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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A SUPPLEMENTAL MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST (IS/MND/IEC)

Lead Agency: California Tahoe Conservancy

Project Title: Van Sickle Bi-State Park Safety and Equitable Access Improvements Project

Date: March 25, 2026

Notice is given that the California Tahoe Conservancy (Conservancy) has prepared a Draft Supplemental Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Van Sickle Bi-State Park Safety and Equitable Access Improvements Project (Modified Project), pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and an Initial Environmental Checklist (IEC) per the TRPA Code of Ordinances Rules of Procedure.

The Supplemental IS/MND/IEC describes the Modified Project; evaluates and describes the potential environmental impacts associated with construction, operation, and maintenance; identifies impacts that could be significant; and presents measures that, if adopted by the Conservancy, would reduce these impacts. The Conservancy invites all interested parties to comment on the document.

Project Location: The California side of Van Sickle Bi-State Park, on portions of five parcels owned by the Conservancy (El Dorado County Assessment Numbers (ANs) 029-260-025, 029-260-032, 029-441-003, 029-441-019, 029-441-020) and City of South Lake Tahoe right-of-way adjacent to the Park entrance and Lake Parkway. The area is bounded by Lake Parkway/Montreal Road to the west, the California/Nevada state line to the north, a meadow to the south, the South Tahoe Public Utility District water tanks, and the terminus of the Barn Trail intersection to the east.

Project Description: The Modified Project proposes to construct several new elements within the California side of the Park, including approximately 0.4 miles of Class 1 paved trail, up to 0.5 miles of unpaved hiking trail, a new entrance plaza, a new state line monument plaza, two picnic areas with amenities, and improvements to several existing park features in the vicinity of the California day-use area such as the bathrooms which would be retrofitted to achieve Americans with Disabilities Act compliance and the parking lot, which would be paved and upgraded with snow storage and stormwater facilities for potential expanded winter operations.

The Modified Project modifies the original Park project that was evaluated by the Conservancy in the 2009 Van Sickle CA/NV Bi-State Park IS/ND/IEC (State Clearinghouse No. 2009042033). On the California side of the Park, the original project included construction of the California day-use area, an

entrance road, a multi-use trail paralleling the entrance road to connect visitors to the California day-use area, and an unpaved parking lot.

Hazardous Materials: None of the project components would be located on a site that is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

Public Review and Comment: The Supplemental IS/MND/IEC is available for a 30-day public comment period that begins on March 26, 2026 and ends on April 27, 2026. Please provide comments by April 27, 2026. Written comments should be emailed or mailed to:

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Availability of Supplemental IS/MND/IEC: The Supplemental IS/MND/IEC and project information are available for public review on the Conservancy's project website: https://tahoe.ca.gov/van-sickle-improvements/.

To request printed copies of the Supplemental IS/MND/IEC or for additional information, please email Scott.Cecchi@tahoe.ca.gov.