

LAKE TAHOE

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Are you planning to preserve the existing buildings on site?

Preserving the history and cultural heritage of the Cal Neva is a key focus of our revitalization efforts. Our top priority has been focused on the structural integrity of the historic lodge portion of the main building. Our overall goal is to preserve, revitalize, and breathe new life into the historic places: the Circle Bar, lodge, casino, and showroom. The previous cabins and wedding chapel, however, were no longer habitable, posing a safety hazard. They have been removed as part of our pre-construction work.

Will the local community be welcome at the Cal Neva?

We believe that the long-term success of the Cal Neva depends on the local community embracing the project. If it is a place where the locals love to come, then visitors will want to come also. We understand how important the Cal Neva property is to the community and are excited to showcase many spaces for locals to enjoy such as: the Circle Bar, casino, new restaurants, the Showroom, and the historic lodge. We are also planning flexible meeting spaces that will accommodate small and medium-sized groups for local gatherings, social events, weddings and corporate meetings. It continues to be incredibly heartwarming to hear and read the Cal Neva stories and memories so many people have shared with us about their experiences through the years at Cal Neva. We look forward to creating new memories with the community.

What is the project timeline?

While many factors are involved and will continue to affect the hotel timeline, we are now targeting a 2027 opening to celebrate more than 100 years of Cal Neva!

What is the latest update on the project?

Structural reinforcement work is underway to preserve the beloved historic lodge (formerly the Indian Room), Circle Bar and Celebrity Showroom. These structures have been abandoned for more than a decade with significant weather impacts requiring an above and beyond effort to save. Hence, engineering assessments, structural upgrades, and environmental abatement is in progress on the historic lodge and low-rise. Additionally, pre-construction site improvements are focused on enhancing stormwater systems, making utility upgrades to improve the surrounding environment, bringing back native landscaping, and improving lake health. Crews are also conducting forest health activities including ladder fuel reduction and wildfire mitigation to improve fire safety of the area. As we continue with the planning and design of the Revitalize Cal Neva project, we are grateful for, and have taken to heart, the input and feedback we've received from the community for more than a year now since we purchased the Cal Neva in 2023. Thank you for your ongoing involvement and support.

Will there be a workforce housing component to this project?

We understand the critical need for workforce housing in the greater Tahoe region. Our team continues to meet with various community leaders and other private landowners to explore options and solutions to workforce housing. We will continue to provide updates as we make progress.

What about increased traffic and congestion?

We are actively engaged with local transportation partners. Working in collaboration, our goal is to create a suite of transportation offerings and solutions for our employees and guests. We are focused on walkability, e-bikes, local and regional transit, micro transit, and other options. Following the redevelopment, hotel guests will be encouraged to park their cars and utilize public transit, shuttles, bikes, and pathways. As a part of the overall revitalization plan, we have focused on creating robust social and recreational amenities to encourage guests to remain on site or use the available transportation options during their stays.

How will this renovation help the water and environmental quality of Lake Tahoe?

All renovation and new construction on the site are planned to be consistent with the current Best Management Practices (BMP) in water quality and stormwater management. Our goal is to further support the environmental quality of the lake and surrounding environment.

Is the new property going to be a hotel or condominiums?

Cal Neva will be a hotel only project with no for sale product.

What will happen with the tunnels underneath the property?

Most of the historic tunnels underneath the property had long ago been filled in during previous ownerships. Though the tunnels currently present public safety threats, we continue to look at how we might be able to stabilize and safely use parts of the remaining tunnels underneath the historic lodge.

If any issues occur or you have any questions, please send an email to constructioncalneva@mcwhinney.com and we will respond to you.