The Tahoe Fund Talking Points 8-12-11

**HISTORY/GOVERNANCE**

* Founded in 2010 by individuals who recognized the need for a Basin-wide, collaborative nonprofit that would raise funds to deliver on-the-ground projects (similar to the Yosemite Fund/now Yosemite Conservancy)
* Board of Directors consists of Lake Tahoe business, environmental, real estate, community and public agency leaders representing both Nevada and California

**WHAT WE DO**

* Build broad support for public projects and programs that restore, enhance and sustain the Lake
* Envision a Lake Tahoe with balanced natural and human environments
* Raise funds for projects that are identified as most critical for the Tahoe Basin

**WE SUPPORT**

* **Conservation projects** that restore stream zones, enhance forest health, fish and wildlife habitat, and improve water quality in the Tahoe Basin
* **Recreation projects** that improve outdoor recreation opportunities, and link trail networks together
* **Education projects** that inform, inspire, and build a tradition of stewardship of Lake Tahoe’s natural and cultural resources

**WHY WE DIFFER FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES**

The Tahoe Fund is the only Tahoe organization focused on raising private funds for a broad spectrum of basin-wide public projects.

**SOME TERMS:**

**EIP:** Environmental Improvement Program of all basin projects identified by agencies, organizations and TRPA as beneficial to Lake Tahoe and its residents and visitors

**TRPA:** Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, a bi-state regulatory and enforcement agency founded by the U.S. Congress which, among its many responsibilities, issues permits for EIP projects

**CTC:** California Tahoe Conservancy (or “the Conservancy”), designated by the State legislature to be the lead agency for coordinating the funding and implementation of all basin projects in California

**NDSL:** Nevada Division of State Lands which leads Nevada’s programs to protect Lake Tahoe

**NTRT:** Nevada Tahoe Resource Team, the NDSL’s Tahoe-specific unit