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# NEWS RELEASE

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### NEVADA, CALIFORNIA GOVERNORS APPOINT NEW TRPA GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

**Lake Tahoe, Stateline, NV** – Governor Jim Gibbons of Nevada and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger of California each have made new appointments to fill vacancies on the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Governing Board.

On March 7, Governor Gibbons appointed Las Vegas real estate executive Donna Ruthe to the board. Governor Schwarzenegger appointed former California State Senator and Assemblyman Tim Leslie of Carmichael to the board on March 27.

Ruthe, broker and owner of Today's Realty, Inc., is a past president of the Greater Las Vegas Association of Realtors and was named the organization's Realtor of the Year in 1998. During her presidency, Ruthe helped shepherd a landmark fair housing agreement between the state and the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

A tireless volunteer, Ruthe dedicates much of her free time to worthy causes. She has served as a board member for both the Ronald McDonald House and Opportunity Village, an organization providing services for the developmentally disabled. Currently she is a member of The Solutions Foundation board. The Solutions Foundation provides treatment and outreach services for drug and alcohol addiction.

Leslie, a former commercial real estate executive, was a California state assemblyman from 1986 to 1991, and a state senator from 1991 to 2000. He served a second term in the assembly from 2000 to 2006.

In 2004, Leslie co-authored legislation to establish the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and, in 1993, Leslie authored the Lake Tahoe License Plate legislation, which provides funding for the California Tahoe Conservancy and TRPA. He also served as chairman and a member of the Western Legislative Forestry Task Force while in the legislature.

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 of the TRPA at 775-589-5235.

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