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TRUCKEE RIVER FUND UPDATE: PROJECTS PROTECTING WATER QUALITY IN THE TRUCKEE RIVER WATERSHED

The Truckee River Fund (TRF) works year-round to protect our water quality and watershed. It was established by TMWA in 2005 to protect and enhance the water quality of the Truckee River, our main water source. The TRF Advisory Committee researches and selects for financing projects that protect the water quality or water resources of the Truckee River and its watershed, which directly benefits the community's primary water source and TMWA customers. Every project is required to provide matching grants, thus maximizing the impact of TMWA's contribution.

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GET READY FOR THE COLD WEATHER: WINTERIZE YOUR HOME AND AVOID DAMAGE FROM FROZEN PIPES

Before cold winter temperatures set in you can avoid the expense and trouble of frozen water lines at your home or business by following these simple precautions:



- **Prepare your irrigation system:** As temperatures cool, your lawn will go dormant, and you should shut off and drain your sprinkler system. Disconnect and drain all outdoor hoses as well. See a short video to guide you through the process at www.tmwa.com/howto.
- **Insulate your exterior pipes:** If you have water pipes in an unheated garage or a crawl space under the house, wrap them with insulation before temperatures drop. Find pipe-wrapping tape for this easy task at most local hardware and home improvement stores. Keeping garage doors closed also helps.
- **Keep freezing air out:** Close the foundation or exterior vents around your house. In addition, seal off access doors and air vents, fix cracks and repair broken basement windows. Important note: Avoid plugging air vents that your furnace or water heater need for circulation and safe operation.
- **Adjust your home thermostat:** During hard freezes or when you're away from your home for an extended period, set your thermostat to a temperature that will keep your pipes from freezing—no lower than 55°F.
- **Know where your master water shutoff valve is:** In many homes, it's where the water line enters your house from the street. If a pipe bursts anywhere in the house, this valve turns off all water and can help save your home from water damage. So, find it now and paint it a bright color or hang a tag on it. Be sure everyone in the family knows where it is. Learn how to operate your master shutoff valve at www.tmwa.com/howto.

The main point of winterization is to prepare your home before the cold weather sets in. No one wants the unwelcome surprise of broken pipes! For more tips and how-to videos on winterization, visit www.tmwa.com/winterize.

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Since its inception, \$12.7 million has been approved for distribution to 153 qualifying projects, with \$21 million matched from organizations receiving TRF funds.

Over the years TRF Advisors have developed a prudent and rigorous approach to evaluating proposals. The process ensures that the grants recommended for approval by the TMWA Board of Directors have tangible and measurable outcomes. TRF has supported important water quality and watershed improvement projects in the following areas: invasive species, urbanization of the local watershed, wildfires and forest thinning, erosion due to past logging operations, and impaired sections of the Truckee River and its tributaries.

The projects that were recommended this year for funding and approved by the TMWA Board of Directors include: Watershed Education Initiative, Mt. Rose Noxious Weed Monitoring and Treatment, Cold Stream Meadow Road Decommissioning and Restoration, Truckee Meadows Restoration, Perazzo Meadows Watershed Restoration and Erosion Control, and One Truckee River Watershed Management and Source Protection.

View details on current and completed TRF projects at www.truckeeriverfund.org. If your passion is protecting our community's water quality and the Truckee River watershed, please consider donating to TRF. Contact the Community Foundation of Western Nevada (CFWNV), TRF's grant administrator, at (775) 333-5499.

TMWA'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STAFF SEEK YOUR COMMENTS

To better serve our customers, TMWA has many ways for you to provide comments. TMWA's Board of Directors and staff want to hear from you and know what is on your mind regarding your water service. You are welcome at any of TMWA's public meetings, where there is public comment at the beginning and end of each meeting. Here is how you can reach out, be heard, and be part of the process:

- **TMWA Board of Directors meetings:** The Board of Directors typically meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Sparks City Council Chambers, located at 745 Fourth St. in Sparks. Agendas are posted online at least five days in advance. View the full meeting schedule, agendas, or past meeting minutes at www.tmwa.com/meetings.
- **Standing Advisory Committee:** TMWA's Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) is an oversight group made up of individuals representing all TMWA customer categories. SAC reviews rate proposals, budgets, and other items as requested by our board of directors. SAC meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 3 p.m. at TMWA's main office, located in Reno at 1355 Capital Blvd. All meetings are open to the public and are posted in the "Meeting Center" section at www.tmwa.com/meetings.
- **Online at www.tmwa.com:** If you are unable to attend a public meeting but wish to comment on a topic, you can do so by submitting your comment online at least one full week before the date of any board meeting. Simply fill out the "Comments to the Board" form at www.tmwa.com/about_us/comments.

WHERE TO CALL

GENERAL INQUIRIES:	834-8080
EMERGENCY REPAIR:	834-8090
WATER CONSERVATION:	834-8005
WATER QUALITY:	834-8118
WATER RIGHTS:	834-8029
OMBUDSMAN:	848-0813

HOLIDAYS & EVENTS

STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 6 AT 3 P.M.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NOVEMBER 21 AT 10 A.M.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY (TMWA OFFICES CLOSED)
NOVEMBER 22-23

Find locations and details for all workshops and meetings here: tmwa.com/meeting



Truckee Meadows Water Authority is a not-for-profit, community-owned water utility, overseen by elected officials and citizen appointees 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 400,000 residents of the Truckee Meadows.

