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To: Truckee River Fund Advisors

From: Ron Penrose, Fund Facilitator
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Subject: **Transcript Summary of February 12, 2007 Meeting of the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee**

The following is an unofficial summary of the transcript relating to the meeting of February 12, 2007.

Those Present: Committee Members: Janet Carson, Chairperson; Tom Swan, Vice-Chair; Susan Lynn, Chris Cobb, Jerry Purdy, Mike Brisbin, Michael Cameron, Daryl Gardipe; Also: Sylvia Harrison, McDonald Carano Wilson LLP; Chris Askin, The Community Foundation; Ron Penrose and Mark Foree, Truckee Meadows Water Authority; Members of the Public: Mr. Mike Widmer, Washoe County Department of Water Resources

Roll Call: Roll Call was taken. Eight advisors were present as delineated above.

Agenda Item #2: Approval of Agenda: Agenda for the 2/12 meeting was approved.

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

Agenda Item #4: Ron Penrose indicated that the unofficial summary transcript of the meeting from January 18, 2006 was not available, but that it should be complete along with the minutes of this meeting at the next Advisor meeting.

Agenda Item #5: Presentation by Mike Widmer, Washoe County Department of Water Resources: Mike presented some of his work on a watershed plan for the Truckee River. Mike indicated that he had undertaken these studies from a professional and personal perspective. From his studies, he indicated that the major sources of tributary pollution stem from Steamboat Creek and the North Truckee Drain. Other upstream problem tributaries include Chalk Creek, Alum Creek and Mogul Creek. He reviewed some possible remedies to the water quality problems in these tributaries and there was general discussion by the Fund Advisors on the subject.

Agenda Item #6: Discussion, further review and potential action on proposals:

Proposals for Chalk Creek Mitigation: Mike Brisbin opened the discussion with a review of the data collected to date. He informed the advisors that the weir installation (previous project the advisors approved) would be installed within the next few weeks. He also reviewed previous data which he thought indicated that TDS is the primary water quality problem with Chalk Creek. The Advisors discussed the issue and appreciated the review. Further discussion centered around the proposal “Chalk Creek NPS Abatement”. The advisors questioned the “match amount” with the proposal and indicated that the proposal did not adequately address the TDS issue. After the discussion ended, the Advisors voted to not fund this proposal.

Next the advisors discussed the City of Reno’s Chalk Creek mitigation proposal. There was much discussion of the proposal concerning whether the data collection portion was necessary or redundant considering previous study of the creek. After much discussion, it was moved that the proposal should focus as much as possible on evaluation of alternatives utilizing previous studies and data. The Advisors then approved the project to be forwarded to the TMWA Board.

The Fund Advisors next reviewed the “Downtown Eco-Channel” project. There was much discussion about the project including the thermal and water quality benefits (reduced algae). After discussion was completed, the Advisors voted to approve the project with forwarding to the TMWA Board.

Agenda Item #7: Further discussion and possible action concerning organizing and scheduling matters of the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee: The advisors discussed a draft “process guidelines” and need for a more structured calendar. Chris Askin suggested that a committee meet in a couple of weeks work on the agenda and to develop a sample calendar and process guidelines to be reviewed at the next meeting. The advisors agreed to meet again on Monday, March 19, at 8:30 a.m.

Agenda Item #8: Review of Fund Assets: Chris reviewed the present status of assets, including funds disbursed, earnings, gifts and expenses.

Agenda Item #9: Continued Discussion of ways to best leverage Truckee River Fund support to major water quality and watershed improvement projects requiring significant investment: It was moved to drop this item from the agenda. The Fund Advisors thanked Mike Widmer for coming and making his presentation.

Agenda Item #10: Committee comments and requests for future agenda items. Janet Carson indicated she had an agenda item. Mike Brisbin informed the Advisors that the City of Reno received an award to the storm water infiltration project which the Fund helped support. Jerry Purdy indicated that he was concerned with the way the Fund Advisors approved projects during the meeting. There was additional discussion about an RFP for Mogul Creek. Chris Askin indicated that an earlier specific RFP was issued for Mogul Creek but there was no response.

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

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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