

OVERVIEW

From Lake Tahoe to Pyramid Lake, the Truckee River flows just over one hundred miles and is a microcosm of western water issues. Life blood of northwestern Nevada, the Truckee River is rich in history and controversy. Stakeholders on the river include cities, farmers, wildlife, endangered fish, Native Americans, two states and the federal government.

This two-day field course will cover:

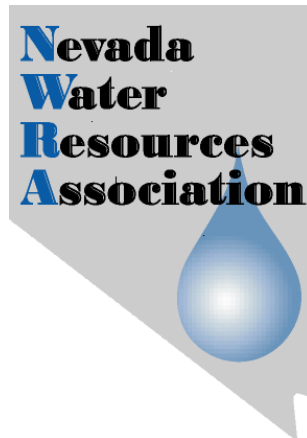
- Hydrology and flow regulation under the Orr Ditch Decree and Truckee River Agreement
- Water quality deterioration and remediation
- Endangered species
- Hydropower generation
- Riparian habitat restoration
- Flood control planning
- Legal issues and efforts to negotiate solutions
- Future of the Truckee River under the Truckee River Operation Agreement (TROA).

Qualifies for 15 hours of continuing education credit for engineers and water right surveyors, and potentially—pending approval—attorneys.

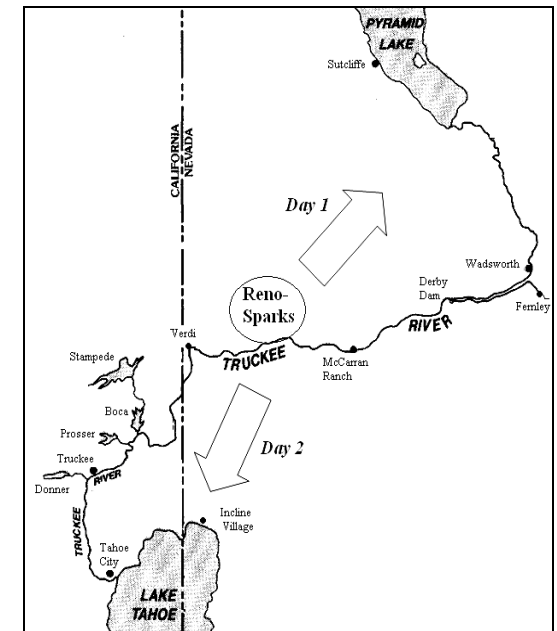
This is a full two-day field course by bus, covering the entire length of the Truckee River. Space permitting, there is flexibility for individuals to sign up for one day only. Seating is limited, and there is a moderate amount of walking involved.

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10TH ANNUAL TRUCKEE RIVER FIELD STUDY COURSE



MAY 3-4, 2012

TOPICS & SITES

DAY ONE--THURSDAY

On Thursday we will start early to drive from Sparks to Pyramid Lake via Pyramid Highway, discussing water rights and growth issues en route.

At Sutcliffe, we will meet Pyramid Tribe members who manage spawning cut-throat trout—an unforgettable close-up view of the hands-on effort to help these fish survive and thrive. Be sure to bring your camera!

Later in the morning we will visit Marble Bluff fish facility, where a man-made lock helps fish travel from Pyramid Lake to the much higher channel of the River. Lunch will be provided in Fernley.

In the afternoon, we will drive upstream along the Truckee River to Sparks, visiting Derby Dam and its multi-million dollar fish ladder and touring river restoration projects at McCarran Ranch, 102 Ranch and/or Lockwood. Our last stop of the day is near the Vista Reefs to hear two guest speakers on flood control and water quality.

DAY TWO--FRIDAY

On Friday, we will travel over Mount Rose summit to Lake Tahoe, for a fascinating tour of the Tahoe Environmental Research Center at Incline Village.

Regulations governing Lake Tahoe and its unique hydrology and history will be described at Tahoe Dam before continuing on to Donner Lake for a discussion of municipal water supply and drought storage for Reno-Sparks. Lunch will be provided in Truckee, with a guest speaker on watershed protection.

In the afternoon we will visit Boca and Stampede Reservoirs, with extensive discussion of the new Truckee River Operating Agreement (TROA), PL 101-618, and the Negotiated Settlement, as well as the history of the Truckee River. In Verdi, we have a rare opportunity to view the inside of a 100-year old hydroelectric plant—making electricity for Northern Nevada for 100 years.

TOUR REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Co/Agcy: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Send \$280 (less \$40 for NWRA members)
payable to NWRA:
P. O. Box 8064, Reno, NV 89507

You can also register online at
www.nvwra.org

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Janet R. Phillips*, P.E., is tour leader and provides much of the content of the course, especially during time spent on the bus. Janet has a Bachelor's degree in economics from Stanford and a Master's in Water Resources Engineering from UCLA. Her career has centered on the Truckee and Carson Rivers, first as assistant Federal Water Master and later as Water Policy and Planning Director for Sierra Pacific Power Company, the water purveyor for Reno-Sparks until 2001. Her passion for the Truckee River is expressed today in leading an effort to create a pedestrian and bike trail along the entire length of the River.

*formerly Carson

Guest Speakers join us at nearly every stop, including experts from USGS, DRI, Washoe County, Pyramid Lake Tribe, TMWA, Fish & Wildlife Service, and The Nature Conservancy.

Participants often add to the discussion by sharing their knowledge and materials with the group, so bring your expertise!

In closing...

In 2003 and 2004 we were hampered by blizzards and bus breakdowns. Everyone loved this trip despite the glitches. In recent years, the trip has been sold out—so don't wait too long to sign up!