

TRUCKEE RIVER FUND

Enhancing and protecting our water resources

Grant Priorities

Based upon the aforementioned discussion, TMWA recommends that the Advisors give preference to well-prepared, thought-out grant requests that consider TMWA rate payer objectives for projects and programs that mitigate substantial threats to water quality, water resources, and the watershed, particularly those threats upstream or nearby treatment and hydroelectric plant intakes:

- I. **Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS):** Projects/Programs that support the prevention or control of aquatic invasive species in the mainstream Truckee River, Lake Tahoe, and other tributaries and water bodies in the Truckee River system.
- II. **Watershed Improvements:** Projects that reduce erosion or sediment, suspended solids, TDS discharges, nutrients, industrial contaminants, or bacterial pollutants to the River. Projects or programs that are located within 303d (impaired waters) sections of the River should be considered, both in California and Nevada. Innovative techniques should be encouraged.
- III. **Local Stormwater Improvements:** Projects that are well designed which mitigate storm water run-off due to urbanization of the local watershed. Priority should be given to those improvement projects in close proximity to TMWA's water supply intakes and canals and which will improve the reliability and protect the quality of the community's municipal water supply.
- IV. **Re-Forestation and Re-Vegetation Projects:** Projects to restore forest and upland areas damaged by fire and historical logging operations, and to improve resiliency in drought situations. Projects/programs in this category should be given a high priority due to urbanization of the watershed and increased susceptibility of the urban and suburban watershed to wildfire.
- V. **Support to Rehabilitation of Local Tributary Creeks and Drainage Courses:** Practical projects to support water quality improvement in creeks and tributaries to the Truckee River.
- VI. **Stewardship and Environmental Awareness:** Support to Clean-Up programs and the development and implementation of educational programs relative to water, water quality and watershed protection.
- VII. **Meet Multiple Objectives:** Projects/Programs should identify opportunities to meet multiple water quality and watershed objectives as outlined above with preference given to those achieving multiple benefits.
- VIII. **Leverage Stakeholder Assets and Participation:** Projects/Program selection should include an assessment of various stakeholder interests in all aspects of river water quality, watershed protection, source water protection and species enhancement thereby leveraging available funds and other assets.