

# TAHOE SCIENCE ADVISORY COUNCIL

## AGENDA | November 2025 COUNCIL MEETING

**Date:** Thursday November 20, 2025  
**Time:** 10:00 – 11:30 AM  
**Location:** [Zoom](#)  
**Documents:** <https://www.tahoesciencecouncil.org/live-documents>  
<https://www.tahoesciencecouncil.org/project-list>

TIME	AGENDA ITEM
10:00	<b>Welcome and agenda review</b>
10:05	<b>Council operations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Quarterly meeting schedule</li><li>- Meeting honoraria</li><li>- Regional Management Team</li></ul>
10:25	<b>New member introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Xiaoliang Wang – DRI</li></ul>
10:30	<b>Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Water quality work group</li><li>- Plastics work group</li><li>- TRPA thresholds</li><li>- TEON</li></ul>
10:50	<b>Council annual report</b>
11:10	<b>2026 council activities</b>
11:30	<b>Adjourn</b>

**Council members:** Sudeep Chandra (UNR), Monica Arienzo (DRI), Xiaoliang Wang (DRI), Alex Forrest (UCD), Steve Sadro (UCD), Max Moritz (UCSB/DANR), John Melack (UCSB), Pat Manley (PSW), Natalie Vandoorn (PSW), Ramon Naranjo (USGS), Jason Kuchnicki (NDEP), Ashley Conrad-Saydah (CNRA)

Vacant seats: UNR, USGS

**Council staff:** Robert Larsen (CNRA), Alison Toy (UCD)

**Next meeting:** March 19, 2026

### Council operations

The Council has shifted its meeting schedule from every other month to quarterly. The co-chairs will review this decision and seek input on Council meeting purpose and structure.

When the Council first convened and meetings were held in person, the Council offered an honoraria to members to compensate them for their time. Given meetings are now primarily virtual, the honoraria will no longer be offered. The Council will continue to cover travel expenses for in-person events.

The Council co-chairs and program officers meet regularly with representatives from the Tahoe Interagency Executive Subcommittee to maintain the science/management dialogue. Darcie Collins (League to Save Lake Tahoe), Jason Vasquez (California Tahoe Conservancy), and Julie Regan (TRPA) recently mentioned ongoing priorities, including concerns about Golden Mussel impacts, the ability to quantify restoration benefits, and the importance of ongoing Council support for the TRPA threshold update.

### New member introduction

The Desert Research Institute has appointed Dr. Xiaoliang Wang to fill the seat previously held by Dr. Tamara Wall. <https://www.dri.edu/directory/xiaoliang-wang/>

### Updates

The water quality and plastic work group chairs and other participants will provide an update on recent activities. The group will also discuss work associated with the Tahoe Environmental Observatory Network and the TRPA threshold update initiative.

### Council Annual Report

The co-chairs and program officer will introduce the idea of developing an annual report to highlight Council accomplishments and science/management partnership achievements.

The Council will discuss the concept, the intended audience, the report frequency and cadence, and talk about report production logistics.

### 2026 Council activities

The group will review anticipated Council work and consider opportunities for future topics.

Expected activities include:

- Water quality/lake clarity – the water quality work group will continue to engage with the states and TRPA on adaptive management needs. Specific tasks include RFP development and proposal review, a nearshore workshop, and ongoing dialogue.
- Plastics – continue the science/management conversation around research and monitoring needs.
- TEON – consider opportunities to leverage recent investment to build the network and integrate the data into relevant programs.
- Thresholds – continue supporting TRPA's update initiative and coordinate independent peer review as needed.