

OUR WATER YEAR IN REVIEW:

The benefits of a flexible water system and smart water management

Water in Lake Tahoe and Boca Reservoir is used to maintain flows in the Truckee River and is the primary source of supply for TMWA customers. TMWA also owns the storage capacity in Donner and Independence Lakes.

TMWA OWNED RESERVOIR CAPACITY:

Donner Independence 17,500 acre ft.

9,500 acre ft.

The Truckee River Operating Agreement (TROA), implemented in late 2015, is a game-changer for our region's water supply. With TROA, we can more than double our upstream drought storage over time. TMWA relies on storage from Donner and Independence Lakes during droughts, but under TROA, we can also credit store water in the reservoirs shown below to help meet customer demand when river flows can't be maintained.

Lake Tahoe Prosser Stampede Boca

For example, in 2015, 15% of the total water delivered to TMWA's customers came from drought storage in these reservoirs. TMWA also follows sustainable groundwater management practices to augment the region's surface water supplies.

PASSIVE RECHARGE

(Wells are off and rested)

ACTIVE RECHARGE

Treated surface water pumped into aquifer)

Aquifer storage and recovery operations help sustain groundwater levels and reduce dependencies on surface water.

TMWA's conjunctive-use strategy optimizes the use of surface and groundwater, resulting in 4,500 acre ft. (1,466,239,500 gallons) less water pumped from aquifers so far this year.

FROM 2015's DROUGHT TESTER TO 2017's DROUGHT BUSTER:

Records broken in 2017

Lake Tahoe

Rises 6.3 ft.

- Fills for the first time in 10 years
- Largest rise in recorded history
- Mt. Rose Snowpack
- **★ 243% of normal**
- ◆ 156" snow depth, 81.1" water content
- The most snow ever measured, dating back to 1910!



More Smart Facts Beyond the Snowpack Since 2001, TMWA has invested \$550,000,000 in capital projects, increasing our infrastructure's efficiency and reliability. Here are some notable investments: Fish Springs Integration ONLINE JULY 2016 Mt. Rose Treatment Plant SCHEDULED 2018-2019 Zolezzi Pump Station ONLINE JULY 2016 Stead Main Line from 1940s 100% REPLACED 2016 Peavine Tank Replacement SCHEDULED 2017-2018 **Water Main Replacements** 4th Street, South Virginia and Prater Way Corridors SCHEDULED 2017-2018 Did you know? 1,000 TESTS This summer, TMWA produced enough Water delivered to your home and

Routine maintenance is key to ensuring service to existing and new customers across our 157 square-mile surface area.



the entire year.





Facts on Water and Growth

New development projects are approved and permitted by local government agencies and serviced by TMWA.

1,464 acre feet

hydropower to provide all the energy needed to run Chalk Bluff and

Glendale Water Treatment Plants for

Water rights presented to TMWA for new projects in 2016.

ZERO

throughout the system is tested

over 1,000 times per month at

185 locations throughout the

Truckee Meadows.

New water rights created to support growth? Zero, zip, nada since the 1944 Orr Ditch Decree.

