TF Bylaw change

While the Bylaws designate us as the Lake Tahoe Conservation Fund, and our name under Article 1: NAME specifies that we are the Lake Tahoe Conservation Fund, the increasingly visible brand of the *Tahoe Fund* has been created.

Other than our tax ID, virtually every document we produce, our web page, Power Points, donor presentations, and the checks we receive from our donors, identifies us as the *Tahoe Fund.*

We are currently in the process of submitting our annual compliance documents to California and Nevada, as well as our federal 990. In the process, we have been advised of some opportunities for certain exemptions, but will need to file the appropriate paperwork.

We are also concerned that those who have already written checks to the *Tahoe Fund* might have difficulties taking a tax deduction for an organization whose tax ID does not match the name designated on the return. (We have looked into the advisability/need to preempt any potential donor conflicts, but have been advised by the TTCF auditors that, other than inconvenience, no significant problems would arise in the event of a audit).

While the Executive Committee will be evaluating other potential Bylaw modifications in the months ahead, but we believe that we should not delay resolving the brand/Bylaw disconnect.

Accordingly, we are requesting that, per Bylaws, the full board consider a motion to change the legal name of the organization from the Lake Tahoe Conservation Fund to the *Tahoe Fund; s*uch change to take place immediately upon proper filings with the states of Nevada and California.