



## **History of LTFAC's Role Regarding Reclamation**

Reclamation has the Lake Tahoe Regional Wetlands Development Program in place, and has provided a place-based person to participate in the Federal Interagency Partnership and administer Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) projects. In 2003, Congress included in their Consolidated Appropriations Resolution the following phrase: "...the Bureau of Reclamation is authorized hereafter to negotiate and enter into financial assistance agreements with public and private agencies, organizations and institutions for activities under the Lake Tahoe Regional Wetlands Development Program." This enabled Reclamation to "*hereafter*" enter into grants and cooperative agreements to plan and implement Environmental Improvement Program projects, with an emphasis on water quality and fish and wildlife habitat improvements. Reclamation would like to continue this level of participation and to have a presence in the Basin. However, the ability to fund additional grants for EIP projects and to participate fully in the Federal Interagency Partnership depends on provision of funding. The Lake Tahoe Regional Wetlands Development Program was last funded at a significant level (beyond staff time) in fiscal year 2010.

In addition, Reclamation looks forward to hearing from the LTFAC about their concerns and priorities in the Lake Tahoe Basin.