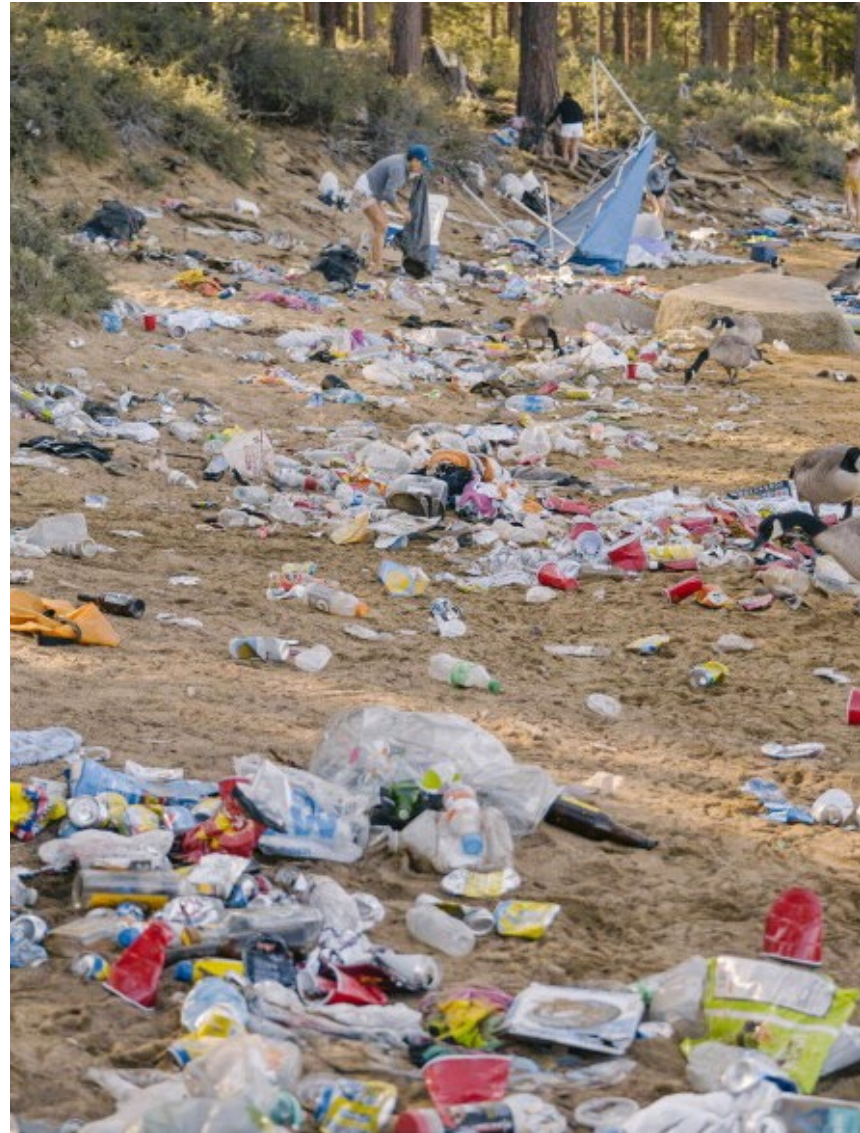


Ban on Polystyrene, Plastic Food Packaging, and Single-Use Water Bottles

Reducing Waste,
Protecting Health,
and Preserving the
Environment

The Problem

- Worldwide, Lake Tahoe was ranked 3rd with the highest levels of microplastics within natural lakes & reservoirs
- Polystyrene persists in the environment for 100s of years
- Plastics stay in the environment forever
- Plastics clog storm drains, leach chemicals, and harm the Lake and wildlife
- Bottled water contains 200% more microplastics than Tahoe Tap water.



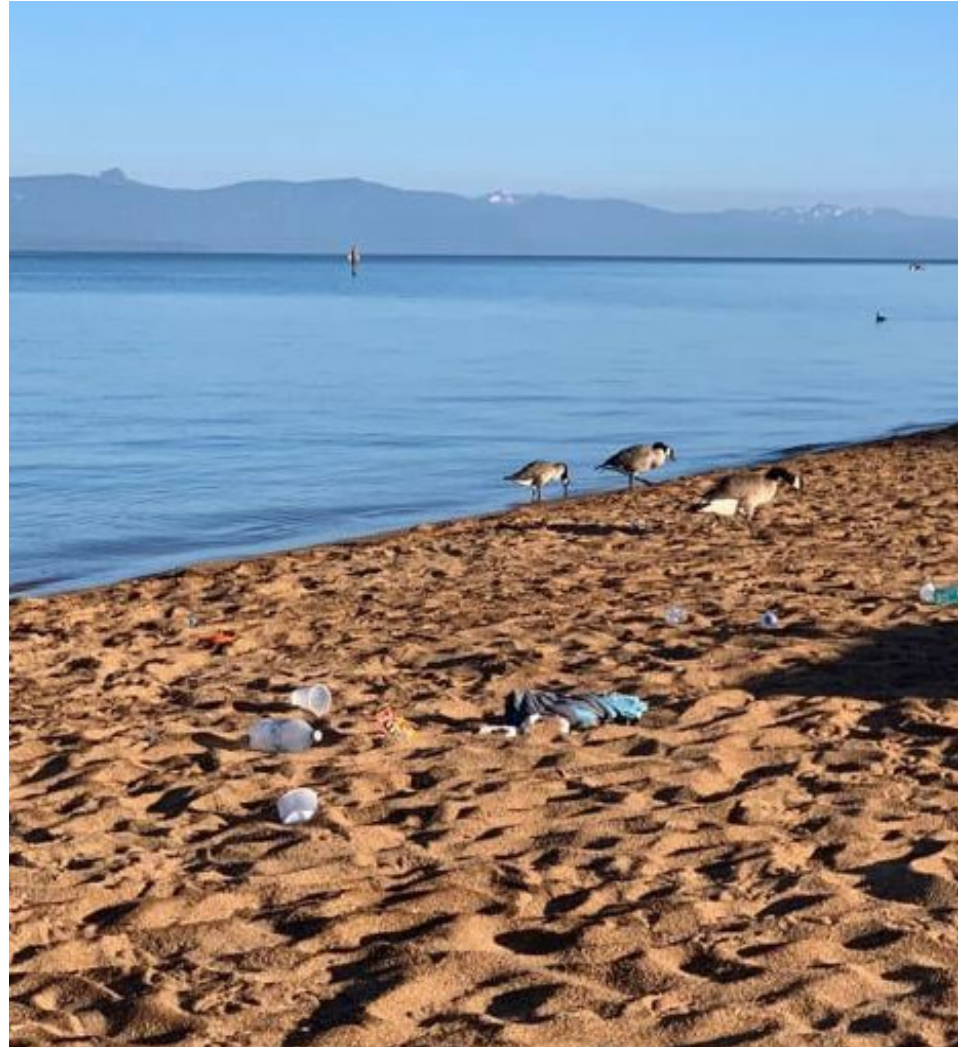
City of South Lake Tahoe



- 2013 – Single-use bags
- 2018 – Polystyrene and Plastic Food Packaging
- 2024 – Single-use plastic water bottles under a gallon (commercial ban)

What to Consider

- Plastic bag ban
- Plastic single-use water bottles
- Styrofoam
- Plastic lined cardboard water boxes



The Ask

- Direction from BOS to work with EMD staff to begin developing regulations.
- 1st Reading Goal: Board of Supervisor's Meeting October 28, 2025
- Effective Earth Day April 22, 2026

