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TRPA ANNOUNCES AGENCY BIKING CHALLENGE AND WORKS TO RAISE MONEY FOR LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Lake Tahoe - May, 11, 2006 - In an effort to promote national Bike to Work Week, May 15 – 19, 2006, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) is competing against fellow Basin agencies in the Lake Lapper Challenge – a week-long event to see which agency can ride the most cumulative miles to work throughout the week. Agencies participating in the bike challenge include the California Tahoe Conservancy, City of South Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County, Gary Davis Group, Incline Village General Improvement District, Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Tahoe Public Utility District, South Lake Tahoe Public Utility District, South Tahoe Refuse, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, and the USFS Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit.

“Bike to Work Week is the perfect opportunity to encourage our employees to ride to the office, and to incorporate other agencies with our effort to reduce pollution that impacts Tahoe’s overall air and water quality,” said Angela Moniot, TRPA Communications Representative. “It’s fascinating to think that for every mile you ride your bike, you keep 3.6 pounds of pollutants out of the atmosphere. This competition ties directly to the TRPA’s mission to reduce pollution at Lake Tahoe – plus, we’re raising money for scholarships for our local high school seniors at the same time.”

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During this multi-agency contest, the TRPA is utilizing the bike challenge to raise money for the agency's Environmental Scholarship Fund – a fund that has supported six scholarships over the past two years for graduating seniors pursuing careers in the environmental field. With support from the agency's Governing Board and Advisory Planning Commission, the TRPA is looking for monetary donations to help support this year's scholarship fund.

Other agencies interested in participating in the Lake Lapper Challenge can contact Karen Fink at 775-588-4547, x 204. Lake Lapper Challenge results will be posted on the TRPA website at www.trpa.org following Bike to Work Week.

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 Angela Moniot at 775-588-4547, x 235 or Julie Regan at x 237.

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