

Mitigated Negative Declaration

This statement and attachments constitute the Mitigated Negative Declaration as proposed for adoption by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Water Board) for the project described below.

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Project Name: Regulatory Approvals for the Blackwood Creek Stream and Floodplain Restoration Project Phase IIIB

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Project Description: The U.S. Forest Service – Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) will restore portions of the Blackwood Creek watershed affected by historic disturbances by constructing rock and log structures in the channel and on the floodplain, realigning select channel segments, restoring connectivity to historic channels, grading floodplain surfaces, and revegetating with native riparian species. Floodplain surfaces will be regraded as needed and stabilized with coarse native substrate.

The restoration work will involve the discharge of waste earthen materials to waters of the State. Such discharges are subject to regulation pursuant to the California Water Code section 13263.

The Water Board will regulate discharges from the Project by: (1) granting coverage under the Water Board's General Waste Discharge Requirements and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity in the Lake Tahoe Basin; and (2) issuing Clean Water Act 401 Water Quality Certification..

Project Location: The Lake Tahoe Region of California, Placer County

Environmental Finding: The project incorporates mitigation measures to reduce potentially significant impacts to the environment to less than significant levels.

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Other Agencies Whose Approval May be Required: The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency

Attachments:

- 1) CEQA Checklist
- 2) LTBMU Environmental Assessment
- 3) LTBMU Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan
- 4) Draft Clean Water Act 401 Water Quality Certification

How to Submit Comments: The Lead Agency invites comments on the proposal from all interested persons and parties. **Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on May 10, 2012.** Written comments should be addressed to the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board at the address/fax provided above. For more information contact: Robert Larsen, (530) 542-5439, RLarsen@waterboards.ca.gov