
ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4—COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND MINING

(ON BEHALF OF TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY (SCR 16))

FEBRUARY 21, 2001

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining

SUMMARY—Commends State of California and California Tahoe Conservancy for efforts
pertaining to carrying out Environmental Improvement Program in Lake
Tahoe Basin. (BDR R-702)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Commending the State of California and the
California Tahoe Conservancy for their efforts to secure money for and establish
a coordinated team at the state level to carry out the Environmental Improvement
Program in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

- 1 WHEREAS, In April 1998, the Governing Board of the Tahoe Regional
2 Planning Agency adopted the Environmental Improvement Program, a
3 document which outlines the actions that need to be taken within the 10
4 years immediately succeeding its adoption to save the declining clarity of
5 Lake Tahoe and protect other valuable resources in the Lake Tahoe Basin;
6 and
7 WHEREAS, The total estimated cost of the Environmental Improvement
8 Program is \$908 million, which is apportioned among the Federal
9 Government, the State of California, the State of Nevada, local
10 governments and the private sector; and
11 WHEREAS, The contribution for the cost of the Environmental
12 Improvement Program to be paid by the State of California is
13 approximately \$275 million; and
14 WHEREAS, For the fiscal years 1998, 1999 and 2000, the Governor of
15 the State of California proposed and the California Legislature approved
16 budgets committing approximately \$20 million per year to the California
17 Tahoe Conservancy for carrying out the Environmental Improvement
18 Program and, in 1999, Governor Gray Davis pledged the intention of the
19 State of California to contribute the remainder of its share of the cost of the
20 Environmental Improvement Program in succeeding years; and



1 WHEREAS, In March 2000, the voters of the State of California
2 approved Ballot Proposition 12, entitled "Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean
3 Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000," which
4 included an allocation of \$50 million to the California Tahoe Conservancy
5 to enable the Conservancy to carry out certain responsibilities of the State
6 of California relating to the Environmental Improvement Program; and

7 WHEREAS, In August 2000, Maria Contreras-Sweet, Secretary of the
8 Business, Transportation and Housing Agency of the State of California,
9 announced a commitment of approximately \$53 million by the California
10 Department of Transportation to the Environmental Improvement Program;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Also in August 2000, it was estimated that the State of
13 California, through the programs of the California Tahoe Conservancy, the
14 California Department of Transportation and the California Department of
15 Parks and Recreation, had fulfilled approximately 57 percent of its total
16 apportioned contribution of \$275 million to the Environmental
17 Improvement Program; and

18 WHEREAS, In addition to matters concerning the financial support of the
19 Environmental Improvement Program, the State of California, through the
20 leadership of Mary D. Nichols, Secretary for Resources of the California
21 Resources Agency, Winston H. Hickox, Secretary of the California
22 Environmental Protection Agency, and Maria Contreras-Sweet, Secretary
23 of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency of the State of
24 California, has established the California Lake Tahoe Interagency Council,
25 a cabinet-level body that is charged with updating the Environmental
26 Improvement Program and coordinating the efforts of the State of
27 California to carry out the Environmental Improvement Program; and

28 WHEREAS, Following the adoption of the Environmental Improvement
29 Program, the California Tahoe Conservancy, under the leadership of its
30 Executive Officer, has worked diligently to support the efforts of officials
31 of the State of California to fulfill the apportioned contribution of the State
32 of California to the Environmental Improvement Program and has assisted
33 in efforts to coordinate the carrying out of the program within the Lake
34 Tahoe Basin; now, therefore, be it

35 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,
36 JOINTLY, That the members of the Nevada Legislature do hereby
37 commend the residents of the State of California, the California
38 Legislature, Gray Davis, Governor of the State of California, Mary D.
39 Nichols, Secretary for Resources of the California Resources Agency,
40 Winston H. Hickox, Secretary of the California Environmental Protection
41 Agency, and Maria Contreras-Sweet, Secretary of the Business,
42 Transportation and Housing Agency of the State of California, for their
43 efforts to assist the State of California in fulfilling its financial commitment
44 to the Environmental Improvement Program and for their efforts to
45 coordinate at a state level the carrying out of the program through the
46 establishment of the California Lake Tahoe Interagency Council; and be it
47 further

48 RESOLVED, That the members of the Nevada Legislature do hereby
49 commend the California Tahoe Conservancy for its efforts since its



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1 establishment in 1984 to preserve, restore and enhance the natural
2 environment of the Lake Tahoe Basin and especially for its recent activities
3 to support the efforts of officials of the State of California to fulfill the
4 apportioned contribution of the State of California to the Environmental
5 Improvement Program and to assist in efforts to coordinate the carrying out
6 of the Program within the Lake Tahoe Basin; and be it further
7 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit
8 a copy of this resolution to Gray Davis, Governor of the State of
9 California, John Burton, President Pro Tempore of the Senate of the State
10 of California, Robert M. Hertzberg, Speaker of the Assembly of the State
11 of California, Mary D. Nichols, Secretary for Resources of the California
12 Resources Agency, Winston H. Hickox, Secretary of the California
13 Environmental Protection Agency, Maria Contreras-Sweet, Secretary of
14 the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency of the State of
15 California, and Dennis T. Machida, Executive Officer of the California
16 Tahoe Conservancy; and be it further
17 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

