13 BOARD Agenda Item 10.F News Clips
TRUCKEE MEADOWS COMMUNITY FORESTRY COALITION The TMCFC at: www.communityforestry.org is an invaluable resource for homeowners in our area. They provide, free of charge, information regarding the best trees to plant and where, how to plant them and properly irrigate them, tree care, mulching, etc. Also, to schedule a consultation with one of the CFC's certified arborists, please send an e-mail to: info@communityforestry.org.

DOGS Both the City of Reno and Washoe County require dogs to be on a leash at all times when not confined, and they must be under the control of a person capable of controlling the animal. Dogs shall not be allowed to become a nuisance to or unreasonable interfere with the comfort, privacy or safety of other owners within the development. Please report loose, dangerous and/or nuisance dogs directly to Washoe County Animal Control at (775) 322-dogs (3647).

VILLAGE GREEN PARK The gazebo and adjacent barbecue area can be reserved by calling the Caughlin Ranch office: (775) 746-1499. There are forms, specific requirements based on the number of attendees expected, and in some cases a deposit may be required.

The Village Green Park is a City of Reno park that is maintained by Caughlin Ranch maintenance staff. The restrooms endured a great deal of vandalism this past winter.

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Open letter to area restaurants — locals, chains and casinos:

As we face a hot, dry summer. Please help conserve our precious water. As many of you did years ago in the '80s, I believe, ask your servers to ask their patrons if they wish water. Use smaller glasses or place carafes and glasses on tables for self-service.

I remember John Ascuaga Nugget discarded used ice on their landscaping. Wonderful idea!

As residents, we can do the same. Fill a jug with cold while waiting for hot water at the kitchen sink. Pour it on your plants or fill the dog's dish.

Keep Tahoe blue! Keep Nevada green! Thanks everybody.

Carolyn Chimitis, Reno

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Creek Crossings Remind Us All Local Waters Lead To The Truckee



RENO, NV - Unless you live in a west Reno neighborhood and drive along a length of greenbelt on Caughlin Parkway often, you might be unaware of the tiny stream at its center.

Even then you might assume the ponds and wetlands along its length were just a landscaper's invention.

But now where Caughlin Parkway crosses that greenbelt you'll be informed this is, in fact, Alum Creek and it's part of the Truckee River system.

This is one of a hundred or so creek crossings in the Truckee Meadows getting this signage, an effort marked by a brief celebration today.

But this gathering was about more than a road sign, more than Alum Creek. Ultimately it was about the Truckee River and our water

supply.

The crossing is about a mile from the Truckee here, but the point is whatever makes it into Alum Creek here eventually makes it there to the river.

"It's very important for our life here in the Truckee Meadows," says Reno City Councilwoman Jenny Brekhus. "Not only what we drink, but agricultural use, industrial use. So you're not on the river, but you're part of the river when you're here."

Alum Creek with relative trickle through a manicured green belt hardly seems to present much of an issue, but runoff from yards in this neighborhood added to all the other streams and urban drains around our valley do.

The Truckee, our main source of water in this otherwise dry landscape, is the sum of all of its parts and all our responsibility.

And that's the point of this particular sign and others you'll see in the valley.

Find this article at:

<http://www.kolotv.com/home/headlines/Creek-Crossings-Remind-Us-All-Local-Waters-Lead-To-The-Truckee-211304971.html>



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Off-limits no more: Old Verdi utility road converted into hiking, biking trail (watch video)

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Tahoe-Pyramid Bikeway opens new bridge: Tahoe-Pyramid Bikeway opens new bridge

Written by **Susan Voyles**
Special to the RGJ

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Just west of Verdi, a utility road climbs 3.5 miles into the Truckee Canyon, crossing forests of Jeffrey pine, mountain mahogany and cedar and fields of bright yellow flowers.

The craggy tops of the steep canyon walls come in close view where the road crests about 500 feet above the Truckee River.

Surprises abound. Walls of wild roses perfume the air. A rushing stream from seemingly nowhere calms the mind. And the churning waters of the Truckee largely masks the sound of freeway traffic.

For decades, this part of the canyon has been off-limits to the public. The road takes utility maintenance workers to the Fleish dam and a series of canals and flumes that divert water to a 108-year-old hydro power plant.

But no more.

On June 2, the Truckee Meadows Water Authority opened the road to hikers and mountain bikers in a partnership with the Tahoe-Pyramid Bikeway group.

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Above, the new Fleish Bridge spans more than 150 feet and was built with help from the Truckee Meadows Water Authority. / Photos by Andy Barron/RGJ



Top, Janet Phillips, president of the Tahoe-Pyramid Bikeway, walks her bike across the Fleish Bridge, which stretches over the Truckee River.

Getting there

In Nevada, you can park your car at the end of Quilici Ranch Road in Verdi or ride from Crystal Peak Park to reach the new section of the Tahoe-Pyramid Bikeway. The trail ends at the new Fleish footbridge.

In California, you can park along Interstate 80, 2.8 miles east of Farad and hike a short trail to the Fleish bridge.

The new trail is 3.5 miles long and extremely hilly. Unless you are a very experienced rider, expect to walk your mountain bike part of the way. Bring plenty of water. Bring extra bike parts as the road is rocky. Do not swim at the Fleish bridge and dam. You could be sucked into the canal and drown in an eddy. But upstream from the bridge, however, look for a massive rock wall, and it's safer to swim there.

TMWA promised in 2008 to share the road if the bikeway group helped pay for a new footbridge over the Fleish dam, making it safer than the old one. Over the last few months, Granite Construction and Reno Iron Works finished the bridge, including new handrails and thick steel wiring to keep people from falling off.

"It's beautiful. It's challenging," said Cliff Usher, a Tahoe-Pyramid Bikeway board director, at a small opening ceremony Sunday.

"The up hills are steep, as are the down hills," said Usher, a retired Reno advertising executive. "You are in the shade most of the time. And you can hear the river all the way."

"You start at the river and end at the river," added Sam Limerick, the board's mapping adviser, who also made the ride June 2. "It's all those ups and downs in between."

Robin Ten Brink, a Reno area geologist, said she intends to run the trail next time with her husband instead of riding.

"It isn't too tough. I walked in a few spots," she said.

Looking ahead, Phil Satre, a retired Reno casino executive, said more adventurous visitors will be drawn to the area because of the new trail. The Tahoe-Pyramid Bikeway volunteers are working on the next leg to Floriston in their push to open a trail all the way up the 10-mile long canyon.

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Got Water? Keeping It Flowing Could Get Expensive

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America's water system—its treatment plants and pipes—is in need of very serious repair if the country is to have safe drinking water, experts say. And it won't come cheap.

"This is serious, and if it's not fixed, we could see a breakout of diseases from unsafe water," said Shafiqul Islam, a professor and director of the Water Diplomacy Initiative at Tufts University.

"Every two minutes there's a water pipe breaking in the U.S.," he said. "We've been putting band aids on this, but we can't do that anymore."

[The Environmental Protection Agency released a report in April](#) saying the U.S. water infrastructure would need \$384 billion in upgrades from 2011 through 2030. That's up from the \$335 billion the EPA projected in 2007 for the same time period.

An even higher amount for repairs—over a longer period of time—is estimated by the non-profit American Water Works Association. The scientific and educational group says that it will take more than \$1.7 trillion for water system improvement between 2011 and 2050.

(Read more: [Texas Governor Signs Key Water-Financing Bill](#))

What needs to be fixed are some 73,000 drinking water systems across the U.S., according to the EPA—some of which date back to the late 1800s.

That includes spending \$319 billion on replacing or refurbishing aging or deteriorating pipelines, as well as upgrading or constructing new treatment plants to reduce water contamination.

Funds will also be required to reconstruct storage reservoirs, water-intake structures and wells.

"A lot of these systems have passed their shelf life," said Cindy Wallis-Lage, president of Black & Veatch, an infrastructure consulting firm.

"They may still be adequate, but we definitely need more reliable systems going forward," she said. "We see pipes breaking every day in places like New York, San Francisco. Businesses have had to close because of this."

(Read More: [Drop in US Underground Water Levels Accelerates](#))

"Besides the dangerous threat of disease from contaminated water, the economic impact from not upgrading the system is serious," said Islam.

"The American Civil Engineers said that gross domestic product losses from not upgrading could be \$416 billion by 2020 from the constant system breakdowns and constant repairs instead of doing it right," he said. "We lose about 1.7 trillion gallons of water a year from pipe breaks."

Adding to the problems is that the nation's water supplies are running low. [Between 2000 and 2008, levels in aquifers—the vast underground storage areas tapped for agriculture, energy and human consumption—dropped at a rate three times as great as any time during the 20th century.](#)

Most of the drop is due to growing human consumption, coupled with drought conditions, the U.S. Geological Survey said last month.

"The main issue moving forward is not generally scarcity of water, but how to have fresh water for human consumption and clean water for manufacturing processes," said Jose Lopez, assistant professor of physics at Seton Hall University.

Islam said some parts of the country are moving ahead with fixing their water problems, most notably Las Vegas.

"They're showing a good way to do this," Islam added. "They are not waiting, but moving ahead."

City officials said they have an advantage over places like New York and Boston.

"A lot of our infrastructure is younger than the rest of the country, but we have begun repairing reservoirs and other parts of our water system," said Scott Huntley, a spokesman for the Las Vegas Water Valley District, a public entity of Nevada.

"We had leaks, so we decided to get a jump on this by fixing them," Huntley said. "It's a conscious effort on our part not to fall behind."

Funding for the local upgrades—and an ongoing \$900 million project to tunnel under Lake Mead to access more water—primarily came from selling bonds.

(Read more: [Fight Over Vegas Water Pipeline](#))

"We didn't really have any trouble selling them," said Huntley. "A lot of our prior financing came from connection fees from new customers, but growth in Las Vegas has slowed dramatically so the bonds have become important."

But Huntley said consumers are and will see higher prices to keep the water flowing.

"The bonds have to be paid off when they mature," Huntley said. "Residents here saw a \$5-a-month increase in their water bills last year. More increases will be coming. There's not much we can do about it."

"American consumers need to be educated that water prices will be going up," said Wallis-Lage at Black & Veatch. "In [comparison] to other bills, like their cellphones or computer, the cost of water is still very small."

"Water prices in Australia have gone up 3 to 4 times from what they were 10 years ago because of the drought," she said. "We have the drought conditions and the repair problems, so prices will go up."

The federal government is taking small steps to help with financing for repairs.

Last month, the Senate passed legislation that would create a Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Authority—designed specifically to address the repair problems. A key part of the measure provides low interest loans to water utilities. The bill still has to pass the House.

"The government can help but it's naive to think it can fix this especially in today's mood for cost-cutting," Wallis-Lage said. "We're going to have to depend more on private funding."

"I think bonds for this type of infrastructure repair would sell quite well," said Bob Baur, chief global economist at Principal Global Investors.

"Bond holders can have a constant source of revenue over the life of the bonds so it would be very attractive to investors," Baur added.

Whether it's through bond sales or higher water prices—or more likely a combination of the two—something needs to be done to fix America's water system sooner rather than later.

"We've done a terrific job literally and figuratively of hiding our water infrastructure," said Wallis-Lage. "We have to bring it out into the open and reinvest in the system if we want the same service,"

"We've known about this problem for some time, so it's not new," Islam said. "But every day we don't fix this, it will cost more and we run the serious risk of having contaminated water."



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TMWA Floating Cover C&I – Reno, NV

Posted on [June 12, 2013](#) by [Ruben Rios-Llamas](#)

COMANCO Environmental has resumed work on the TMWA Floating Cover clean and inspect project in Reno, NV for owner Truckee Meadows Water Authority. The project consists of cleaning and inspecting both the 30 million gallon Hunter Creek Reservoir and the 20 million gallon Highland Reservoir floating reservoirs. Inspection and cleaning of the reservoirs floating covers is necessary for proper operation and is required by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP). Cleaning of the floating covers can be quite strenuous, as birds tend to migrate towards the warm covers and they leave a nice mess for our crews to clean up, but with COMANCO Superintendent Pablo Medina and his experience and strong work ethic the project is in good hands. The project is managed by COMANCO PM Scott Harker and COMANCO PE Ruben Rios-Llamas.



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City of Winnemucca Issues Boil Water Order

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From the City of Winnemucca:

City of Winnemucca water customers in the residential areas above (on the east side) Minor Street and East Winnemucca Blvd., and in the Warmoth Addition must boil their water.

DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.

Bring all water to a boil. Let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using. Customers may also use bottled water. Use boiled or bottled water for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice.

You will be notified by City of Winnemucca when the water is safe to drink.

Again, customers in the residential areas above (on the east side) Minor Street and East Winnemucca Blvd., and in the Warmoth Addition must boil their water.

For more details please see the full text of the Drinking Water Warning posted on the City website at winnemuccacity.org.

From the City of Winnemucca

People on the move

Filed Under Business People on the Move Truckee Meadows Water Authority
Jun. 14, 2013 |

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- Stark & Associates Commercial Real Estate/TCN Worldwide has announced **Brad Elgin** and **Travis Hansen's** successful lease negotiation at 4855 Joule St., unit B-1, in Reno. Elgin and Hansen represented the landlord, Virginiatown LLC, in leasing the 5,000-square-foot industrial flex property.
- KPS3 Marketing has hired **Carrie Bushá** as junior account manager. Bushá will work with the account management team on a variety of projects and assist with project management, research, planning and client relations. She brings an understanding of marketing communications and budget management as well as client interface to the KPS3 account team. Bushá has worked with a diverse range of clients from the health care industry to local governments to hospitality and understands the particular nuances of each industry.
- **Todd Felts**, assistant professor in the University of Nevada, Reno Reynolds School of Journalism and Center for Advanced Media Studies, was selected to be one of 17 participants in the sixth Scripps Howard Academic Leadership Academy, which is sponsored by the Scripps Howard Foundation and the Manship School of Mass Communication at Louisiana State University. The academy, held June 2 through 6, brought together academics and professionals within the mass communications and journalism fields to learn about the challenges and rewards of leading an academic program. The participants represented a diverse combination of institutions of higher education and the professional mass communication sector. During their time in the academy, midcareer academics and professionals met with seasoned administrators to learn about management, discussed the future of media education and considered issues critical to those interested in or new to leadership roles.
- Kerry Sutherland, principal at K. Sutherland PR, a boutique public relations agency, was pleased to welcome **Sarah Hinckley** as the new assistant account manager for the firm's Reno office. In her new role, Hinckley will provide account management support to senior team members to execute all public relations, media relations, content development and social media efforts on behalf of local, national and international travel, health care, product and lifestyle clients.

Hinckley earned a dual degree in speech communication and English, with an emphasis in writing from the University of Nevada. She served as an intern for K. Sutherland PR prior to pursuing a dream of traveling to Southeast Asia. Hinckley previously lived in London for six months and traveled extensively throughout Europe. Through her travels, she has gained experience in cultural communication as well as effective communication and planning. Hinckley is a fourth-generation Reno resident, having graduated from Bishop Manogue Catholic High School. She is deeply rooted in the Reno community and regularly volunteers for the Reno Rodeo, Northern Nevada Military Alliance and Runway for Life. She also is a member of the University of Nevada Young Alumni.
- America Matters Media, a subsidiary of Nevada Matters Inc., recently added **Dennis Romeo** to its on-air and business teams. Romeo, who recently retired as chairman of the Reno and Regional Planning commissions and his employment at Truckee Meadows Water Authority, is a longtime participant in

Washoe County civic affairs. He previously served as a member of Reno's Ward 3 Neighborhood Advisory Board and ran for city council in the 2012 primary election. In his new role, he will be a co-host on Nevada Matters while assisting with the business side of the media company.

Romeo is a veteran and served three tours of duty in Vietnam. He was a disc jockey for the troops on American Forces Radio in 1969 and 1971. He is a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America and recently was named "Nevada's Vietnam Veteran" for the 50-year retrospectives by USA Today, the History Channel and the National Geographic channel. Romeo is active in the charitable work and events of the Reno Mustang Car Club.

- **Tim Ruffin**, SIOR and managing partner for the Reno office of Colliers International, was named 2013 Rotarian of the year. Ruffin was chosen by the eight Rotary presidents in Reno and Sparks. In addition to serving as Reno Central Rotary President, Ruffin was the assistant district governor for three years, the district membership chair for three years and one year as lieutenant governor for Rotary District 5190. Ruffin also is a major donor and a member of the Rotary Foundation's Bequest Society.

- Gordon Silver Ltd. has announced that 21 attorneys received honors as Nevada Legal Elite for 2013. The firm has 15 attorneys featured on "Nevada's Top Attorneys" list and five attorneys on the "Best Up and Coming Attorneys" list.

Northern Nevada's top attorneys: **John Desmond** and **Anjali Webster**; Southern Nevada's top attorneys: **Paola Armeni, Jennifer Craft, Michael Feder, Puneet Garg, Gregory Garman, Elias George, Gerald Gordon, Kenneth Hogan, Kirk Homeyer, Eric Hone, Jeff Silver, Erica Pike Turner** and **Kristin Tyler**; Nevada's best up-and-coming attorneys: **Gabriel Blumberg, Dylan Ciciliano, Elias George, Kirk Homeyer** and **Talitha Gray Kozlowski**.

- ArchCrest Commercial Partners, a new commercial real estate firm in Northern Nevada specializing in the sales and leasing of land and commercial properties, has announced the Reno group of **Kyle Eigenman** and **Garrison Parcels** have joined the firm as senior vice presidents specializing in industrial properties. Eigenman boasts more than 15 years of commercial real estate experience and Parcels with more than 25 years.



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Scott Hall is an active cyclist who supports complete streets in our community.

S to create safer streets

It's considered as bicycle-friendly as a city like...
ation may help bring the city closer to that end.
ill provide funding for streets that motorists, bicy-
n use together when it becomes law.
he Complete Streets legislation, passed through the
on May 28 and through the Senate unanimously
awaiting the governor's signature to become law,
to be an issue, according to Nevada Conservation
yle Davis, whose group lobbied for the bill.
re wasn't anyone opposed to the bill [who spoke
but I think in Sparks and Washoe County these
ular," Davis said. "There are programs that have
have been successful. This is a way to get funding

for a \$2 optional fee to be added to all DMV
through DMV kiosks or online. Davis said that,
for all forms of registration, but because of
the DMV, it was limited to just online and kiosk
this optional fee may take a couple years to be
because of the DMV's IT [information technology]
when the director of DMV certifies that the funding
to Davis.

d from this optional fee will then be used for
he county it is collected in, to improve streets for
imited to improvements for bicyclists alone. Some
bicycle lanes, better sidewalks for pedestrians or

e streets program, in general, is really important to
ns of transportation," Davis said. "It will help to
decrease pollution and make our community more

activist and board member of the Nevada Bicycle
y other cycling groups in Reno, believes this bill
ction. He referenced California Avenue near Reno
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to ride with kids there," Hall said. "Now, there's
It slows down the traffic, and then separates out
w you can ride at whatever speed you want."
omplete streets make it safer for not only bicyclists,

[on converted roads], you can see the pedestrians
don't have a double jeopardy situation, which is
estrian walks out and the other car hits them. With
tion, you can see the pedestrians and the chances
ality goes down quite a bit."

Whether it's raining in June or dry in December, Truckee Meadows Water Authority always values responsible water use. That's why we encourage **Weather-Wise Watering.**



Truckee Meadows Water Authority has workshops and tours to help you understand the Weather-Wise needs of your landscape throughout the seasons.

Please join us for these events:



**Drip System
Maintenance
Made Easy**

Wednesday
June

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5:30 p.m. at TMWA 1355 Capital Blvd. Reno, NV



**Water
Conservation Tour
at Hug Garden**

Saturday
July

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8:00 a.m. at Hug High School 2880 Sutro St. Reno, NV

All workshops are free. Please RSVP to conservation@tmwa.com or 834-8005.

We are here to help. For a schedule of more workshops and tours and other conservation tools, visit

www.tmwa.com



BRIEFS

USDA hires Dayton firm

Integrated Resources of Dayton won a \$28,000 contract from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rocky Mountain Research Station at Fort Collins, Colo.

Also wins contract

Also Inc. of Reno won a \$4,220 contract from the Department of Defense for linen rental and cleaning services for base commissaries.

ARAMARK contract

ARAMARK Parks and Destinations, a concessioner of national and state parks, has been awarded the contract to operate recreational services at Spooner Summit in Lake Tahoe. It will manage bike rentals, cabin rentals, a food and beverage station and a small amenities outlet at the resort.

School project continues

Clark & Sullivan Construction of Sparks has begun the second phase of the revitalization project at Greenbrae Elementary School in Sparks.

The project will include entryway addition and revitalization, new IT infrastructure and updated finishes at the school.

The \$2 million project is scheduled to be completed in August.

Commissary opens at Bridgeport

A 12,166-square-foot commissary will open June 26 at the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center at

Operated by the Defense Commissary Agency, the store is expected to draw business from military, retired military, Guard and Reserve members and their families from as far as Carson City and Gardnerville.

The commissary is managed by Wendy Matuszak, who also serves as store director for the commissary at Naval Air Station Fallon.

The store was built by KBR Federal Services LLC of San Antonio.

SNC completes project

The Sierra Nevada Corp. facility in Sparks has completed the final delivery of more than 3,000 "Baldr" units, which helps protect soldiers against radio-controlled improvised explosive devices.

The product was designed, developed and manufactured by SNC's electronic warfare and range instrumentation business. John Myers, production manager with the company, was recognized by the Army as the top individual contributor to the project.

Housing project profitable

Humboldt Village L.P., a partnership that owns a 66-unit apartment complex for low- and moderate-income renters in Winnemucca, posted a profit of \$8,782 in 2012, according to an audit filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The vacancy rate in the project averaged 3.5 percent for the year.

Dollar General open in Dayton

Dollar General opened its General Market location at 115 E. Ambrose Lane in Dayton last week. The company headquartered in Goodlettsville, Tenn., says the Dayton store will employ about 40.

Big Lots opens

Closeout retailer Big Lots opened a store at 200 Lemmon Drive in the North Valleys Shopping Center last week.

TMWA project a 'success story'

Truckee Meadows Water Authority's Glendale Water Supply Improvement Project has been recognized as a "success story" among national drinking water infrastructure projects by the American Society of Civil Engineers.

The project to improve intake into the west-Reno facility was completed in 2011.

Stantec Engineering was lead design consultant, Black Eagle Consulting Inc. was geotechnical consultant and Q&D Construction was general contractor.

The project team has been invited to present this month at International Conference on Engineering & Ecohydrology for Fish Passage at Oregon State University.

Lithium Corp. buys claim

Reno-based Lithium Corp. acquired a 49-acre claim in the Cherryville area of British Columbia. It said it will pay 250,000 shares of its stock, which were trading at 4 cents a share, to Herb Hyder of Skidegate, British Columbia, for the claim. Lithium Corp. said it has staked claims on an additional 3,355 acres around the Hyder property.

Rib Cook-Off listed

The Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-Off has been named one of the top "10 Summer Festivals Worth the Pit Stop" by Salon.com.

Peppermill, Siena recognition

The Peppermill Resort Spa Casino, the Peppermill's Spa Toscana and the Siena Hotel Spa Casino earned the Certificate of Excellence from TripAdvisor as

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Carolyn Chimitis is right that we need to do our part to keep Nevada green, etc., to conserve water [“Conservation needed this hot, dry summer,” Letters, June 10].

She even mentioned our stellar efforts in the 1980s, which should be lauded.

But let me just add a little cynicism to the mix. We all did our part. We put bricks in the toilet tanks, shared or spread our dirty bathwater, etc. We were told that if we didn't do our part, Washoe County and its people would collapse.

Something amazing happened. The water supply continued to decrease or increase depending upon the yearly snowpack. We've had devastating floods and drought.

All the while, the cities and county kept issuing building permits. The 1980 population of Washoe County was 193,623. Washoe County's population is now 429,908 (US Census Bureau 2012 estimate). If the water wasn't sustainable in the 1980s, what makes it sustainable with over twice as many people?

I personally am going to advocate that every adult not living in this state since the 1980s leave. Then I'll put back the brick in my toilet tank to assure plentiful water for those remaining adults and their offspring.

Karen Pearl, Reno

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At Mike Carrigan's request, I called the customer and tried to discuss with her the difference between now and the 80's (aside from Big Hair, Leg Warmers, Members Only jackets and John Hughes films...) as it pertains to water. She thanked me for the call.

Bottom line is this person is against growth, is mad that there are more people in the valley than in the 80's, and I didn't convince her of anything other than we read Letters to the Editor.

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Below is the letter that Chairman Carrigan referred to this morning, and the letter (6/10) that this person was responding to.

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This was posted on June 4th, regarding the Ask Joe question on 580 interchange and watering. KRVN's website was not being cooperative, so it is pasted below. I see that the variance wasn't mentioned. But, I don't think this was even aired, but just posted to the web:

Question:

Richard Nitri says he was driving along I-580 in Reno next to the new Meadowood Interchange and he noticed the sprinklers were on during the middle of the day, watering what appeared to be rocks . His question is why are they watering during the middle of the day and what are they watering ?

Answer:

I checked with Scott Magruder over at NDOT about this. Magruder says they are working to get this issue corrected.

We went out there this afternoon at 2:00 and yes, the sprinklers were on. The sprinklers are used to water some of the landscaping that has been planted along the freeway.

Magruder says the contractor, Meadow Valley Construction, received a notice from TMWA that the contractor was in violation for watering during the middle of the day and NDOT has notified the contractor to adjust the timing on the watering. That's what they are working on now.

According to TMWA no sprinklers should be running between noon and 6 p.m. during the summer months.

But again, the contractor is working on getting things adjusted so they're not wasting water. That is the focus now as they work to put the finishing touches on the new freeway interchange.

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New Tahoe rules to boost clarity limit discharges

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The Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — State and federal environmental regulators at Lake Tahoe are moving ahead with another new round of rules and strategies to protect the clarity of the mountain lake's famed azure waters.

California water quality officials approved plans last week to reduce the amount of fine sediments discharged into the lake.

The Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board accepted the plans prepared by the city of South Lake Tahoe and El Dorado and Placer counties on the California side of the lake.

The goal is to reduce sediments discharged into the lake from urban runoff by 30 percent over 15 years by making improvements of approximately 10 percent every five years, The Reno Gazette-Journal reported (<http://tinyurl.com/mz4lj57>).

"These pollutant load reduction plans represent an important step on the road to restoring Lake Tahoe's clarity," said Peter Pumphrey, chairman of the water board.

Tahoe's waters were so clear in 1968 that one could see to depths of more than 100 feet. Runoff and algae associated with human development have reduced the average clarity in recent years to about 75 feet.

The new plans include evaluating the effectiveness of water quality improvements constructed in the communities over the last five years, implementation of new projects and enhancing operations and maintenance of roadways.

Similar sediment control programs are being implemented by communities on the Nevada side of the lake, including Incline Village and Stateline.

Also last week, new ordinances affecting land coverage and associated pollution at Tahoe took effect following the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's update of a broad-based water quality plan for the lake. That overall strategy also is designed in part to prevent discharge of fine sediments into Tahoe's waters as well as introduction of nutrients that can fuel algae growth.

The ordinances provide a regulatory framework for issues associated with pavement or other impervious surfaces on land within Tahoe's watershed that contributes to sediment-laden runoff. Changes will help guide redevelopment of aging urban areas most responsible for pollution of the lake and are in line with a new regional plan approved for the Tahoe Basin last November, according to Joanne Marchetta, executive director of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency.

"The new rules are both better for the environment and will help our struggling communities reinvent themselves," Marchetta said. "The basis of the regional plan is protecting the centerpiece of our ecosystem while revitalizing our communities."

Agency earns thanks for trout program

Written by David K. Rice

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In a Reno Gazette-Journal article regarding the restoration of the Lahontan cutthroat trout in Pyramid Lake, writer Jeff DeLong wrote, "In 1974, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe established a new cutthroat trout fishery." ["Native trout coming back," Feb. 24]. Nothing could be further from the truth.

By the early 1940s, the Pyramid Lake strain of cutthroat trout were gone from the Truckee River and the lake. This fact hit one individual especially hard: Tom Trelease, former chief of fisheries for Nevada Department of Wildlife, then known as the Nevada Fish and Game Commission. DeLong's article hit the 94-year-old biologist just about as hard, because Trelease made it his lifelong work to see that cutthroat trout were re-established into Pyramid. There was no mention of the 35 years of state wildlife agency work and millions of sportsmen's dollars that led to the restoration of cutthroat trout into Pyramid Lake.

As a young biologist with the Fish and Game Commission, Trelease became convinced that the Lahontan cutthroat trout could be restored to the lake. A formal agreement with the tribe was signed in 1948, and large Walker Lake strain cutthroat spawners were obtained. Offspring were raised and released into Pyramid as part of the restoration efforts.

Many accomplishments had a profound effect on the restoration of the Pyramid fishery. The agency we now know as the Nevada Department of Wildlife was deeply involved in all of them.

One significant accomplishment leading to the fishing we enjoy today at Pyramid Lake included the total dedication of the state's Verdi Hatchery to producing cutthroat trout for Pyramid and Walker lakes in 1960. Sportsmen then paid for a total reconstruction of the hatchery in 1963, thus increasing the number of cutthroat that could be produced. Angler fishing days at Pyramid grew from none recorded in 1954 to 141,614 in 1970.

When the Washoe Project of the early 1950s threatened to do further harm to Pyramid Lake and its fishery, NDOW launched an all-out campaign to ensure the project would provide approximately \$1.8 million for "the development of fish and wildlife resources," which included a fishway at Pyramid, along with an increased flow of water. The agency also pushed for construction of a new hatchery to raise fish just for Pyramid.



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People you should get to know: Bill Summy

BACKGROUND

In 1980, I was at one of Reno Rodeo's performances and they needed some help, so I volunteered to work a couple of hours. It turned out to be six hours a day for a week. In 1982, I was asked to become a wrangler. Since then, I have worked my way up through the Reno Rodeo Association, where I have been the secretary for 10 years.

WHY DO I DO WHAT I DO

The reason I belong to an organization like Reno Rodeo is because I love rodeo. It is an excitement you can't really explain until you have been around it. The animals, the cowboys, the cowgirls and cheers of the fans just raise the hair on my neck. Also, I enjoy the feeling you get when you know you're a member of an organization that gives so much back to the community.

WHAT BROUGHT ME TO RENO OR WHY I STAY IN RENO

Work is what brought me to Reno in 1972. I found work at the Mapes Hotel Casino as a keno supervisor. From there, I went to Sierra Pacific Power Co. and retired after 24 years, and then I retired again from Truckee Meadows Water Authority after 10 years. Now, my passion is the rodeo.

WHAT I DO TO LEAVE WORK AT THE OFFICE

Reno Rodeo is my office now, and it is hard not to take work home with me. I work the carnival, admissions, chuck wagon, drill team competition, the golf committee and keep notes as the secretary.

HOW I GIVE BACK TO MY COMMUNITY

The way I give back to the community is by volunteering hundreds of hours each year to help make Reno Rodeo the wildest, richest rodeo in the west. I also volunteer my time helping out the junior rodeos and high school rodeos around the Reno-Sparks area. When not involved with rodeo, I am volunteering my time with Hot August Nights, riding my big dog chopper in Street Vibrations, the balloon races and the air races. Retirement is good.

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It's always to do my best, keep a smile on my face and don't ask someone to do something that you're not willing to do yourself.

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

In 1986, I was awarded Wrangler of the Year. In 1990, I earned my Award of Merit Buckle. In 1998, I was president of the Senior Pro Rodeo volunteers here in Reno. In 2006, I was awarded my Silver Spurs, and in 2009, I earned my PRCA Committee Gold Card. In 2004, the Reno Police Department presented me with a certificate for providing information leading to the arrest of an armed bank robber. I have my best friend and better half, Lynneil, to share my life with and her four young adults and their families.

IF I COULD DO SOMETHING ELSE, I WOULD ...

My dream was to be a rodeo announcer someday, so I announce as many barrel races as I can.

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AltaRock Energy co-founder Aaron Mandell spoke at the National Geothermal Summit.



Geothermal Summit

AltaRock Energy hosted the National Geothermal Summit

The National Geothermal Energy Council and the University of California, Berkeley Energy Collaborative at the Grand Sierra Center in Reno on Wednesday and Thursday. The summit brought together industry professionals and leaders, policy makers, and scientists to speak and discuss, via panels and presentations, the future of geothermal energy in the U.S. Other topics included new technologies for power purchase agreements, the challenges of geothermal energy, and the future of geothermal energy. One of the most controversial topics of the summit was Enhanced Geothermal Systems (EGS). However, it was not a controversial topic because they were speaking about current EGS projects, not the controversial EGS projects that the speakers were senior Calpine Corp. vice president, AltaRock Energy co-founder Aaron Mandell, Energy Northwest CEO Joe Moore and state geologist Jim Faulds. Mandell said that is essentially the same as the hydraulic fracturing of the gas and oil industry to increase the permeability of the rock in order to extract geothermal energy. Normally, geothermal energy is extracted unless the naturally occurring heat, which is the power source, but EGS essentially create the permeability by injecting the water via high pressure injections to fracture the rock, allowing for steam to rise up

as part within a report from MIT in 2006 is what Mandell believes that the information behind it is

“28,000 times more potential EGS energy than we have just a massive number,” Mandell said. “So much potential resource, and we can’t get to it unless we have the technologies like EGS.”

During the presentations about EGS and the future of geothermal energy seemed to be that EGS is the future and the funding for the development, testing and implementation of EGS as AltaRock Energy’s Newberry project in

Dr. Susan Solomon from the University of Rochester, spoke about the geothermal industry needs to do in the future. Her research is the knowledge and skills of students throughout the geothermal industry as a whole. As an independent intern or employee could map out areas that do not have surface expressions, like geysers and hot springs.

“It’s really cheap for companies,” Sabbath said. “We’re using students as interns and to do research ... We’re doing this to be finding their blind systems.

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The Reno Host Lions Club thanks Bob Grubic, Bank of America, Les Smith and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation for their generous donations to help put on the third Annual Kids' Free Fishing Day at Idlewild Park in Reno. Donors covered the cost of poles, reels and bait that are distributed on the event day to children who want to fish but don't have the equipment.

Thanks also to the Nevada Department of Wildlife, which stocked Idlewild with fish and provided employee volunteers to assist kids with baiting the hooks and teaching proper fishing technique.

Finally, thanks to the City of Reno Department of Parks and Recreation for providing the venue for Kids' Free Fishing Day and Cabela's for their generous donation of poles and reels.

-- Larry Winkler, Vice President, Reno Host Lions Club

Nevada's safest contractors honored

The Nevada Chapter of the Associated General Contractors recognized its most conscientious companies of the past year at its annual Golden Hard Hat Awards luncheon on Friday at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks.

More than 20 companies were recognized for AGC of America awards based on lost time from accidents versus the amount of hours worked in the past year.

Keynote speaker was former NFL standout Karl Mecklenburg, who rose from college walk-on and 12th round draft choice to a professional career that included three Super Bowl and six Pro Bowl appearances. Mecklenburg is also the founder of the REACH Foundation (Rewarding Experiences for All Children).

The Nevada Chapter AGC was formed in 1939 by a group of Nevadans to replace the dangerous gravel roads in northern Nevada with modern asphalt. Now the chapter strives to support the image and awareness of the construction industry and the community quality of life with "Skill, Integrity and Responsibility." The Nevada Chapter trains thousand northern Nevada construction professional in safety, technique and business practices each year.

Hundreds pitched in to clean up Truckee Meadows

Thanks so much to these winners and Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful partners in KTMB's Great Community Cleanup: Allied Nevada Gold, AT&T, Bureau of Land Management, City of Reno, City of Sparks, International Gaming Technology, NV Energy, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Truckee River Fund, United States Forest Service, Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space, Washoe County Health District, Washoe County Sheriffs Office, Wells Fargo, Whole Foods, Boys & Girls Club of the Truckee Meadows, Bridgestone-Firestone, Castaway Trash Hauling, Friends of the Nevada Wilderness, Hobeys' Restaurant & Casino, Lifestyle Homes, Nature's Bakery, Nevada Department of Agriculture, Nevada

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Work Completed on TMWA Floating Covers C&I – Reno, NV

Posted on **July 12, 2013** by **Ruben Rios-Llamas**

COMANCO Environmental has completed work on the TMWA Floating Cover clean and inspect project in Reno, NV for owner Truckee Meadows Water Authority. The project consisted of cleaning and inspecting both the 30 million gallon Hunter Creek Reservoir and the 20 million gallon Highland Reservoir floating covers. Inspection and cleaning of the reservoir floating covers is necessary for proper operation and is required by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP). Pablo Medina and his crew did a tremendous job on cleaning, inspecting and repairing both the floating covers. The work on floating covers was not an easy task for the crew as they had to deal with cold chilly weather in the winter, hot-dry summer temperatures that reached well over 100 degree, and the wildlife that kept leaving a nice hot mess on the covers for Pablo and his crew to clean up. Overall they did a great job and the customer recognized their hard work and their commitment to excellence. The project team should be applauded for their effort in completing this job on time for the customer and with Zero accidents or incidents. Great Job Team!



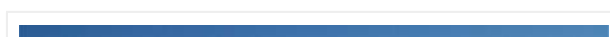
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The Hug High School Garden demonstrates a water-efficient bioregional garden, Sierra Nevada mountain plants, native plants from the Great Basin, and a vegetable garden that produces food items for the school's culinary program. This two-hour tour will walk participants through the transformation of the Hug High School Garden, that originally featured a hilly turf which resulted in an inefficient use of water.

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Space is limited for this free tour and RSVP's are required. To reserve your spot for this event please email conservation@tmwa.com or call 834-8005. Participants will meet at the Hug High School Garden at 2880 Sutro St.

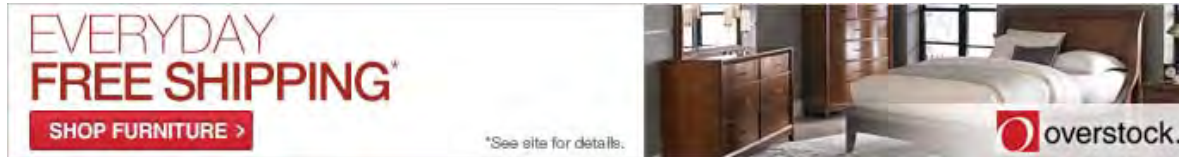
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The Hug High garden demonstrates a water-efficient bioregional garden, Sierra Nevada mountain plants, native plants from the Great Basin and a vegetable garden that produces food items for the school's culinary program. This two-hour tour will walk participants through the transformation of the Hug garden, which originally featured a hilly turf that resulted in an inefficient use of water.

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Road work slows commute

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Road work seems to be everywhere. If you've been out and about this week, you already know that it's taking a little longer than usual to get around. Here are some of the projects that could slow you down:

- **Southeast Connector:** Southbound Sparks Boulevard is closed from Greg Street north to the Interstate 80 eastbound off-ramp so that crews can beef up the concrete strength before more traffic is allowed. Left turns from eastbound Greg Street to northbound Sparks Boulevard are prohibited. Motorists are encouraged to use Vista Boulevard or McCarran Boulevard.
- **Lakeside Drive:** RTC project is removing concrete and replacing utilities from Brinkby to Mt. Rose. Lane restrictions are in place.
- **Liberty and Ryland streets:** RTC work is occurring in two phases with lane restrictions. One paved lane in each direction will be maintained on Liberty. The westbound lanes on Liberty from Center to Holcomb and Ryland from Kirman to Mill streets are being worked on now; this first phase is expected to be done by mid-month. Later in July, construction will switch to eastbound lanes.
- **Plumb Lane:** Widening project for TMWA and NV Energy main replacements closes lanes between South McCarran and Ferris Lane. Scheduled to be finished at the end of the month.



Grants available for water pollution projects

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CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) - The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection has more than \$1 million available in federal grant money for water pollution control projects.

Funding can be used for projects that prevent or control nonpoint source water pollution.

Nonpoint source pollution occurs when rain, snowmelt and irrigation water flows over developed or disturbed land, carrying contaminants that make their way into Nevada waterways either directly or through storm drains.

Officials say nonpoint source pollution remains 1 of the biggest threats to Nevada waters.

State, local and tribal governments, as well as nonprofit organizations and educational institutions are eligible to apply.

A match of either cash or in-kind contributions totaling at least 50% of the total project cost is required.

Proposals will be accepted beginning Friday through Sept. 6.

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Public Art Campaign Combats River Pollution

RENO, NV - One storm drain fish has already surfaced along the Truckee River walkway in downtown Reno, and another is being unveiled.



On July 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., a second

storm-drain painting will be unveiled at Winter Street and Riverside Drive.

The storm drain fish is one of many characters that are a part of a campaign to draw awareness of the dangers of pollutants in our water ways.

The paintings in the campaign equate storm drains as the mouth of the Truckee River.

The idea of the campaign is to demonstrate if humans wouldn't put radiator fluid, oil or glass in our mouth, then it shouldn't be put in the mouth of the Truckee River.

Because storm drains collect all runoff from rain water to irrigation overflow which empty into the Truckee River, pollutants such as

lawn chemicals, pet waste, petroleum and other dangerous pollutants threaten the ecosystem and Reno's primary source of drinking water, according to the campaign.

The campaign was put together by the City of Reno partnering with the City of Sparks, Washoe County, the Western Regional Water Commission and the Reno Arts and Culture Commission.

Find this article at:

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Ask Joe: Why is Contractor Still Watering During Daytime Hours ?



Reported by: Joe Hart

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Question:

From the Ask Joe File more questions about watering near the new Meadowood Mall Interchange.

Christine R. wrote in saying "On June 4th you discussed daytime watering along I-580. Just wanted to let you know on July 15th, which was Monday, at 3:15 in the afternoon the sprinklers were going full force near the new Meadowood Interchange. Is that allowed ?"

Answer:

First of all, thanks Christine for paying such close attention !

The area we're talking about includes the on and off ramps to the new I-580 Interchange in Reno. As we reported last time, the contractor was warned not to water during the middle of the day.

After my last story aired on June 4th, the contractor, Meadow Valley Construction, went to TMWA and received an exemption, so they are now allowed to water anytime during the day because they have new plants and grass. I confirmed this with Andy Gephart over at TMWA as well.

So if you see the sprinklers on during the heat of the day near the freeway, It is okay. That exemption is good until early August.

Another issue that is cropping up is the weeds. Scott Magruder over at NDOT says they have talked to the contractor about that and the issue is being addressed to cut down on the weeds along the new freeway interchange, so that water isn't wasted on irrigating unwanted weeds.

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The size of two tiny snails is demonstrated on this fingertip. The physa snail, left is a good snail and is found on the Truckee River. The New Zealand mud snail, right, is not native to the river and can cause problems. Marilyn Newton/RGJ / RGJ



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Snail

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Water shortage believed cause of abandoned pot

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OROVILLE, Calif. (AP) - Authorities in Northern California suspect that water shortages may have caused marijuana growers to abandon their illegal crops.

Butte County Sheriff's Sgt. Marty Rolph said Wednesday that deputies found that the plants had not been watered for several days when they raided two gardens in the Plumas National Forest.

No suspects were arrested in Tuesday's raids. Rolph said deputies found nearly 12,000 plants, fertilizer, camping equipment and a shrine dedicated to La Santa Muerte.

Rolph said deputies in recent years have found such shrines in marijuana grows believed to be operated by Mexicans. La Santa Muerte is not a legitimate Catholic saint and is commonly worshiped by drug traffickers seeking protection from law enforcement.

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The Carson River has slowed to a trickle on July 17 in the Weeks area. Across Northern Nevada, two winters of drought are combining with sizzling hot temperatures and irrigation demand to lower water levels of many reservoirs and lakes, impacting water quality, hurting fish and limiting boating and other valuable recreational opportunities. / Dave Sanford/Mason Valley News



Written by Jeff DeLong

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The boat ramps are dry at Lahontan and Rye Patch reservoirs. At Wild Horse Reservoir in Elko County, the catch limit on trout was lifted — a move officials hope will largely clear the place of the fish before they die. Trout are already dying at Humboldt County's Knott Creek Reservoir.

Across Northern Nevada, two winters of drought are combining with sizzling hot temperatures and irrigation demand to lower water levels of many reservoirs and lakes, impacting water quality, hurting fish and limiting boating and other valuable recreational opportunities.

"The first word that comes to mind is shocking," Chris Drake, an Elko-based fisheries biologist with the Nevada Department of Wildlife, said of the situation.

Recent Truckee River system water levels

Lake Tahoe: 48 percent of capacity.
Prosser Reservoir: 38 percent of capacity.

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Stampede Reservoir: 59 percent of capacity.
Boca Reservoir: 76 percent of capacity.
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"In 2011, we filled and spilled everywhere," Drake said. "In two years, we're now in dire conditions."



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Lake Tahoe, western Nevada's largest reservoir and the primary source of drinking water for Reno-Sparks, is in decent shape, aided to a significant degree by rains in May and June that eased the impacts of evaporation. There's plenty of water to serve

downstream users and the boat ramp at popular Sand Harbor is expected to remain in business through at least Labor Day.

But one doesn't have to look far away to find places experiencing significant drought-related problems, including another of the region's most popular boating destinations: Lahontan.

There, boat ramps were shut down in late June. People trying to launch from the shore are getting stuck on a daily basis. Those that do launch face hazards not normally seen until sometime in September — sandbars, stumps and rocks.

Lahontan recently had about 68,000 acre-feet of water compared to the 110,000 normal this time of year, according to Anthony Beaugard, park supervisor. Water levels are so low that even a normal winter in 2013-14 will likely mean low levels come next summer, Beaugard said.

"This is pretty remarkable. It's probably been a decade since it's been this bad," Beaugard said.

With low water levels, hot temperatures and surging algae growth expected to lower oxygen to dangerous levels this summer, the Department of Wildlife removed the limit on trout at Wild Horse Reservoir in late June. Conditions are similar to 2007, when an estimated 20,000 fish, mostly trout, expired in a massive die-off that August.

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Column: Your watercraft may be inspected; it's a small delay for a good cause

By Ron Penrose

As you may know, aquatic invasive species (AIS) are fouling water bodies across the country and have the potential to pose major biological and infrastructure damage. Nevada has not been immune to this problem as Lake Mead has become infested with Quagga mussels which have seriously damaged the lake's ecology. This problem has also increased the cost of municipal water supply and treatment for the Southern Nevada Water Authority. In Northern Nevada, these mussels have also been detected in juvenile form in nearby Lahontan Reservoir.

The Truckee River system, along with other waterways and lakes in Northern Nevada, is blessed with very high quality water. However, the Truckee River system has indeed been impacted by invasive species as seen by the recent establishment of Eurasian watermilfoil in Lake Tahoe at the Tahoe Keys; Asian clams at Emerald Bay and Donner Lake; and most recently, the detection of New Zealand mudsnails in many local reaches of the Truckee River. All of these species are fast-multiplying invaders that threaten to overwhelm the ecosystems in our waterways.

Here in the Truckee Meadows, protecting the quality of the region's drinking water source is clearly the top priority of Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA). As such, TMWA has been vigorously engaged in the battle to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species and has supported the development and implementation of the watercraft inspection and decontamination program currently in effect for Lake Tahoe.

TMWA also supports a similar program soon to be implemented at other reservoirs within the Truckee River watershed. Funding from The Truckee River Fund is being used to accomplish this effort. Established by TMWA in 2005, the fund supports projects and programs that protect and enhance water quality of the Truckee River and its watershed.

Some might find the watercraft inspections to be inconvenient. However, to the TMWA staff who are dedicated to delivering great quality drinking water, this small delay helps protect our waterways which is vitally important to not only our drinking water supply, but to everyone's recreational enjoyment and our tourism based economy.

Remember, when you encounter a watercraft inspection, what you really are seeing is water quality preservation in action — designed to prevent a "Lake Mead" type infestation in the Lake Tahoe and Truckee River system. Please support these efforts.

For more information about various inspections: visit: www.tahoebotinspections.com, www.truckeeboatinspections.com or www.ndow.org.

Ron Penrose is a project manager for the Truckee Meadows Water Authority.



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UNR team shows trends at Lake Tahoe ahead of summit

Research indicates changes at Lake Tahoe

*By Jeff DeLong
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Scientists continue to remove invading warm-water fish from Lake Tahoe, while new research indicates some of the tiniest bugs that live on Tahoe's bottom are disappearing at an alarming rate.

Those were among the research efforts conducted by experts at University of Nevada, Reno that were demonstrated at the lake Monday and two weeks before the Lake Tahoe Summit, an annual event celebrating decades of work to protect the landmark alpine lake.

The 17th summit will feature an appearance by former Vice President Al Gore, who joined President Bill Clinton at the first summit in 1997.

More than \$1.55 billion has been raised to protect the lake since then, a significant portion funding scientific studies into the cause of ecological problems, including loss of the lake's famed clarity, degradation of air quality and ailing forests that fuel destructive wildfires.

All were touched to some degree at Monday's UNR demonstration at South Lake Tahoe, which included a look at a boat being used to shock and remove invading warm-water fish such as largemouth bass and bluegill from the waters of Tahoe Keys Marina.

Over the past two years, 34,000 warm-water fish have been shocked and pulled from the lake through a pilot program now entering its third year, UNR researcher Christine Ryan said. What remains to be seen is whether physical removal of the fish, despite those numbers, can really prove effective in preventing their spread throughout the lake.

"We're trying to see if it is effective," Ryan said. "We're trying to see if there is an effect on the density of the population."

Likely introduced as long as three decades ago by anglers seeking a new fish to catch, populations of largemouth bass and bluegill — as well as some other species of warm-water fish such as catfish and goldfish — are spreading. They thrive in the Tahoe Keys, where water is warm and shallow and where another invasive species, the water weed Eurasian watermilfoil, provides perfect cover.

Predation by warm-water fish is believed to be connected to a dramatic decline in Lake Tahoe's native minnows documented by UNR scientists. The population of one minnow alone, redbreast shiners, dropped between 24 and 100 percent in many locations surveyed.

Newer research discussed Monday indicates invertebrates that inhabit the muck at the bottom of the lake are also disappearing at a fairly dramatic rate. These bugs — creatures like the tiny blind amphipod, an eyeless shrimp — appear to be disappearing at rates of between 80 and 100 percent depending on depth and location.

"We've found there have been huge declines," said researcher Annie Caires. "It's basically a loss of

some species.”

Why it’s happening is unknown, but one possibility is that the lake’s declining clarity is damaging plant beds needed by bottom-dwelling bugs by blocking nourishing sunlight.

Spreading warm-water fish, disappearing minnows and diminishing populations of lake bottom invertebrates all combine to point to potentially worrying changes in the lake’s environment, Ryan said.

“It’s more of an indication that there’s a change in the lake,” Ryan said. “These are all indications the lake’s ecosystem is changing.”

Additional Facts

Other Tahoe research

- UNR’s Seismological Laboratory has installed two mountaintop monitoring stations near the lake that include 360-degree high-definition cameras to scan for wildland fires. More stations will be installed, with the system useful in preparing the laboratory’s seismic network should a major earthquake hit the area in the future, said Graham Kent, the lab’s director.
 - Alan Gertler, vice president for research at the Desert Research Institute, outlined problems posed by rising ozone levels within the Tahoe Basin. It’s likely ozone levels will soon exceed federal standards and if standards are lowered as expected, they certainly will, Gertler said. That could lead to steps to reduce air emissions.
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TAHOE FUND SUPPORTS NEW FEDERAL LAKE TAHOE RESTORATION ACT

Bill introduced by Feinstein will provide necessary support for Environmental Improvements

INCLINE VILLAGE, Nev. and TAHOE CITY, Calif. – Aug 1, 2013 – The [Tahoe Fund](#) today announced its support for the new Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (LTRA) introduced to the Senate by Senator Dianne Feinstein with the support of Senator Majority Leader Harry Reid, and Senators Dean Heller and Barbara Boxer. LTRA calls for \$415 million dollars over a ten -year period to support critical environmental improvements around the Basin.

"LTRA 2013 recognizes the important work that must be done to continue to protect this incredible national treasure," said Tahoe Fund CEO Amy Berry. "The private community will be inspired to support these efforts that ensure the long-term sustainability of Lake Tahoe"

The Tahoe Fund is the first and only nonprofit in the Tahoe Basin dedicated to raising private support and dollars to support environmental improvements. Started in 2010, the Fund collaborates with the public agencies in the Basin to develop strong public-private partnerships that will help to restore the Lake's famed clarity, improve outdoor recreation and build a stronger sense of environmental stewardship in the Basin.



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About the Tahoe Fund

The mission of Tahoe Fund is to restore and enhance the extraordinary natural environment of the Lake Tahoe Basin by building broad support and funding for projects and programs that increase the enjoyment of the region for current and future generations. The Fund focuses grants on the core areas of conservation, recreation and education/stewardship.

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Every year the American Society of Civil Engineers distributes a report card ranking America's infrastructure conditions. As part of this effort, the ASCE includes a list of success stories from each state. For Nevada, Truckee Meadows Water Authority's Glendale Water Supply Improvement Project has been recognized as a "success story" among national drinking water infrastructure projects.

"We are very proud that ASCE has recognized this project as a project that deserves recognition for its proactive and innovative engineering," said Ron Penrose, project manager for TMWA. "The project represents years of hard work by community stakeholders, TMWA staff and local engineering consultants and contractors in order to achieve the goals of both improved reliability and fish and boat passage in the Truckee River."



The Glendale Water Supply Improvement Project substantially upgraded the water-intake diversion structure from the Truckee River to the Glendale Water Treatment Plant. The old diversion needed repair and did not provide for the full capture of water from the Truckee River—a major concern during drought years. The Truckee River is the main drinking water source for the 330,000 residents of the Reno/Sparks area, supplying 85 percent of water to the area.

Completed in 2011, the redesigned diversion enables the Glendale Water Treatment Plant to run at full capacity and significantly improves fish and boat passage in the river. Funding for the project was provided by the State of Nevada through the Drinking Water State Revolving

Loan program.

Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) is a not-for-profit water utility, overseen by elected officials from Reno, Sparks and Washoe County. TMWA employs a highly skilled team who ensure the treatment, delivery and availability of high-quality drinking water around the clock for more than 330,000 residents of the Truckee Meadows.

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Glendale Water Supply Improvement Project honored

TMWA NEWS RELEASE Every year the American Society of Civil Engineers distributes a report card ranking America's infrastructure conditions. As part of this effort, the ASCE includes a list of success stories from each state. For Nevada, Truckee Meadows Water Authority's Glendale Water Supply Improvement Project has been recognized as a "success story" among national drinking water infrastructure projects. "We are very proud that ASCE has recognized this project as a project that deserves recognition for its proactive and innovative [...]"

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Construction Crews Fix Area Sewage Pipes

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Crews are currently rehabbing 45,000 feet of sewage pipe across the city. Much of that work is being done right where the new SouthEast connector will be.

The construction team is using an innovating technology to get the job done in just a matter of days.

"Basically what this process does is it allows us to rehabilitate the sewer without having to dig it up, which is a huge cost savings. And saves time, saves our rate payers a lot of money," says Mike Tram.

Crews are installing cured-in-place-pipe. Basically what that means is the damaged pipes are being repaired by hardened resin.

It's about a third of the cost and one fourth of the time needed to replace the pipes.


Crews are using this same process on sewage pipes at 18 different areas in town as well. This is going to save \$16 million city-wide.

Project managers say the city has been pro-active since 2003 working to replace pipes before they become a problem.

"The cost to go out there and do emergency repairs is pretty astronomical right now. And this is a real good prevention measure to take care of a lot of sewers and repair them very quickly," says Tram.

City-wide, the sewage project will be completed by August.

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