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SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM CREATES A PLAN TO RESTORE LAKE TAHOE

Lake Tahoe, Stateline, NV – Lake Tahoe Basin scientists and managers will meet for three days, October 18 – 20 at the new, state-of-the-art Tahoe Center for Environmental Science in Incline Village to create a long-term science plan to help guide management strategies to restore Lake Tahoe's ecosystem.

The goal of the three-day workshop is to advance the development of a comprehensive science plan for the Lake Tahoe Basin - an effort currently being lead by the Tahoe Science Consortium (TSC), a membership of university and government research units. The effort will help to determine the focus of scientific research needed to guide a successful, long-term resource management plan in the Basin.

The symposium is being conducted by the Nevada Water Resources Association, the TSC, and the U.S. Geological Survey. The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) is a primary sponsor and participant of the event.

"Science is the driving force behind all our management strategies," stated Tricia York, Senior Environmental Specialist for TRPA. "This symposium harmonizes long-range research with land-use planning so that we can restore and protect Lake Tahoe for future generations."

"It is recognized that substantial gaps exist in our current understanding of ecological processes in the Lake Tahoe Basin, and that a unified and collaborative approach to addressing these gaps in knowledge can provide the most efficient path to restoring and

maintaining the Basin's complex ecosystems," said Zach Hymanson, Executive Director of the TSC.

Individuals and organizations involved in the science and management of the Tahoe Basin are invited to participate in the three-day workshop. For more information, contact Zach Hymanson at (775) 881-7561.

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 Jeff Cowen at (775) 589-5278.

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