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Tahoe Water Suppliers Association (TWSA) receives “Wendell McCurry Excellence in Water Quality Award” from the Nevada Department of Conservation

The Tahoe Water Suppliers Association (TWSA), a Lake Tahoe based partnership comprised of eight California and Nevada municipal water agencies, was honored on Friday, January 19, 2007 for providing significant strides related to the protection of drinking water source issues in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

Allen Biaggi, Director of the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, presented the “Wendell McCurry Excellence in Water Quality Award” to the group at their quarterly meeting at the Edgewood Golf Course. The award was established in 1999, to recognize the efforts of longtime NDEP employee, Wendell McCurry, in protecting water quality throughout Nevada. The year’s award was presented by the State of Nevada in recognition of the TWSA’s dedication and activities over the last 5 years to educate the public on the importance of protecting Lake Tahoe’s water quality, which serves as a primary drinking water source for the region.

TWSA was recognized for several key programs including: a consolidated water quality and water conservation education program, the hosting of the 2005 Lake Tahoe Drinking Water Forum, and the group’s active role in working with other groups and agencies in the Lake Tahoe Basin. Some of these collaborative efforts include: contributing the inclusion of a ¼ mile buffer around drinking water intakes in the draft Lake Tahoe Shorezone Ordinance amendments, participation by TWSA in the Pathway 2007 Forum, and the revision of the Lake Tahoe Basin Spill Reporting Response Plan.

Most recently, TWSA entered into a Project Cooperative Agreement with the US Army Corps of Engineers to create a Surface Water Risk Assessment Tool. This will allow the public water systems to make informed decisions about the use of their source water during spill incidents and the risks of activity near the intake.

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