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December 9, 2016

RE: Supplemental Environmental Project Program – Partner Request

Dear Eric,

The Truckee River Watershed Council (TRWC) would like to request to be a partner organization for the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (LRWQCB) Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEP) program. We have worked cooperatively with LRWQCB on a previous suite of SEP projects and are interested in continuing to participate in the program.

Our Mission. The mission of the Truckee River Watershed Council is to protect, enhance, and restore the Truckee River watershed. We set a target of implementing 50 high priority restoration projects over the next 10 years within the Truckee River watershed.

Stakeholders. Our role is to bring together a broad base of stakeholders around the common goals of water quality and health of biological resources. The 40-odd participants of the TRWC are citizens, businesses, federal and state agencies, local government and non-profit organizations. We work through stakeholder committees in a non-confrontational manner, emphasizing collaboration. A list of stakeholders is included on the left side of our letterhead.

Previous SEP Funding. In 2014, LRWQCB and TRWC entered into an agreement to complete three restoration projects with \$704,000 in funding through a SEP pilot project. Through project efficiencies, TRWC was able to complete four restoration projects with the funding. These projects include:

Elizabethtown

- Reduce sediment delivery to Middle Martis Creek
- 1 acre meadow restored
- 500 feet road re-contoured and revegetated
- Seasonal drainage reconnection

Dry Creek

- 14 meadow acres restored
- 4,500 feet stream channel restored
- Reduced erosion

Middle Martis

- 40 acres meadow restored and enhanced
- Restore 1 mile intermittent channel
- Reduce erosion along 1.5 miles existing channel
- Improve 2 acres riparian vegetation
- Reduce flood risk and infrastructure damage

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- 5 acres meadow and riparian habitat restoration
- 450 feet stream channel reconnected
- Erosion eliminated along 500 feet incised channel

Additional Restoration Completed. TRWC has a proven track record of implementing successful restoration projects. Since 2014, TRWC has completed additional on-the-ground restoration work:

- Prosser Creek Fish Habitat Enhancement, 2015
- Johnson Canyon East Restoration, 2014
- Dry Creek – additional meadow site restored, 2015 - 2016
- Phoenix/Outback Aspen restoration, 2016
- 1st Four mile Truckee River restoration, 2016

Financials. Our current financials are attached.

TRWC is interested in continuing our successful partnership with LRWQCB through the SEP program, thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Beth Christman
Director of Restoration Programs