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### NDEP ANNOUNCES RELEASE OF LAKE TAHOE TMDL Plan outlines steps to improve deep-water clarity at Lake Tahoe

Carson City – The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) in partnership with the California Regional Water Quality Board, Lahontan Region have announced that the Lake Tahoe TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) is now available for public review and comment until September 10, 2010.

The TMDL assessment identifies the pollutants impeding lake clarity, quantifies both the pollutant load inputs to the Lake and required load reductions, and presents a recommended strategy that when implemented is expected to restore historic clarity with the Lake.

“This effort represents the hard work and collaboration of federal, state and local stakeholders to develop a scientific-based approach to address Lake Tahoe’s declining clarity,” stated Acting NDEP Administrator Colleen Cripps. “We applaud the efforts of those involved in crafting a workable solution to restore and protect one of our nation’s most valuable natural resources and we look forward to continuing to work with our partners to implement the TMDL recommendations.”

NDEP encourages interested parties and members of the public to review and comment on the draft TMDL. The draft TMDL and supporting documents and information can be found here: <http://ndep.nv.gov/bwqp/tahoe.htm>.

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