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TRPA ANNOUNCES 2007 BEST IN BASIN AWARD WINNERS

Lake Tahoe, Stateline, NV – The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) will recognize recipients of the 2007 Best in the Basin Awards at its Governing Board meeting on Wednesday, January 23 at the Chateau in Incline Village, NV.

This is the 18th year TRPA's Best in the Basin awards program has recognized projects demonstrating exceptional planning, design, and compatibility with the Lake Tahoe environment while following the guidelines set forth by the Agency. Local professionals in the fields of architecture, landscaping, planning, engineering, and resource management judged each category.

The 2007 Best in the Basin project winners are:

- **Best Management Practices (BMP) Retrofit:** Chinquapin, 3600 North Lake Tahoe Boulevard, in Tahoe City for phase one of a complex-wide BMP retrofit installation. Work by Green Envy Inc, Contractor; Tieslau Civil Engineering.
- **Defensible Space:** North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District for its fire prevention efforts creating a "defensible space halo" around Incline Village.
- **Green Building:** The Fitzmorris residence, 775 Chapel Lane, Tahoe City. Work by Walton Design & Engineering, John Doherty Construction.
- **Recreation/Public Park:** Heritage Plaza, Tahoe City, owned by Placer County. Work by Design Workshop, Auerbach Engineering, Correa Construction.
- **Commercial Rebuild:** Gary Davis Building, Junction of state routes 89 and 28, Tahoe City. Work by Gary Davis Group, G.C. Construction, Jim Baldwin Construction, Hall Excavation, Estate Landscape & Irrigation, Sunshine Painting, Tahoe City Roofing.
- **Residential Modification:** The Nall residence, 920 Showshoe Way, Tahoe City. Work by Mike Ericson Construction, Murawski Construction, Shelton & Associates, Ken Saline Masonry.

- **Restoration:** 921 Emerald Bay Road, the former Crystal Range Motel, South Lake Tahoe, Steve Leman owner. Work by Clint Purvance & Steve Leman Design, Tahoe Paving Stones, Tahoe Outdoor Living, Doherty Landscaping, Haen Construction, and V&T Construction.

Each project owner will be presented with a certificate of appreciation during a ceremony at the beginning of the Governing Board meeting. Copies will be put on display at the TRPA administration building in Stateline until next year's winners are announced. For additional details and photographs of these projects, please contact Dennis Oliver of the TRPA at 775-589-5235.

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.

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