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# Understanding the big picture about water in the Truckee Meadows starts here...



## ...in TMWA's 2020-2040 Water Resource Plan

Designed with the following features, to provide information to readers in multiple ways:



### Some important topics covered in this plan include:

- ✓ Defining the Role of Conservation
- ✓ Explaining Supply Scenarios under Climate Change
- ✓ Protecting Our Watershed
- ✓ Meeting the Demand of a Growing Community
- ✓ Charting Potential Water Supply Options

**Did you know?** TMWA's Water Resource Plan, updated every five years, describes how the community's drinking water needs will be met for the next 20 years.

Learn more about the resiliency of our water supply at [tmwa.com/wrp2020](https://tmwa.com/wrp2020).

# NEW RESTROOM FACILITY OPENS ALONG THE TRUCKEE RIVER

The first “Portland Loo,” a new public restroom facility along the Truckee River and the first of its kind in northern Nevada, was opened in August of this year. The facility is located at Brodhead Park, just east of downtown Reno. The installation marks a milestone in the River Restroom Project that evolved out of the One Truckee River Management Plan, Phase I.

The River Restroom Project is a collaborative, community effort intended to protect water quality and improve the Truckee River corridor for recreational use. Project partners include TMWA, Truckee River Fund, Renown Health, Washoe County Parks & Open Space, Washoe County Health District, City of Reno, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Nevada Land Trust, Karma Box Project, Reno Initiative for Shelter & Equality and Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful.



“This is a solution so many local agencies and residents have been working towards for a long time,” said Iris Jehle-Peppard, One Truckee River executive director. “And it’s gratifying to see it all come together in a way that will serve our community on a number of levels—particularly in the usability of our public spaces and protection of the environment both in and around the Truckee River.”

TMWA’s support of this project is focused on protecting the quality of the water that comes from the Truckee River. This project calls for a variety of different efforts including, but not limited to, reducing residential runoff, increasing public facilities along waterways, reducing invasive species, and educating the community on proper waste disposal. After much study, the Portland Loo was selected because it is designed for durability, easy maintenance and minimizes use of the facility for unintended purposes. Portland Loos have had success in high-use urban areas.

Since opening, there has been a concentrated outreach effort centered on working with the vulnerable populations located on the river. Karma Box Project volunteers work directly with homeless individuals to cultivate life skills such as developing work ethic, following rules, working toward a common goal and keeping surroundings orderly.

The long-term project goal is to increase the number of public restrooms from nine to eighteen along the river’s 114-mile stretch to protect the region’s water quality and well-being of the area. The project seeks to align efforts for urban renewal and increase connectivity for bicyclists and pedestrians along the river. There is more information on this project and the Truckee River Management Plan at [onetruckeeriver.org](https://onetruckeeriver.org).

## TMWA RECEIVES NATIONAL “UTILITY OF THE FUTURE TODAY” AWARD

TMWA has been recognized with the 2020 Utility of the Future Today award for collaborating with numerous community partners to advance water resource management and watershed protection in the Truckee Meadows.

TMWA is one of 65 water utilities nationwide to be honored with the award, which highlights transformational work in community engagement, watershed stewardship, and resource management.

The award highlights TMWA’s work in increasing the resiliency of the water supply by engaging in community partnerships with federal, state, tribal, and local governments; other regional utilities; research institutions; and local organizations. The work being done includes the Truckee River Operating Agreement, watershed protection, ground water protection, conservation education and advanced purified water.

### 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**  
December 1 at 3:00 p.m.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
November 16 at 10:00 a.m.

Find locations and details for all workshops and meetings here: [tmwa.com/meeting/](https://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 425,000 residents of the Truckee Meadows.