To: Tahoe Fund Board

Fr: Project Committee

RE: Proposed projects for initial funding

The Project Committee met on Tuesday, August 9 to review initial projects to receive a total of $50,000 in funding from Tahoe Fund. The committee members who participated in the meeting (Jim Lawrence, Jim Boyd, Allen Biaggi, Patrick Wright, Cindy Gustafson and John Friedrich) unanimously recommended Board approval of projects described below. These projects are consistent with Tahoe Fund project guidelines, including the following criteria:

* Highly visible to residents and visitors
* Enjoy strong community support
* Foster a culture of stewardship of Tahoe’s natural, cultural, and historical resources
* Involve partnerships among federal, state, and local agencies and organizations and private donors.

**Van Sickle Bi-State Park**

With its unique urban location, Van Sickle Bi-State Park has the potential to be a significant asset to the South Shore communities and businesses. A number of regional partners have already made a commitment to the Park. The Tahoe Rim Trail Association has agreed to partner to assist with park trails and secured funding towards the operations deficit.

Funding is sought to support operations and enable the Park to be open to the public to enjoy recreational opportunities.

**Donation Recommendation: $25,000**

Lakeside Bicycle Trail establishes a 75-mile premier bicycle and pedestrian route around Lake Tahoe, linking uses and communities. Funding is sought for construction of approximately 1 mile extension of Class 1 Lakeside Trail connecting the existing class 1 trails on the North Shore, West Shore, and Truckee River.

**Donation Recommendation: $20,000**

**State of the Lake Report**

The annual UC Davis State of the Lake Report is intended to inform non-scientists about how natural variability and human activity affect the lake’s clarity, physics, chemistry, and biology.

**Donation Recommendation: $5,000**