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To: Truckee River Fund Advisors

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Subject: **Transcript Summary of June 25, 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 June 25, 2007.

Those Present: Committee Members: Tom Swan, Vice-Chair; Susan Lynn, Jerry Purdy, Mike Brisbin, Daryl Gardipe, Bill Bradley, Michael Cameron; Also: Sylvia Harrison, McDonald Carano Wilson LLP; Chris Askin, The Community Foundation; Ron Penrose, Truckee Meadows Water Authority; Steve Chilton, Branch Chief TRPA ; Elisa Maser, Champions of the Truckee River; Mahmood Azad, City of Reno; Rosemary Menard, Washoe County Dept. of Water Resources

Roll Call: Roll Call was taken and a quorum was noted.

Agenda Item #2: Approval of Agenda: Agenda for the 6/25 meeting was approved unanimously.

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

Agenda Item #4: Approval of summary minutes of meeting held on 4/23/07. The summary minutes of 4/23/07 were approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #5: Discussion, Further Review and Potential Action on proposals

A. "Invasive Aquatic Species Integrated Management"- Steve Chilton from TRPA gave an overview of this project. According to Steve this is a "prevention project" to stop the spread of quagga mussels into Lake Tahoe. Quagga mussels are snail like organisms that can attach themselves to water supply elements which could conceivably damage water supply intakes at Lake Tahoe and along the Truckee River. They have appeared in Lake Mead and the fear is that they could spread to Lake Tahoe and the Truckee River. The funding request is to support boat inspection/wash down facilities at Cave Rock and Sand Harbor. TRPA will have additional funding from Corps of Engineers to fund a more

comprehensive program for the entire lake. After some discussion, this request was unanimously approved by the fund advisors.

B. “Truckee River Water Quality Protection and Enhancement Project through connection of the River Oaks Subdivision to Lawton-Verdi Interceptor-Washoe County Department of Water Resources”- Rosemary Menard, Washoe County Department of Water Resources, presented the merits of this proposal. The proposal requests support for connecting the River Oaks development to the sewer system in lieu of rehabilitating an existing wastewater plant which is near the river and subject to failure and which has been the source of increasing nitrate levels in the groundwater. After much discussion the advisors unanimously recommended that \$294,400 be funded in support of the project.

C. “Living River Flood Management Project-Living River EIS Review”- Champions of the Truckee River-Elisa Maser,- Ms. Maser presented and answered questions relative to this proposal. There was much discussion about the project including whether or not the project proposal had been fully coordinated with the local flood control project team. The proposal passed with two dissenting votes.

D. “The Rainshadow Effect; Water Issues-Local to Global,” Rainshadow Community Charter School- There was much discussion about this proposal including the aspect of paying for salaries of school administrators. The proposal as presented failed on a first vote with 4 advisors opposed. The proposal was then brought back for reconsideration with a proposal for \$10,000 which would be directed for transportation, supplies and limited salary and that student reports be presented in electronic form for possible posting to the Truckee River Fund Website. The revised proposal was unanimously approved.

E. “Rancho San Raphael Wetland Enhancement and Water Quality Enhancement”, Great Basin Institute and Nevada Conservation Corps- There was some discussion about the proposal which is the first phase of a wetlands restoration project that will benefit Evans Creek and the Truckee River Watershed. The proposal was unanimously approved.

F. “Truckee River Noxious Weed Control Program”, Pyramid Lake Indian Tribe,- After limited discussion this proposal was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #6: Update and discussion on funded projects which have not commenced, and for which funds have not yet been distributed

Downtown Eco-Channel Project

Mahmood Azad, City of Reno, discussed the status of this project. At this point the project has had difficulty getting traction due to the concerns of future whitewater park construction and difficulties with sponsoring groups. The Corps has also not issued a permit for the project. The grant has not been disbursed and the city has not signed the grant acceptance agreement. Mr. Azad indicated that conceptual design is completed

with identification of the preferred alternative. Based upon the discussion, funding for this project is pending and questionable until the funding agreement is signed.

Chalk Creek Watershed Management for Water Quality to Minimize non-point source pollution from reaching the Truckee River

Terri Svetich, COR project manager, was not in attendance to give an update on the project.

Agenda Item #7: Discuss and develop plans for the July 13, 2007 8:30 am On-Site Review- Per discussion most of the Fund Advisors could not make the July 13 date. Chris Askin stated that he would E-Mail everyone with 3 alternative dates and that the on-site reviews would be rescheduled.

Agenda Item #8: Discuss and develop plans for the Presentation by the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee to the TMWA Board - Ron Penrose opened the discussion. After considerable discussion it was decided that a September presentation to the TMWA Board could possibly work with Janet leading the presentation.

Agenda Item #9: Committee Comments and requests for future agenda items - the Fund Advisors discussed the process of reviewing existing projects and potential future agenda items including inviting transportation officials to explore ways to support storm drain improvements to lessen impacts to the river.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 am.

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