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TRPA SEEKING BEST IN THE BASIN NOMINEES

Lake Tahoe, CA/NV – The nomination period is open for the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's 2010 Best in the Basin awards program, which annually recognizes the best designed, planned and implemented projects in the Tahoe Basin that also stand out as environmentally compatible.

The Best in the Basin program calls attention to projects of all categories – from natural restoration to commercial or residential construction – that carry with them environmental net gains for Lake Tahoe and its communities.

For more than two decades, the Best in the Basin program has recognized those property owners, contractors, architects and planners whose work and investment should be held up as examples to follow.

"When your work is placed before a backdrop as spectacular as the natural setting in Lake Tahoe, you can rest assured those projects that stand out as exceptional will meet the highest standards," said Dennis Oliver, Best in the Basin program coordinator. "With these awards, we recognize the best of the best."

The nomination period ends Friday, October 22. Categories are:

- new residential
- residential modification
- rebuild projects
- new commercial
- commercial modification
- commercial rebuild
- shorezone
- green building
- public service
- erosion control
- restoration

- BMP retrofit
- defensible space
- mixed-use project
- green remodel.

To qualify, projects must be complete or near completion. For an entry form and information about last year’s winners, go to www.trpa.org.

Winners will be selected by a panel of area professionals in the fields of architecture, landscaping, planning, engineering, and resource management.

Those selected to receive awards will be publicly honored by the TRPA Governing Board in January 2011. Photographs and summaries of the projects will be displayed in the public meeting area of the TRPA administration building at Stateline until the following year's winners are chosen.

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, call Dennis Oliver at (775) 589-5235 or email to doliver@trpa.org.