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MARA BRESNICK ELECTED TRPA GOVERNING BOARD CHAIR

Lake Tahoe, Stateline, NV – Mara J. Bresnick, California Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez's appointee to the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Governing Board, was elected board chair Wednesday.

Bresnick, who served on the board in the late 1990s and then was re-appointed in June 2005, is an attorney specializing in environmental law with more than 20 years experience in land use entitlement and environmental assessment, project management, strategic planning and regulatory guidance.

She will serve as board chair through December 2008, completing Julie Motamedi's term as chair. California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's office is currently in the process of selecting a replacement for Motamedi, who resigned in December.

Bresnick, a resident of Meadow Vista, currently owns and operates Foxglove Environmental, the environmental consulting firm she founded in 2001. She previously worked as Environmental Counsel for Centex Homes' Sacramento Division and as a Project Director and Senior Regulatory Specialist with Jones & Stokes in Sacramento. She served on the board of directors for Placer Land Trust from 2001 through 2007. Before moving to Northern California in 1988, Bresnick was a land use attorney in Southern California.

Bresnick received a J.D. from Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, and a B.A. in Political Science from the University of California, Los Angeles. She is an active member of the California State Bar.

"The work of the TRPA Governing Board will be extraordinarily important this year," Bresnick said. "With continuation of the efforts in forest fuels reduction, development of the updated regional plan, re-working of proposed shorezone ordinances, and commencement of the Community Enhancement Program, the challenges seem overwhelming. It's essential that we build consensus among all of the communities with a stake in Lake Tahoe and

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among the agencies which govern and regulate this remarkable resource. Our task as stewards of Lake Tahoe is great and we must all work together to achieve the successful coexistence of the natural and manmade environments.”

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. For additional information, call Dennis Oliver at 775-589-5235.

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