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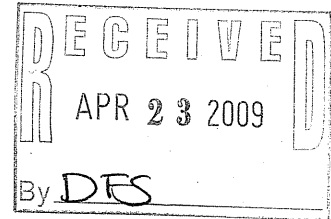
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**SUBJECT: SCIENTIFIC PEER REVIEWERS FOR LAKE TAHOE NUTRIENT AND
SEDIMENT TMDL**



In response to your request for peer reviewers for the subject noted above, the University of California, through an Interagency Agreement with Cal/EPA, identified candidates it considered qualified to perform this assignment. Each candidate was required to complete and sign a Conflict of Interest Disclosure form.

After my review of the disclosure forms, I contacted selected candidates to provide clarification where necessary and confirmation they could perform an objective and independent review free of conflict of interest and bias. I forwarded to approved reviewers my latest (January 7, 2009) supplement to the Cal/EPA peer review guidelines, and am attaching it here. Please read it carefully. The approved reviewers are identified below.

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Please contact your reviewers right away. Tell them when you will transmit the material. They have accepted the assignment based on the date of availability given in your letter of request to me. If preparation of the material is delayed, ask them if the new date is acceptable, including me as a "cc." If subsequent delays occur, inform the reviewers and me as soon as possible. I am often contacted by reviewers and the University if delays occur and reviewers are not kept up to date.

If the number of pages you plan to send the reviewers is significant, I recommend you provide them a hard copy of this material. You can enquire if any would prefer an electronic copy as well. Ask them (1) if their preferred mailing address is the same as that given above; and (2) to provide whatever additional information is necessary for an overnight delivery service.

Provide a cover letter to initiate the review process. Include with it your request letter to me, which provides a concise synopsis for your intended actions, and its three attachments. **Please inform them that their review must follow the guidance provided in Attachment 2.**

When the reviews have been completed, please let me know and send me a copy of each review and cover letter to the reviewers for the review files I keep here.

If I can provide additional help, contact me at any time during the review process.

Attachments

cc: Sheila Vassey, Office of Chief Counsel (w/o biographical material)
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