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Booth, Richard@Waterboards **From:** Joe Pepi <jpepi@tahoe.ca.gov> **Sent:** Thursday, October 18, 2012 2:32 PM **To:** Booth, Richard@Waterboards **Cc:** Lisa O'Daly **Subject:** Triennial Basin plan Review Scoping comments Richard: Here are some of the written comments on scoping for the Lahontan triennial review. As I stated in my phone message there will be some additional comments on Topic No. 3 "Tahoe/Truckee Prohibition/Forestry Amendments coming next week. The comments I have at this time to pass on are as follows: 1. The Conservancy is a leader in bicycle trail planning and development on the California side of the Lake Tahoe Region. In our roles of funder and project proponent, we have experienced the difficulty and delay in project review and permitting created by different project requirements employed by TRPA, LTWQCB, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. To reduce the cost and time required for implementation of bike trail projects, we recommend as a high priority Lahontan staff work to complete Chapter 5 basin plan revisions needed to be compatible with the emerging TRPA Regional Plan revision. Specifically, this includes 1) a consistent determination that bike trail projects are linear public service/transportation projects, and 2) a consistent way to evaluate, calculate, and determine needed offsetting mitigation for bike trail land coverage. Additionally, as we have noted in other venues, we continue to feel a flexible approach to matching SEZ and wetland impact with functionally equivalent restoration is needed in this small watershed to allow bike trail projects to be constructed. 2. The Conservancy supports the growing concern related to near shore water quality and supports review of existing information to determine appropriate objectives for this critical area of the lake. We believe these objectives should seek to improve near shore water quality while protecting important public lake access needs such as public piers and water transit opportunities. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks, **Joe Pepi** **California Tahoe Conservancy** **Watershed/ SEZ Restoration Program Coordinator** **1061 Third Street** **South Lake Tahoe, CA 96156** **(530) 543-6066** **jpepi@tahoe.ca.gov** 1	**CTC-1**: Project #11, Revise Chapter 5 for TRPA's Plan, is a high priority especially now that TRPA adopted its Regional Plan Update (RPU) on December 12, 2012. Water Board staff will work on this project through the TMDL implementation program primarily rather than using only basin planning resources. This project falls more appropriately under TMDL implementation tasks because major portions of the TRPA RPU involved making the RPU consistent with the Lake Tahoe TMDL, but minor adjustments will likely be needed in the Basin Plan once the RPU receives all required approvals (e.g. state, federal) to become in effect. Your suggestions will be carefully considered when staff commences work on this project, which is anticipated to begin either spring/summer 2013 or in fiscal year 2013-2014. **CTC-2**: Project #8, Lake Tahoe Nearshore, is a high priority and staff will continue closely following and helping to guide the various research projects underway in the nearshore.

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