

**JULY 2020**

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## DRINK TAHOE TAP WATER BOTTLE PARTNERSHIP



In partnership with the Tahoe Water Suppliers Association, UC Davis Tahoe Environmental Research Center (TERC), Tahoe Fund and Take Care Tahoe, Raley's in Incline Village has become the first major Tahoe area business to encourage their customers not to buy single-use water bottles. Instead, the grocer is asking its patrons to consider purchasing DRINK TAHOE TAP branded reusable Klean Kanteen water bottles.

In addition to making the bottles available to customers for purchase, Raley's has incorporated signage from the Take Care Tahoe campaign in their in-store displays where single-use plastic water bottles are shelved to help educate customers about the impacts of single-use and microplastics on the environment and specifically the Lake Tahoe Watershed. The signage also advises customers how they can find water refill stations throughout the Lake Tahoe Basin.

"With 99.994% purity, Tahoe tap water has been voted the best tasting water in the country by the National Rural Water Association," said Madonna Dunbar, executive director of the Tahoe Water Suppliers Association. "The DRINK TAHOE TAP initiative was designed to reduce the use of single-use plastics and increase accessibility to drinking water filling stations throughout the region.

Recent research from TERC has shown that micro-plastics were present at every beach tested around the lake. To respond to this and reduce the impacts of litter and micro-plastic pollution on the Lake Tahoe watershed, a pilot project has been developed with the intention of reducing sourcewater plastic pollution. The goal of the project is to raise the level of public awareness about Non-Point Source (NPS) pollution and its effect on Lake Tahoe's famed water quality.

"It is incredible to have a partner like Raley's who puts the environment and our community ahead of their own profits," said Heather Segale, education and outreach director for the UC Davis Tahoe Environmental Research Center. "We hope that other local grocery stores will be interested in joining the effort to promote reusable water bottle sales as an alternative to single-use plastics."

To expand the program, students from the Incline High School AP Environmental Science class will work with the Tahoe Water Suppliers Association (TWSA), UC Davis Tahoe Environmental Research Center (TERC), and Sierra Watershed Education Partnerships (SWEP) to conduct outreach to local grocery store managers and staff, conduct surveys to determine why individuals choose single-use plastics and to promote alternatives, deliver alternative reusable water bottles, and utilize both local media and social media to promote this project.

Learn more about DRINK TAHOE TAP and where to find water refill stations throughout the Lake Tahoe basin at <https://takecaretahoe.org/take-action/tahoe-tap>

# New Spring Green Dates Collection Dates are June 1 - August 21

Fall collection dates remain the same.  
September 28 - October 23, 2020.



## APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL MANAGER



General Improvement District (IVGID) unanimously voted to appoint Indra Winquest as the district's general manager. "On behalf of the board of trustees and community, we welcome Indra Winquest as our general manager," said Chairman Tim Callicrate. "Indra is a very thoughtful, passionate, and competent leader with an exemplary record of service to the district, and we are confident he will exceed as the general manager of IVGID."

Winquest has worked for IVGID for more than 17 years. He was originally hired in 2003 as the senior recreation clerk. He has since worked his way through the ranks of IVGID, having been promoted to recreation supervisor in 2005, parks and recreation superintendent in 2008, director of parks and recreation/community services in 2014, assistant general manager in 2019, and interim general manager in 2020.

"From clerk to general manager is an amazing career path to look back on and I'm humbled to now officially lead IVGID's dedicated and talented staff," added Indra Winquest. "I'm thankful for all my current and former IVGID colleagues and trustees that helped me learn and succeed through the years. My priorities over the next year will include managing IVGID through the COVID-19 pandemic, conducting a utility reserve fund and rate study, managing the effluent pipeline and pond lining project, revising Ordinance 7, and improving our capital planning and internal controls, to name a few."

Winquest's role as general manager became effective on July 1, 2020.

## WATER EFFICIENCY REBATE RETURNS

### REPLACE YOUR TOILET OR WASHING MACHINE AND RECEIVE UP TO \$100

The first 100 applications for high efficiency appliances are eligible for one rebate per parcel, up to \$100 credit towards their IVGID utility bill.

High-efficiency appliances eligible for the rebate include WaterSense toilets using 1.28 gallons of water per flush, or Energy Star washing machines that have a water factor of 3.7 or less.

Applicants must fill out and submit to IVGID Waste Not:

1. The High-Efficiency Appliance application
2. A copy of the original receipt (dated on/after July 1, 2020 and before June 30, 2021)
3. A photo of the installed appliance with model number.

The rebate application is available on our website:

<https://www.yourtahoepace.com/public-works/water/water-conservation>

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