

This section describes the consultation and coordination conducted during the environmental review of the Program.

#### **4.1 EARLY COORDINATION**

An initial planning review and development phase for the Program was completed in 2003, resulting in approval of the Project Study Reports for US 50 and SR 89 (Caltrans 2003c, 2003d). The steps in that phase included the following coordination with the TRPA and Lahontan RWQCB.

##### *Field Reviews*

In 2005 and 2006, following initial scoping, field reviews of the stormwater collection and treatment elements of the Program were performed with TRPA and Lahontan RWQCB representatives. Input from these agencies was considered, and potential basins were added, eliminated, or relocated to better fit the existing field conditions. The results of the field reviews are summarized in Appendix B.

##### *Other Coordination*

The 2003 Project Study Reports were circulated to the TRPA and Lahontan RWQCB for review and comment. The Caltrans *Lake Tahoe Basin Environmental Improvement Program Delivery Plan* (Caltrans 2005b) was provided to stakeholders in the Tahoe Basin including TRPA and Lahontan RWQCB. In addition, the Caltrans Tahoe Basin Team, which includes Caltrans, TRPA, and Lahontan RWQCB representatives, meets on issues that are common to the planning, design, construction, and maintenance activities related to the Caltrans projects in the Lake Tahoe Basin. Caltrans regularly attends monthly meetings with TRPA to provide input and answer questions on the EIP projects. Further, Caltrans conducts field reviews with TRPA and Lahontan RWQCB staff as needed on specific segments to illustrate and discuss proposed treatment options.

#### **4.2 NOTICES**

A Notice of Preparation (NOP) was filed with the State Clearinghouse to announce the preparation of an EIR for the proposed Project. The NOP included a summary description of the Project and the types of studies planned. The State Clearinghouse issued the NOP for review on October 5, 2006, for a 30-day period ending on November 3, 2006. Comment letters were received from the NAHC and the CDFG. The NOP and letters are included in Appendix E.

#### **4.3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND COORDINATION**

The public participation and coordination for the Program included the following activities.

***Public Hearing and Presentations***

The Draft Program EIR's availability and notification of the public review period were advertised (see the contact information on the back of the front cover). Caltrans will hold one or more public hearings to present the Program and the Draft Program EIR and to address questions from the public. Comments on the Program EIR may be submitted in person or in writing. Following completion of the public review period, a Final Program EIR that addresses all comments received during the review period will be completed and made available for public review.

***Mailing List***

A comprehensive mailing list was developed consisting of the names and addresses of homes and businesses adjoining the segments of US 50 and SR 89 within the project boundaries. In addition, the mailing list included federal, State of California, State of Nevada, and local agencies; elected and appointed officials or staff; and potentially interested interest groups and organizations. This list was used for notification of the availability of the Draft Program EIR and public hearing.

***Availability of the Draft Program EIR***

Copies of the Draft Program EIR were made available for review and comment at the following locations:

Caltrans North Region Office of Environmental Management  
2800 Gateway Oaks Drive  
Sacramento, CA 95833

Caltrans District 3 Office  
703 B Street  
Marysville, CA 95901

Nevada Department of Transportation  
1263 South Stewart Street  
Carson City, NV 89712

El Dorado County Public Library  
South Lake Tahoe Branch  
1000 Rufus Allen Blvd.  
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

The Draft Program EIR is also available for review at:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist3/departments/envinternet/envdoc.htm>

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