**2022 Accomplishments**

**Defended Tahoe From Damaging Development**

Martis Valley West was a 760-unit residential development planned for a virgin ridgeline overlooking Lake Tahoe. It would have generated traffic pollution, wildfire danger and degraded Tahoe's scenic beauty.

After a decade-long legal fight, a court ruled in favor of the League and our conservation partners in February 2022. The ruling is a crucial milestone that can protect Tahoe from oversized, improper development and developers who try to game the system by locating projects just beyond the basin's boundaries and its strict environmental rules.

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**Launched Microtransit for the South Shore**

Tailpipe emissions and erosion from traffic damage Tahoe’s clarity. Transportation options like free, on-demand shuttles entice people to keep their cars parked and spare the Lake.

The League first brought the microtransit concept to Tahoe in 2018. In 2019, we secured significant funding from the Tahoe South Event Center for a new south shore service: Lake Link. We also donated $30,000 for marketing, following a lesson learned from our 2018 pilot. In its first four months, Lake Link has been a success, with 42,000 passengers taking rides.

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**Test of Invasive Species Solutions Underway**

The Tahoe Keys are ground zero for the infestation of aquatic invasive weeds at Tahoe, and the threat is spreading, damaging Tahoe’s delicate ecology.

After nearly a decade of planning and preparation, the League’s leadership, funding and coalition-building efforts have guided the Tahoe Keys Control Methods Test (CMT) through one year of the three-year process. The CMT is an innovative and comprehensive test to identify a safe, long-term solution to control Tahoe’s largest weed infestation and protect water quality lakewide.

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Redefining Restoration

The public's rediscovery of the great outdoors, coupled with the rapid march of climate change, creates new challenges for Tahoe and demands new solutions.

The League is expanding our knowledge base by reaching out to conservation groups and governments around the world to exchange ideas, share experiences and put solutions on the ground.

Building on relationships with the Washoe Tribe, we will deploy lessons learned from a 2022 trip to Australia to apply indigenous knowledge to improve forest health in the Tahoe Basin.

Beach-Cleaning 2.0

In 2022, the League introduced a beach-cleaning robot to act as a last line of defense against micro-trash, so litter can’t enter Lake Tahoe where it’s all but impossible to remove.

Through a partnership with ECO-CLEAN Solutions, property owners and land managers, the “BEBOT” was deployed at 11 public and private beach sites in a strategic, actionable pilot test.

For 2023, the League is working to have the BEBOT clean entire beaches on a regular, recurring basis, and apply data about the trash gathered to devise policy solutions that prevent litter.

Preventing New Infestations

As the test to find a long-term solution to aquatic invasive weeds moves ahead, the League is focused on stopping the plants from spreading in 2023.

Bubble curtains are a useful tool in this work, first introduced to Tahoe by the League. We lead an interagency team that manages all bubble curtains in Lake Tahoe, with the 2023 goal of improving their efficacy through design and implementation changes.

We are also planning to deploy new technologies and focusing on the main ways weeds spread - in marinas and on boats - to stop infestations before they start.

2023 Objectives
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