

PB: Lake Tahoe



Collaborator: University of Nevada, Reno - The College of Agriculture, Biotechnology, and Natural Resources

Website: <http://www.unr.edu/cabnr/>

Short Description: Our work with the University is a project of studying native and invasive plant species within Lake Tahoe. With the underwater activities of our members conducting diving operations, the scientists are now able to study plant species in a very non-damaging manner to the lakes ecosystem, specify in more detail and efficiency, sample gathering and record on video very specific aspects of these underwater plant beds. This work is specifically being conducted through grants provided via the project, “Lake Tahoe Nearshore Community Monitoring Program”; funding primarily coming from the Tahoe Regional Planning Administration and the League to Save Lake Tahoe.

Collaborator: Tahoe Regional Planning Administration

Website: <http://www.trpa.org/>

Short Description: The political oversight organization that administers all development and scientific research within the Tahoe basin. This is the organization that brought in PB Tahoe to interview and consequently, referred our project and its divers to the research entities working in Lake Tahoe – see <http://www.nmde.org/project-baseline/> and <http://www.nmde.org/scientific-research/> for more detail.

Collaborator: League to Save Lake Tahoe

Website: <http://keptahoebblue.org/>

Short Description: Our work with the League is primarily in the evaluation of storm drain runoff into Tahoe in which there are approximately 100+ around the lake but only a few (approximately 15) actively draining into the lake. During heavy water events, the League has asked us to drive to the lake and film the activity from the discharge of street runoff. The League conducts the ‘Eyes on the Lake’ program in which it educates the population on the plant species, native and invasive, that are growing in the lake.

