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To: Truckee River Fund Advisors

From: Ron Penrose, Fund Facilitator  
Truckee Meadows Water Authority

Subject: **Transcript Summary of January 18, 2007 Meeting of the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee**

The following is an unofficial summary of the transcript relating to the meeting of January 18, 2007.

**Those Present:** Committee Members: Janet Carson, Chairperson; Tom Swan, Vice-Chair; Susan Lynn, , Bill Bradley, Jerry Purdy, Mike Brisbin, Michael Cameron, Daryl Gardipe; Also: Sylvia Harrison, McDonald Carano Wilson LLP; Chris Askin, The Community Foundation; Ron Penrose, Truckee Meadows Water Authority; Members of the Public: Ms. Terri Svetich, City of Reno; Ms. Jana Vanderhaar, Interpretive Gardens, Inc.; Ms. Patti Bakker, the Nature Conservancy; Mr. Mickey Hazelwood, the Nature Conservancy; Dr. Charles Goldman, UC Davis; Mr. Barron Caronite, P.E., Sierra Land Solutions; Mr. Mahmood Azad, P.E., City of Reno; Mr. Matt Setty, Setty Resources, LLC

**Roll Call:** Roll Call was taken. Eight advisors were present as delineated above including Mike Brisbin, newly appointed advisor from the City of Sparks.

**Agenda Item #2: Approval of Agenda:** Agenda for the 1/18 meeting was approved.

**Agenda Item #3: Public Comment:** Members of the public indicated they would speak under agenda items 5, 6 and 7

**Agenda Item #4:** The unofficial summary transcript minutes of the meetings from January 30, 2006, February 16, 2006, April 14, 2006, July 6, 2006, August 24, 2006 and November 6, 2006 were approved by the Fund Advisors.

**Agenda Item #5. Status Reports on Existing Projects:** Chris Askin reviewed the spread sheet used for tracking projects, current funds available, and stated that an updated financial report would be available soon. In regards to individual status reports, Janet Carson suggested that project status reports be made available electronically prior to meetings.

Mahmoudl Azad briefed the advisors on the Lower Steamboat Creek rehabilitation project. He reviewed the issues involved in the project including soils and water chemistry issues and noxious weeds. He indicated that with the ACE work on the Flood Control Project, there is an opportunity to fully coordinate the project with the Flood Control project. He indicated that completion of a conceptual design for the project would allow for the NEPA environmental process to begin.

**Agenda Item #6: Discussion and Action on previous Riparian Restoration Proposal:**

Additional information was provided by the City of Reno in regards to the Rainbow Creek watershed which is a sub-watershed of Chalk Creek. The City indicated that restoration of the watershed had been successful in the upper reaches but need to evaluate further which vegetation will work in the lower reaches. After some discussion, the Fund Advisors moved to approve the project and forward its approval to the TMWA Board.

**Agenda Item #7: Discussion and Potential Action on solicited and unsolicited proposals concerning Chalk Creek:**

Terri Svetich opened the discussion with an overview of the local storm water management program which she heads up. She reviewed the watershed management manual and low impact development standards, the tributary assessment protocol, erosion repair and protection methods and public education and outreach. She indicated that Jeff Jesch (COR) has been doing tributary assessments. She then reviewed the “Chalk Creek” proposal in depth. After some discussion, Janet Carson and the advisors indicated that they needed more information and it was moved that a decision would be rendered on the proposal at the next meeting after review of the additional information. The Advisors also voted to invite another proposal relative to Chalk Creek mitigation which would be funneled through the Truckee River Yacht Club.

Mahmood Azad (Moody) from the City of Reno then gave the Advisors a short presentation on a possible project involving a low flow channel in the Truckee River from Sierra Street to Lake Street. According to Moody, the project would provide thermal benefits and would improve the aquatic environment. After some discussion, the Advisors voted to invite a formal proposal.

Moody also introduced Dr. Charles Goldman from UC Davis, who made a presentation on the Truckee River Information Gateway system, called TRIG. Dr. Goldman has spearheaded the development of the system which provides an electronic data base of water quality information and studies performed on the Truckee River system. Dr. Goldman indicated that the system is entering the testing stage and are looking for financial support for the system’s final implementation. The Advisors discussed the project. Three advisors were opposed to support while four were in favor. After more discussion, the Advisors voted to invite a proposal for future consideration.

Jerry Purdy proposed a sampling program on storm drain discharges to the Truckee River. A local consulting firm is interested but the project would need a non-profit entity to sponsor the project. After some discussion, the Advisors voted to entertain a future proposal in regards to the project.

**Agenda Item #8: Further Discussion and possible action concerning next funding cycle scheduling:** The Advisors voted to convene the next meeting at 8:30 a.m. on February 12 and did not act on additional scheduling.

**Agenda Item #9: Continued Discussion on ways to best leverage Truckee River Fund support to water quality and watershed improvement projects requiring significant investment.** This item was to be continued however Chris and Janet suggested development of a “Truckee River Fund Calendar” which could be drafted with a subcommittee. Chris Askin then presented a financial summary of the fund ending year end 2006.

**Agenda Item #10: Committee Comments and requests for future agenda items:** The Advisors expressed concern over possible legislative action that may impact the operation of the Truckee River Fund. It was requested that this issue be on the agenda for a future meeting.

**Agenda Item #11: Public Comment:** There was no additional public comment.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED**

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