

TAHOE SCIENCE ADVISORY COUNCIL

AGENDA | January 2025 COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday January 16, 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	Welcome and Agenda Review
10:05	Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Projects<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Nearshore Review- Particle Assessment- Zooplankton- UNR State of the Basin and Videos- TEON• Water Quality Work Group
10:25	Partners and Organizations
10:45	Conflict of Interest Policy
11:00	San Francisco Estuary & Watershed Science
11:15	Council member round robin – looking forward to 2025
11:30	Adjourn

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

Robert Larsen (CNRA), Alison Toy (UCD)

Next Meeting: Proposed – March 21, 2025

Annotated Agenda:

Updates – Several Council-led projects have recently completed work and reports are available for review. Project leads will briefly highlight findings and solicit input on draft products.

Partners and Organizations – Resource management at Lake Tahoe is complex, and it can be challenging to track the different roles that partners play. The linked document provides a general overview of agencies, organizations, and working groups relevant to Council activities. The Program Officer will provide a brief overview and encourage others to provide further context.

Conflict of Interest Policy – The linked document outlines a policy for avoiding real and perceived conflicts of interest, with an emphasis on transparent processes for fund distribution. Members and partners are encouraged to review the draft and come prepared with comments.

San Francisco Estuary & Watershed Science – The linked paper by Dr. Steven Culbertson offers “Nine Takeaways from a Quarter Century Working with the Interagency Ecological Program” (listed below).

Members: Please come prepared to share which of these findings resonates with you and discuss how these lessons might apply to Council activities.

1. Constant Dialog is Fundamental
2. Near-Term Knowledge Requires Long-Term Context
3. Measures of Central Tendency are Inadequate for Assessing Ecology
4. Cooperation Leads to Success of Multiple-Agency Efforts
5. People Matter
6. Science Should Focus on Ambient Environmental Context Using a “Systems” Perspective
7. Commoditization of Science = False Economy
8. Priority Setting is Necessary to Avoid Getting Lost in the Details
9. Science Matters Less Than We Think

Round Robin – Building off the dialogue around the Culbertson paper, members will be encouraged to share their thoughts on the coming year for both their personal work and their engagement with the Council.