

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 4—Committee on Natural  
Resources, Agriculture, and Mining

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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.

WHEREAS, In April 1998, the Governing Board of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency adopted the Environmental Improvement Program, a document which outlines the actions that need to be taken within the 10 years immediately succeeding its adoption to save the declining clarity of Lake Tahoe and protect other valuable resources in the Lake Tahoe Basin; and

WHEREAS, The total estimated cost of the Environmental Improvement Program is \$908 million, which is apportioned among the Federal Government, the State of California, the State of Nevada, local governments and the private sector; and

WHEREAS, The contribution for the cost of the Environmental Improvement Program to be paid by the State of California is approximately \$275 million; and

WHEREAS, For the fiscal years 1998, 1999 and 2000, the Governor of the State of California proposed and the California Legislature approved budgets committing approximately \$20 million per year to the California Tahoe Conservancy for carrying out the Environmental Improvement Program and, in 1999, Governor Gray Davis pledged the intention of the State of California to contribute the remainder of its share of the cost of the Environmental Improvement Program in succeeding years; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, In addition to matters concerning the financial support of the Environmental Improvement Program, the State of California, through the leadership of Mary D. Nichols, Secretary for Resources of the California Resources Agency, Winston H. Hickox, Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency, and Maria Contreras-Sweet, Secretary of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency of the State of

California, has established the California Lake Tahoe Interagency Council, a cabinet-level body that is charged with updating the Environmental Improvement Program and coordinating the efforts of the State of California to carry out the Environmental Improvement Program; and

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

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

RESOLVED, That the members of the Nevada Legislature do hereby commend the California Tahoe Conservancy for its efforts since its establishment in 1984 to preserve, restore and enhance the natural environment of the Lake Tahoe Basin and especially for its recent activities to support the efforts of officials of the State of California to fulfill the apportioned contribution of the State of California to the Environmental Improvement Program and to assist in efforts to coordinate the carrying out of the Program within the Lake Tahoe Basin; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Gray Davis, Governor of the State of California, John Burton, President Pro Tempore of the Senate of the State of California, Robert M. Hertzberg, Speaker of the Assembly of the State of California, Mary D. Nichols, Secretary for Resources of the California Resources Agency, Winston H. Hickox, Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency, Maria Contreras-Sweet, Secretary of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency of the State of California, and Dennis T. Machida, Executive Officer of the California Tahoe Conservancy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.