

**CALENDAR ITEM
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PROPOSED LEGISLATION

INTRODUCTION:

State Lands Commission staff has been reviewing various legislative proposals introduced in the 112th Congress that involve lands under the Commission's jurisdiction. This report describes the proposed Lake Tahoe Restoration Act of 2011 (Senate Bill 432), and proposes a Resolution for the Commission to consider adopting in support of the bill.

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL:

Senate Bill 432 (Feinstein): Lake Tahoe Restoration Act of 2011

SUMMARY:

The Lake Tahoe Restoration Act of 2011 continues the federal commitment at Lake Tahoe by authorizing \$415 million over 10 years to improve water clarity, reduce the threat of fire, control or prevent invasive species, and restore the Lake and its surrounding environment by building on the efforts that began under the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act of 2000. The bill also contains improvements to the 2000 Act by requiring increased monitoring of projects, increased accountability and oversight of project-related spending through an annual report to Congress, and allows for increased flexibility for the Forest Service to manage public forest lands. The bill is cosponsored by Senators Harry Reid (D-Nev), Barbara Boxer (D-Calif), and John Ensign (R-Nev). The bill is supported by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, the North Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce, the California Tahoe Conservancy, the Sierra Club, and the Washoe Tribe, among others.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance: Staff has determined this action by the Commission is not subject to the provisions of CEQA because it is not a "project" as defined in Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15000 et seq.). Specifically, the proposed action by the Commission to adopt a resolution in support of S. 432 has no potential to result in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. Find that the activity is not subject to the requirements of CEQA because the activity is not a project as defined in Section 21065 of CEQA and Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines;
2. Adopt the resolution in support of S. 432 attached hereto as Exhibit A.