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BUOY AND MOORING PERMIT INFORMATION PACKET

APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR EXISTING BUOYS IS OCTOBER 15, 2009

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Existing Buoys	Other Existing Moorings
<p>Can be permitted if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Owner of land at highwater (littoral) 2. Permitted by a state or federal agency 3. Placed in Lake Tahoe before Feb. 10, 1972 4. Upland BMPs are complete 5. Non-littoral owners must show buoy placement before 1972 and a current state lands permit or lease. 	<p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat lifts • Boathouses and/or berths in boathouses • Floating platforms • Private slips do not require mooring registration
<p>Step One: Determine if you already have a TRPA Permit.</p>	<p>Step One: Register your moorings with the TRPA Watercraft Enforcement Team.</p>
<p>Step Two: If yes, register your buoys with the TRPA Watercraft Enforcement Team and proceed to Step Four. If no, submit a complete buoy application to TRPA.</p>	
<p>Step Three: Buoys will be registered and annual fees due once TRPA issues the buoy permit.</p>	
<p>Step Four: Renew registration every two years with payment of annual fees and Buoy Maintenance Statement.</p>	
<p>Step Two: Renew registration every two years with annual mooring fees.</p>	

New Buoys	Other New Moorings
<p>TRPA expects to begin accepting applications for new moorings in January 2010. Priority for application processing will go to Shorezone property owners who have not placed a buoy but who have received authorization from other agencies.</p>	
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Tahoe Regional Planning Agency

For mooring/buoy applications and technical questions, please contact a TRPA Shorezone Planner:

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Questions can be faxed to (775) 588-4527.

For general questions and concerns, please contact the TRPA Community Liaison:

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[For the Mooring Registration Form Click Here*](#)

Buoys that have already been permitted by TRPA can be registered without a permit application. To receive a TRPA 2009/2010 mooring registration tag, buoys and other moorings must be registered and pay two years' of annual fees. Only TRPA-permitted buoys can be registered. You will need to provide a copy of your buoy permit documents and the latitude and longitude coordinates of your buoys for the Watercraft Enforcement Team. If you cannot locate your permit documents, you can visit the TRPA office to view your files and receive copies of the documents you need. Or you can request TRPA staff verify your permits for you—see “Request Verification of Mooring Permit” below.

*Also use this form if you have a mooring other than a buoy, such as boatlift, floating platform (although watercraft may not be tied to it), or a boathouse. Each berth in a boathouse counts as one mooring. Copies of TRPA permit documents are required for mooring structures permitted by TRPA. Mooring structures that were built before February 10, 1972 and have not been permitted by TRPA can be registered through this form.

Searching for TRPA Buoy Permit Documents

There are two ways you can find out if your buoys are already permitted by TRPA.

[For Online File Searches Click Here](#)

You or your representative can search TRPA files for buoy permit documents without paying a fee. Using the Internet to start your search can make the search easier. Go to the Parcel Information search page of the TRPA website to see if we have any files in our database. Then send an email requesting to view the files at our office where we can make copies of any documents you find. Minimal copy charges apply.

You don't need Internet access to search TRPA files either. Just come to the front counter at our office in Stateline, NV and fill out a search request form to get started.

[To Request Verification of Mooring Permit Click Here](#)

This form and \$50 filing fee allow TRPA staff to assist property owners with existing moorings to search archive files for buoy and mooring permits issued by the Agency. The Agency has identified many properties with existing TRPA mooring permits, but some moorings on Lake Tahoe were permitted by TRPA as a part of other, dissimilar projects, which limits the ability of database searches. The result of this form will be a determination by TRPA of the existence of mooring permits issued by the Agency. If a permit is located by staff, a letter and stamped copies of the permit documents will be provided to you so that you can submit the Mooring Registration Form. If no TRPA permits for existing moorings are located, a Buoy Application must be submitted in order to bring the buoys into conformance with new shorezone ordinances.

[For an Application for Three or Fewer Buoys Click Here](#)

Use for single-use (private) buoys only.

[For the Buoy Application Packet Click Here](#)

To permit buoy fields (four or more buoys), public buoys, association buoys, marina buoys, etc.

[For the Shorezone Project Application Click Here](#)

To apply for moorings other than buoys such as boatlifts. Also for shorezone structures such as piers, revetments and modifications to existing shorezone structures such as boathouses. Many minor maintenance, repair and reconstruction projects may be exempt from TRPA review. See the Exempt/Qualified Exempt Activities information below.

[For the Exempt/Qualified Exempt Shorezone Activities Information Packet Click Here](#)

For changing buoy anchor devices, posting signage, fence repair, and many repair and reconstruction projects in the Shorezone.

✓ Assemble Buoy Authorizations from Other Agencies or Historic Documentation. Even though your buoys may have been in the Lake for many years, TRPA has an obligation to document that they were placed legally before we can issue a permit.

1. Current authorizations from California or Nevada state land agencies
2. Current authorization from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
3. Clear evidence the buoys were placed before February 10, 1972.

Either a current, valid lease from the appropriate state land agency (California State Lands Commission or Nevada Division of State Lands) **or** a current, valid permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is required with this application. These are top-tier options to proving legal placement. Before the date of the first Lake Tahoe Regional Plan and Ordinances—February 10, 1972—buoy placement at Lake Tahoe was not regulated by TRPA. Buoys placed before that date still need to apply for a TRPA permit and require special documentation to receive a permit. Clear evidence can include, but is not limited to:

- Grandfathering letter from the USACE;
 - Most preferred option.
 - Can be submitted as stand-alone evidence
 - Requires a Freedom Of Information Act Request to USACE
 - See Permitting Contacts on page 2 for more information
- Pre-1972 dated aerial photographs;
 - Can be viewed at the U.S. Forest Service office in South Lake Tahoe.
 - Can be viewed at the TRPA office in Stateline, NV
 - Variable results since photographic surveys were not intended to show buoys
- Tax assessor's records;
- Point-of-sale records;
- Photographs with clear reference features, or;
- Other legal documentation.
- Affidavits or testimonials from persons with knowledge of your buoys.
 - Should be a complement to other evidence
 - Cannot be submitted as the only evidence

For non-littoral property owners, see the authorization requirements of [Section 52.4.E \(2\)](#) of the TRPA Code of Ordinances.

✓ Professional Surveys. TRPA needs to see where your parcel boundary lines are on your application site plan. A sample site plan is included in this packet as a guide. Importantly, TRPA also needs to see your parcel boundary lines projected into the water so that we know if your buoys are placed correctly. Parcel boundary lines must be projected into the water perpendicular to the high water line elevation on your parcel. In accordance with California and Nevada state law, property line projections must be surveyed by a registered land surveyor. See [Section 54.5.B \(1\)](#) of the TRPA Code of Ordinances for more information.

An underwater topographic survey (bathymetric) survey is required on your site plan. The survey should capture all site plan information listed on the information checklist at the end of this packet. In accordance with California and Nevada state law, topographic surveys must be performed by a licensed land surveyor, civil engineer, or other professional authorized to perform topographic surveys.

A professional survey of property line projections, and distances from the buoy anchor to adjacent shorezone structures is also required.

Certificate of Completion for Upland BMPs. This certificate does not need to be submitted with the buoy application, but will be required before TRPA can issue the permit. The Certificate of Completion for water quality [Best Management Practices \(BMPs\)](#) is required for all parcels within the project area. If you don't know the status of your property's BMPs, you can search the BMP database and even print out a copy of your certificate if it is on file. Or contact the TRPA Erosion Control Team for more information at (775) 589-5202.

BMPs are water quality improvements required on all structures and paved surfaces in the Tahoe Region to ensure fine sediment and other pollutants are captured and filtered before leaving your property. BMPs can be as simple as vegetating bare soil areas or laying gravel under roof drip lines. Paving dirt driveways and installing stormwater infiltration basins are also BMPs.

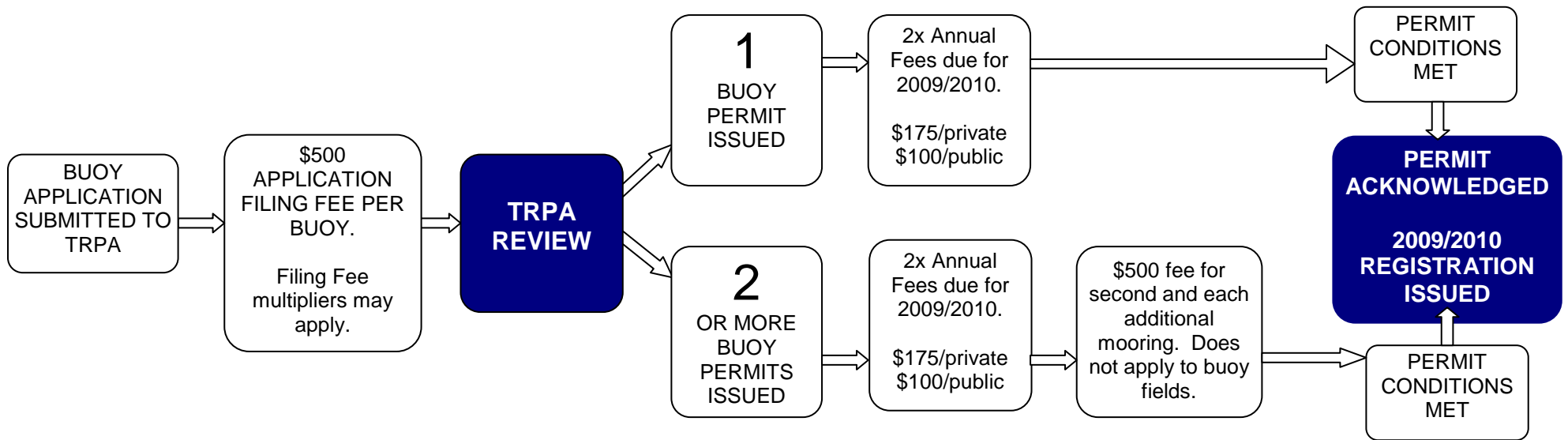
For project areas currently under construction, an acknowledged permit with stamped approved site plans demonstrating conformance with upland BMPs can be accepted for issuance of the buoy permit. If available at time of application submittal, provide a copy of the acknowledged permit and stamped approved site plan with BMP details.

Locate all Easements and Underground and Underwater Utilities. The buoy application checklist requires your site plan shows all easements within your property. Utility providers, public agencies and property owner associations have sometimes been granted rights on your property and TRPA needs to know this before issuing a permit. You can acquire this information through a recent title report or at the tax assessor's office.

As well, if you are proposing any excavation or drilling for anchoring devices, you must call the regional Underground Service Alert (USA North – 1-800-227-2600) when preparing your site plan. This is a free service that will locate all subsurface facilities and/or utilities. If your buoy project is permitted, this will be required before subsurface activity is allowed on site. You can save time and delays by locating them in the planning stages. California and Nevada state law both require the permittee to contact USA, usually known as USA DIGS, at least 48 hours prior to commencement of any activity on the site.

Obtain the Required Signatures. The property owner or authorized representative must sign the application and, if applicable, complete and sign the Authorization For Representation. Forms without an original signature from the property owner will not be accepted. **Faxed signatures and xerox copies will not be accepted.**

OUTLINE OF BUOY PERMITTING FEES



EXISTING BUOY MOORING FEE EXAMPLES

EXAMPLE	Application Submittal	Shoreland Scenic Review Fee	Application Review	Permit Issued		Total
				Watercraft Enforcement Program Fee	2009/2010 Registration	
1 Private Buoy	\$500	--	--	--	\$175 x 2	\$850
2 Private Buoys	\$1,000	--	--	1 X \$500	\$175 x 4	\$2,200
3 Private Buoys	\$1,500	--	--	2 X \$500	\$175 x 6	\$3,550
1 Grandfathered Private Buoy	\$500	--	Cost recovery deposit account	--	\$175 x 2	\$850 + cost recovery
HOA Buoy Field with 13 Existing Buoys	\$6,500	\$400	--	--	\$175 x 26	\$11,050
Marina Buoy Field with 42 Existing Buoys	\$21,000	\$400	--	--	\$100 x 84	\$29,400

Annual registration fees are due every two years with the biennial buoy chain/rode maintenance form.
All other items are one-time fees.

Call the TRPA Buoy Information Line at (775) 589-5260

The Buoy Application for Three or Fewer Buoys has been designed for ease of use and can usually be filled out in one sitting. Reading the application and this information packet thoroughly before putting pen to paper is the best way to save time and money. The TRPA Communications and Customer Service Team is available to answer any questions you have after reading the materials. Call the TRPA Buoy Information Line for clarification and explanation of any of the requirements.

Use the Application Checklist as Your Guide

TRPA can review your application quickest when we have a complete application. The checklist on the last pages of the Buoy Application is your guide to ensuring TRPA doesn't have to stop work on your application and contact you for more information. In some cases, TRPA must withdraw or deny permit applications for lack of information. A new application and filing fees will be required to start the application process again.

Use an existing survey to create your application site plan.

TRPA Environmental Review Services needs to know your exact property dimensions in order to permit your buoys or other moorings, but you may not need to hire a land surveyor to get us that information. Many shorezone property owners have already had their property surveyed and as long as no changes have been made to the property boundaries, you can use the site plan drawings from past surveys to create the site plan for this application. A sample site plan is included on the following pages as a guide to capturing all the information TRPA needs to issue a buoy permit.

Form a Project Area with Neighboring Parcels

If TRPA requires a bathymetric survey to review your application and you don't have one already on file, consider joining in with neighboring parcels to submit an application as a project area. One underwater survey for

Apply for Fewer Moorings or consider Transferring them to another parcel.

Moorings are valuable commodities, but financial feasibility can be just as valuable. You may be allowed two or three buoys on your parcel, but application filing fees and annual mooring fees go up with each mooring. Consider how many boats you need to have access to. Also, TRPA will not be accepting applications for new buoys right away but there are property owners who may want to purchase your mooring right and transfer it to their parcel. Realtors may be a good source of information if there are interested buyers on the market.

Don't Have a GPS Tracking Unit? Borrow One.

TRPA will require the latitude and longitude coordinates of your buoys to be shown on your application site plan. Global Positioning Satellite tracking units are readily available, but you don't have to own one to submit an application to TRPA. See if a friend, neighbor or relative has one you can use.

INSERT SAMPLE SITE PLAN HERE

INSERT SPAWNING ANCHOR 1

INSERT SPAWNING ANCHOR 2

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1. I received a notice in the mail. What do I do next?

Information packets and application forms are available on this page and at TRPA offices to guide buoy owners through the process of registering and permitting existing buoys. TRPA will begin processing applications and recognizing existing TRPA permits January 5, 2009. While no deadlines for permitting have been set, our objective is to have all mooring buoys in Lake Tahoe come under a TRPA permit or be removed by 2010. Owners of existing moorings should plan to apply or have their TRPA permit recognized as early in 2009 as possible to ensure their mooring buoy and anchor are not removed before they can be permitted and issued registration stickers. If you have an existing TRPA permit for your buoys, please see **instructions below**.

2. I have had my buoy for many years and never paid fees or needed a TRPA permit. Why are fees being required now?

TRPA is required to regulate all land use and development in the Tahoe Region to protect Tahoe's unique natural resources. Since the first Regional Plan was adopted in 1972, all mooring buoys have required a TRPA permit and many existing moorings are already under a TRPA permit. However, inconsistencies in the rules and the lack of enforcement resources allowed most buoys to remain unregulated by the Agency.

For more than 20 years, TRPA has worked with other agencies and the public to finally resolve the inconsistencies and bring forward a program with real solutions and much-needed protections. The new ordinances took effect December 22, 2008 and all existing moorings need to conform with updated rules.

Several agencies have jurisdiction and requirements which all mooring buoys need to meet. TRPA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permits are required in all lakes of the Region. Any buoy in California requires a lease from the California State Lands Commission and in Nevada from the Nevada Division of State Lands. A TRPA permit does not replace the requirements or fees of other agencies. Multiple layers of jurisdiction at Lake Tahoe are a reality that reflects the special importance of this place for constituents in both states as well as the nation.

In most cases, for TRPA to issue a mooring buoy permit either a valid, approved lease from the appropriate state land agency or a valid, current permit from the Army Corps of Engineers is required. See **Pre-1972 Grandfathered Buoys** for more information.

3. What do I do if I know my buoy(s) were permitted by TRPA?

Even existing TRPA permits for mooring buoys must be recognized in the initial phase of the new shorezone ordinance. No application filing fees will be required to recognize your buoy, only the first two installments of the new annual mooring fees along with a current mooring chain/rode maintenance report.

All you need to get started are your original permit documents. Submit copies of signed, acknowledged TRPA permit documents with specific reference to all moorings and/or TRPA-stamped plans.

You can also submit the results of a Verification of TRPA Mooring Permit.

[Click here to Request Verification of Mooring Permit](#)

To search TRPA files for your mooring permit, send an email to filerequest@trpa.org.

In the subject line write: Buoy Permit, APN# (your APN).

Include in the body of the email:

Your name

Property information including Assessors Parcel Number (APN) and address

The best contact information for you or your representative

You will be contacted when the requested files are ready to view at our office in Stateline, NV.

4. What do I do if I have a State Lands lease or a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit but don't have a TRPA permit?

You need to submit a buoy application to TRPA. Either a valid, current state lands lease or a valid, approved U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit is required for TRPA to issue a buoy permit.

5. What do I do if I don't have any documentation for my buoy or buoys but they have been in the lake for many years?

Owners of existing mooring buoys not permitted by TRPA need to submit an application to the Agency in 2009. Moorings placed in Lake Tahoe before February 10, 1972 without proof of authorization may be considered grandfathered; however, additional application review fees may be applied to recover extra costs for staff or legal review of evidence provided.

Here are some possible options for providing clear evidence:

- Grandfathering letter from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Pre-1972 Aerial photographs (available at TRPA offices and USDA Forest Service LTBMU)
- Pre-1972 tax assessor records (handwritten or drawn and dated)
- Pre-1972 point-of-sale records
- Affidavits may be considered in addition to other documentation, but not as stand-alone evidence.
- Other pre-1972 evidence

Lack of pre-1972 evidence means that your initial application to TRPA will be considered a new mooring. New mooring applications that would create a total buoy inventory in Lake Tahoe more than 4,454 will not be processed by TRPA until implementation of the [Blue Boating Program](#), expected in 2010.

Once TRPA begins accepting applications for new moorings, priority for application processing will be given to property owners who have **not** placed buoys without authorization from an appropriate agency.

Buoy owners who do obtain a TRPA permit, whether for a grandfathered or a new mooring buoy, also need to obtain a valid lease from the appropriate state land agency and valid permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Under certain circumstances, buoy owners claiming pre-1972 grandfather permitting may be required by TRPA to have either a current, valid lease from the appropriate state land agency or a current, valid permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers before approval of a permit.

The sequence of multi-agency permitting for pre-1972 grandfathered buoys first requires submittal of a buoy permit application to TRPA. A lease application to California or Nevada state land agencies can be made concurrently or subsequently to submittal of the TRPA permit application. However, state lease applications will not be acted on until approval of the TRPA permit. A permit application to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers cannot be submitted to the Corps until final approval of a TRPA buoy permit.

Please use the contact links on the right of this page to find more information.

6. I'm not sure whether or not I have a TRPA permit. Don't you have that information?

There are two ways to verify if your moorings were permitted by TRPA.

1. TRPA files can easily be searched for free by you or your agent from our website [Click Here to go to Parcel Information Searches](#). Enter your property information and you will

know if there are any files on your property. Instructions are also there to send an email request for file viewing to our records technicians. Once they have the property information and file numbers you want to view, you will be notified when the files are available for you or your representative to view at our office.

2. Another option available is for TRPA staff to search and officially verify the existence of a TRPA mooring or buoy permit.

[Click here to Request Verification of TRPA Mooring Permit](#)

This form and \$50 filing fee allow TRPA staff to assist property owners with existing moorings to search archive files for buoy and mooring permits issued by the Agency. TRPA has identified many properties with existing TRPA mooring permits, but some moorings on Lake Tahoe were permitted by TRPA as a part of other, dissimilar projects, which limits the ability of database searches.

7. The buoy rules state that I need water quality BMPs completed and certified on the landward portion of my property in order to get a buoy permit. How do I know if I have a certificate and what do I do if don't have one?

BMPs are Best Management Practices for erosion control designed to keep pollutants like fine sediment from entering Lake Tahoe. Information about BMPs and the status of your property are available at www.tahoebmp.org/.

BMPs are required on all developed parcels in the Tahoe Region to help protect our famous water clarity. All deadlines have expired for installing BMPs, so a completion certificate is required as part of your application submittal.

8. What is a mooring chain/rode maintenance statement?

[Click here for the Mooring Registration Form and Buoy Maintenance Statement](#)

Part of registering your buoys is certifying that they are in good condition. The statement is required to be submitted every two years along with two payments of the annual mooring fees. The statement ensures buoy tackle, also called the rode, has been inspected and any necessary maintenance has been completed. The inspection and maintenance is required every two years and can be completed by the owner or a professional, but only the owner needs to certify the maintenance.

Annual fees for each mooring are part of the new ordinances. The fees will be used to fund the TRPA Watercraft Enforcement Program and to remove unpermitted buoys. To streamline the process for submitting annual fees, one double payment will be due every two years along with the buoy chain/rode maintenance statement. Mooring registration renewal invoices will be sent by mail to the primary address listed on tax assessor's records unless a different address is specified in the registration form.

9. How will TRPA know which moorings in the Lake have been permitted?

Once your existing TRPA mooring permit has been recognized or your first permit is issued, you will receive a registration sticker valid for two years for each mooring. The stickers will have an individual identification number linked to a database which TRPA Watercraft Enforcement staff can easily identify.

TRPA's goal is to have all existing mooring buoys in Lake Tahoe either registered with TRPA or removed by 2010.

10. Are any of the fees or processes different for Homeowner and Property Owner Associations or for marinas?

All existing moorings need to be permitted by TRPA or have their existing permit recognized, but application fees are different. HOA and similar association mooring fields are considered private, so the annual mooring fee of \$175 applies to each mooring allowed within the association property boundary. For marina buoy fields, the annual fee is \$100 per mooring.

If the association or marina mooring field does not have an existing TRPA permit, application filing fees apply but are limited to \$500 per mooring. The additional fee of \$500 per mooring does not apply to Homeowner Association or marina mooring field applications.

HOA members and managers and marinas should keep in mind that a BMP Certificate showing completion of Best Management Practices for erosion control is required **before** submitting a mooring application to TRPA. BMPs are property improvements designed to keep pollutants like fine sediment from entering Lake Tahoe. Information about BMPs and the status of your property are available at www.tahoebmp.org/.

BMPs are required on all developed parcels in the Tahoe Region to help protect our famous water clarity. All deadlines have expired for installing BMPs, so a completion certificate is required as part of your application submittal.

11. How were the application filing fees and other fees established?

TRPA has an obligation to recover all costs for permit review through application filing fees. Costs include all operational tasks including clerical and finance staff time. TRPA must estimate how much time all persons involved will spend processing one application and an average number is derived. The \$500 filing fee per buoy was established in the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the adoption of the Shorezone Program.

On average, applications for more than one buoy are more complex and require more time to process throughout the agency. That is why fees are incrementally higher for the number of buoys applied for.

12. If I can't provide evidence that my buoys were placed before 1972, what should I do?

TRPA will accept supporting evidence from broad sources in order to give property owners the benefit of doubt when establishing pre-1972 placement of buoys. TRPA is aware that buoys have been placed without authorization since 1972, but has no way of identifying which buoys are legitimate and which are not.

If no evidence can be provided, TRPA must consider the buoy to have been placed illegally and the buoy, rode and anchor must be removed. The TRPA Watercraft Enforcement Team will be inventorying and affixing enforcement notices on unregistered buoys throughout 2009 to notify buoy owners of the need to apply for a TRPA permit. If an unpermitted buoy and anchor is left in the water, the buoy owner is in violation and subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000 and an additional civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000 per day, for each day on which a violation persists.

Buoy permitting under the new shorezone program happens under two phases, as described in the buoy application packets. Under Phase 1, existing buoys unpermitted by TRPA are required to come into conformance with updated mooring standards. Permitting of all existing buoys in Lake Tahoe is Phase 1 of the new process.

Once TRPA has permitted all existing buoys meeting the criteria above, there is potential for the permitting of new buoys during Phase 1. However, TRPA is limited to permitting a maximum of 4,454 buoys on Lake Tahoe under the Phase 1 permitting process. The 4,454 total only includes mooring buoys on Lake Tahoe and does not include boatlifts, floating platforms and berths in boathouses or moorings on other lakes of the region.

Under Phase 2, TRPA will begin accepting applications for new buoys on Lake Tahoe beyond a total inventory of 4,454 buoys. **Phase 2 permitting will not begin until the adoption and implementation of the Blue Boating Program.** The Blue Boating Program will serve the purpose of collecting data and reducing the environmental impacts of motorized watercraft. The program includes a boat registration and sticker program designed to improve the impacts of watercraft at Lake Tahoe. Once this program is in place, additional permits can be issued for new buoys up to a total inventory of 6,316 moorings on Lake Tahoe. The total of moorings allowed under Phase 2 includes all mooring buoys, boatlifts, floating platforms and berths in boathouses.

Property owners that remove unauthorized buoys may be able to apply for new buoys under Phase 2, but there is no guarantee that they can be permitted or that the total allowable inventory of 6,316 moorings will be met before an application is submitted. Additionally, priority for processing applications under Phase 2 will go to lakefront property owners who did not place buoys without authorization and who waited for TRPA to adopt new ordinances. It is possible that the total mooring inventory of 6,316 will be achieved without permitting buoys on every parcel. For these reasons, all existing unauthorized buoys must be removed regardless of the potential eligibility of the shorezone parcel for new buoys under Phase 2.

The Agency will be able to accept applications for new buoys after effective implementation of the Blue Boating Program. The Blue Boating Program is expected to be operational in 2011.