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HARMON ZUCKERMAN NAMED DIRECTOR OF TRPA'S REGIONAL PLAN UPDATE

Lake Tahoe, CA/NV – Harmon Zuckerman, formerly the principal planner for Douglas County and member of TRPA's Advisory Planning Commission, has been named Director of TRPA's Regional Plan Update.

Zuckerman brings more than 14 years of professional planning experience to the newly created position. He will oversee completion of the Regional Plan Update, a 20-year blueprint for revitalization of existing communities and continued environmental improvement for the Tahoe Basin.

"The updated Regional Plan will play a crucial role in securing the future environmental health of the Lake and the viability of Tahoe's communities," Zuckerman said. "I am pleased to be a part of such an important undertaking."

TRPA Executive Director Joanne Marchetta said Zuckerman's proven track record of innovation and groundbreaking planning initiative, as well as his familiarity with Tahoe's unique challenges, position him well for the assignment.

"All of us who have a stake in Lake Tahoe have put a great deal of work into this Regional Plan Update. With the talent and hard work of Harmon and the rest of the TRPA staff, we will now deliver on our promises," Marchetta said.

From May 2006 to February 2009, Zuckerman was principal planner for Douglas County, Nevada, and one of his first tasks there was to help complete the 20-year update of the County's master plan. The county commission adopted the update in early 2007.

In 2008, Zuckerman authored Douglas County's open space plan. He also wrote several groundbreaking ordinances, including a new zoning district that promotes traditional architecture and town development patterns and a new code section for agricultural land preservation that has already preserved over 1,000 acres of ranchland. While at Douglas County, Zuckerman served as the county representative on TRPA's Advisory Planning Commission.

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Before relocating to Nevada, Zuckerman was director of community planning for the University of Pennsylvania, an urban policy consultant for the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C., and the owner of a design/build firm that specialized in the rehabilitation of historic structures in Philadelphia, PA.

Zuckerman holds a Master of City and Regional Planning from the University of Pennsylvania and a Bachelor of Arts in History from Oberlin College. He is a resident of Minden, Nevada.

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.

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