CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD LAHONTAN REGION

RESOLUTION NO. R6T-2008-0010

REQUEST FROM THE FRIENDS OF SQUAW CREEK AND THE TRUCKEE RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL FOR FUNDS FROM THE RED DOG MITIGATION FUND FOR STREAM RESTORATION ACTIVITIES IN SQUAW CREEK

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WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Lahontan Water Board), finds:

- 1. The Red Dog Diesel Spill Mitigation Fund (Fund) was established as a result of an enforcement action against Squaw Valley Ski Corporation for an unreported diesel fuel spill in January 1990. The Fund totals approximately \$115,000 and is held for the Lahontan Water Board by the California Attorney General's office.
- 2. The Lahontan Water Board may allocate money from the Fund to mitigation projects in the Truckee River watershed that are acceptable to the Lahontan Water Board.
- 3. The Friends of Squaw Creek (FOSC) and the Truckee River Watershed Council (TRWC) have received a grant from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy for planning work on restoration efforts for Squaw Creek, in Olympic Valley, Placer County. Called the Lower Squaw Creek Restoration Project, Phase 2, these efforts include (1) a community workshop to define the goal and vision of the creek restoration, (2) a technical workshop of experts to review existing data and frame a study to understand the interactions of Squaw Creek, the Squaw Creek meadow, and the shallow aquifer underlying them, and (3) an assessment of the meadow and creek hydrology to help guide creek restoration efforts.
- 4. The FOSC and TRWC have requested \$20,000 from the Fund to augment the Sierra Nevada Conservancy grant so that more information can be developed relating to the meadow and creek hydrology. That information will assist design of the creek restoration. If granted, the funds would be used for data collection efforts such as shallow water table, stream stage, and stream flow measurements and associated analysis. The funds might also be used for additional analysis, including flood frequency analysis and modeling.
- 5. The funding request from the FOSC and TRWC has the support of the major landowners in Olympic Valley, including Squaw Valley Ski Corporation, the Resort at Squaw Creek and Poulsen Commercial, as their representatives serve on the FOSC steering committee, and the support of members of the local public, many of whom are members of the FOSC and/or the TRWC.

- 6. The FOSC is not a legal entity; therefore, the TRWC, which is a California public benefit corporation, is serving as the fiscal agent for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy grant and would serve as the fiscal agent for any additional funds from the Lahontan Water Board or others for this project.
- 7. A draft of this resolution has been widely circulated in the area for comment through mailings and posting on the Lahontan Water Board's Internet web page.
- 8. The Lahontan Water Board has considered all comments received.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1. The Lahontan Water Board approves the request from the Friends of Squaw Creek and the Truckee River Watershed Council for \$20,000 for use in restoration planning efforts for Squaw Creek.
- 2. The Executive Officer is directed to request the Attorney General's office to transfer \$20,000 from the Red Dog Diesel Spill Mitigation Fund to the Truckee River Watershed Council for use in the Lower Squaw Creek Restoration Project, Phase 2.

I, Harold J. Singer, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, on March 12, 2008.

HAROLD J. SINGER EXECUTIVE OFFICER