

Providing Substantive Comments on the Tahoe Keys Control Methods Test Draft Environmental Impact Statement

The lead agencies - TRPA and Lahontan Water Board - are interested in your comments on the Tahoe Keys Control Methods Test Draft Environmental Impact Report/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIR/DEIS). This joint document provides an analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project and alternatives and will inform the final decision by the lead agencies. This public comment period gives members of the public an opportunity to review the draft analysis completed by the lead agencies and provide feedback on its accuracy, adequacy, and conclusions. TRPA and Lahontan Water Board will review all submitted comments and make changes as appropriate prior to finalization of the DEIR/DEIS.

During this review period, it is important to provide substantive comments regarding the environmental analysis. We will review every comment submitted, and respond to all substantive comments.

Comments on the DEIR/DEIS are not counted as votes in favor or opposition to the project. They are used to improve the document and analyses and to ensure that the impacts are adequately determined before the lead agencies make a final decision. Remember that the more clear, concise, and relevant to the DEIR/DEIS your comments are, the more effective they will be in improving the final document.

Tips for providing substantive comments:

- Keep your comments focused on the specifics of the proposed project and alternatives under consideration.
- Be as specific as possible and refer to page, table and/or figure numbers and paragraphs in the DEIR/DEIS when possible.
- Examples of substantive comments include:
 - The accuracy of information in the DEIR/DEIS
 - The adequacy of, methodology for, or assumptions used for the environmental analysis
 - Information that may have not been included that is relevant to the analysis
- Comments that are not substantive include:
 - Comments in favor of or against the proposed project or an alternative without any reasoning (such as “I do/don’t like _____” without providing any rationale)
 - Comments that take the form of vague, open-ended questions or comments
 - Comments that do not pertain to the proposed project or alternatives

Please submit your comments within the timeframes announced to ensure that your concerns are considered and addressed in the Final EIR/EIS. All comments can be submitted to tahoekesweeds@trpa.org between July 6th and September 3rd, 2020.