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RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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California State Park and Recreation Commission  
PO BOX 942896  
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

RE: Support for the Preferred Alternative 2B and Additional Environmental Analysis (PAAEA) for the Upper Truckee River Restoration and Golf Course Reconfiguration Project (State Clearinghouse No. 2006082150)

Dear Commissioners,

The Tahoe Resource Conservation District (Tahoe RCD) is in support of the Preferred Alternative 2B and Additional Environmental Analysis (PAAEA) for the Upper Truckee River Restoration and Golf Course Reconfiguration Project (State Clearinghouse No. 2006082150) by the California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks). Tahoe RCD supports efforts to restore the Upper Truckee River Watershed and projects that protect Lake Tahoe's clarity by reducing sediment input. This project is a key component to the strategy to restore the Upper Truckee River Watershed by restoring a 1.5-mile section of river, reducing approximately 16 dump trucks of sediment entering Lake Tahoe and restoring more than 31 acres of meadow floodplain.

The Upper Truckee River has been impacted by logging, gravel mining, grazing channel straitening and development in the floodplain. These disturbances have led to erosion, increases of sediment and nutrient loads to Lake Tahoe and decreased riparian habitat. Tahoe RCD recently acquired the Johnson Meadow property, containing middle reaches 1 and 2 of the Upper Truckee River. This property will be managed for conservation and numerous restoration projects will be initiated to improve the water quality, vegetation, and wildlife habitat in coordination with other land managers of the Upper Truckee River watershed. We appreciate the proactive approach that State Parks is taking to improve water clarity as well as improve recreational opportunities, trail connectivity, community economic vitality and the environment.

We look forward to working with State Parks on the proposed project and support the many benefits this project brings to the Upper Truckee River Watershed.

Sincerely,

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