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To: Truckee River Fund Advisors

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Subject: **Transcript Summary of October 15, 2007 Meeting of the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee**

The following is an unofficial summary of the official transcript for the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee meeting of October 15, 2007.

Those Present: Committee Members: Janet Phillips, Chairperson, Tom Swan, Vice-Chair; Mike Brisbin, Michael Cameron; Bill Bradley; Jerry Purdy; Also: Sylvia Harriossn, McDonald Carano Wilson LLP; Chris Askin, The Community Foundation; Ron Penrose, Truckee Meadows Water Authority; Jason Dukes, City of Sparks, Jerry Keir, Executive Director, Great Basin Institute, Wendy Trowbridge

Roll Call: Roll Call was taken and a quorum was noted. It was noted that Jason Dukes will be the new committee member from the City of Sparks

Agenda Item #2: Approval of Agenda: Agenda for the 10/15 meeting was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #3: Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Agenda Item #4: Presentations: Truckee River Flood Project, Highway and Transportation Corridor Runoff Mitigation: Bill Bradley reported that he had been in contact with Ralph Reed from CalTrans. Mr Reed was just coming off a trip and could not make the meeting. It was decided to postpone the presentation to a future meeting with the intent to invite him to the Dec. 7th scheduled meeting. The committee then heard a presentation from Mr. Keir and Ms. Trowbridge from the Great Basin Institute (affiliated with UNR). Mr. Keir explained the evolution of the Institute over the last few years and also discussed a concept of developing a portion of the old Catholic diocese property (east of McCarren and north of the Truckee River) into a kind of ecological park which could serve multiple purposes of research, public education, and flood control. Existing church buildings would serve as educational centers and would be flood hardened. There was general discussion and concerns raised as to coordination of the project with the County Flood Control Project. The presentation was a precursor to a possible future proposal from the Great Basin Institute.

Agenda Item #5: Review of Funded Projects that are not implemented with the objectives and timeline specified in the proposal.

Chris quickly reviewed the information packet including the revised project tracking sheet. He mentioned that Tracy Turner is a new hire as Program Officer and will be working closely with committee, specifically tracking grants/projects and providing oversight. Chris stated that the \$370,000 to the Downtown Eco-Channel had been terminated. He also stated that grant number 34 to the Paiute Tribe had been terminated at their request.

There was further discussion concerning status reports on the following projects: (1) two projects directed at solving the Chalk Creek TDS issue with additional discussion action for February's meeting, (2) Snap Shot Day 2007 (final report accepted), and (3) Restoration of Riparian Vegetation at Sapphire Ridge in Chalk Creek Sub-Watershed.

Agenda Item #6: Fund Balance Report: Chris reviewed the fund balance and stated that the fund balance is at \$622,000, which includes the reversal of the grants to the Eco-Channel and the Paiute Tribe. Chris also stated that TMWA had approved an additional disbursement of one million dollars and that some of that would be forwarded to the Community Foundation by the first of the year.

Agenda Item #7: Establish Policy for Funded Projects that are not implemented in accordance with the objectives and timeline specified in the proposal:

Chris opened the discussion by stating that the committee needs to determine if some kind of automatic system should be implemented that would deal with projects that are not implemented in a timely manner. Chris explained a number of options that could be considered and there was general discussion. It was moved that a written policy be developed and presented for possible action at the December meeting.

Agenda Item #8: 2008 Fund Leadership and Annual Calendar Planning

The committee voted unanimously to have Janet serve another year as the chair of the committee. The committee also voted unanimously to have Tom serve as co-chair for another year. The merits of the calendar were discussed with the 2008 calendar to be reviewed and approved at the December meeting.

Agenda Item #9: Committee comments and requests for future agenda items:

Jerry Purdy discussed the issue of supporting Highway projects with TRF funds directed at making drainage improvements. The committee agreed that this concept should be pursued and encouraged with future RFPs. Janet informed that she will be attending the Nevada Water Resources Association Truckee River Symposium and that she will be part of a panel of funding sources. They will be speaking to an audience of river engineers and scientists about money. She will be providing a later report on that conference. She also discussed the Truckee River Day event she attended in Truckee. She spoke of a new concept, meadow restoration, which the committee may want to support in the future as it

relates directly to water resources and drought storage. The concept of a future water quality field trip was discussed.

Agenda Item # 10: Public Comment: there was no public comment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 am.

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