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Lake Tahoe, January 25, 2006 - The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) commended the winners of the 2005 Best in the Basin Awards today during the Governing Board meeting at the North Lake Tahoe Conference Center in Kings Beach, CA.

Created 16 years ago by the TRPA, the annual awards ceremony recognizes projects demonstrating exceptional planning, design, and compatibility with the Lake Tahoe environment while following the guidelines set forth by the Agency. Local professionals in the fields of architecture, landscaping, planning, engineering, and resource management judged each category.

“The Best in Basin awards recognize property owners and local agencies responsible for creating outstanding improvements that beautify Lake Tahoe while helping to preserve it for future generations,” said Julie Regan, TRPA Communications Director. “They help to serve as a guideline for future projects and set a standard of excellence.”

The 2005 Best in the Basin winners include: **Public Service:** Ski Run Bike Trail, Ski Run Blvd., South Lake Tahoe, CA; **Residential Modification/Residential BMP Retrofit:** McGaughey Residence, 3405 Edgewater Dr. Dollar Point, CA; **New Commercial:** First American Title Building, 2608 Lake Tahoe Blvd., South Lake Tahoe, CA; **Best Water Quality:** Park Avenue Drainage Basins, Park Avenue, South Lake Tahoe, CA. **Best Commercial Modification:** Aspen Terrace, Hyatt, Incline Village, NV; **Best Commercial BMP Retrofit:** J. R. Krauss Ltd, K8547 Speckled Ave., Kings Beach, CA; **Best Scenic Improvement:** Cave Rock Barrier and Rail, Cave Rock, NV.

New for 2006, additional Best in the Basin award categories will be introduced including a “green building” category promoting the usage of environmentally-sound construction materials and energy efficient products such as solar power and low energy heating and lighting projects.

The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency cooperatively leads the effort to preserve, restore, and enhance the unique natural and human environment of the Lake Tahoe region now and in the future. For additional information on the Best in the Basin Awards, visit www.trpa.org or call Angela Moniot at 775-588-4547, ext. 235.

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