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TDPUD Sells McGlashan Springs Property to Tahoe Donner

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Truckee, Calif. (May 16, 2011) – The Truckee Donner Public Utility District (TDPUD) board approved the sale of its McGlashan Springs property to the Tahoe Donner Association at its May 4 board meeting. This undeveloped 160-acre parcel located on the southern side of Tahoe Donner contains the original springs that supplied water to the Truckee community along with other important natural and man-made features.

“The McGlashan Springs property is an important part of our community’s history which should be preserved for future generations,” said Jeff Bender, president of the TDPUD board. “The board takes this responsibility seriously. The sale to the Tahoe Donner Association -- including the easement -- will benefit our customers and ensure that the property is well protected and maintained.”

The terms of the \$775,000 sale include restrictions on the residential development rights, which will be held in an easement by the TDPUD. Under the terms of the easement, the Tahoe Donner Association will preserve the important features of the property, which include the spring, riparian zones, cedar grove and charcoal kilns

Consideration by Tahoe Donner Association of a link on the Donner Lake Rim trail across the McGlashan Springs property is also listed in the easement. Tahoe Donner Association plans to use the parcel for defensible space fire protection and recreation.

The TDPUD originally acquired the McGlashan Springs property in the 1940s. There has been significant community interest in the future of this parcel given the natural features on the property and its role in Truckee’s history. In 2006, the Mountain Area Preservation Foundation (MAPF) organized a tour of the property to educate the TDPUD board and other community leaders on the unique features and beauty of the property.

“The TDPUD is to be commended for assuring this piece of Truckee’s history, along with important natural features, will be preserved in perpetuity,” said Kaitlin Backlund, executive director for MAPF.

The action taken by the TDPUD board will start the escrow process for the sale of the McGlashan Springs property to the Tahoe Donner Association. The transaction including the associated easement should be finalized within a month. For more information about the sale of the McGlashan Springs property, please contact Kathy Neus at the TDPUD (530) 582-3922.

About Truckee Donner Public Utility District:

The TDPUD is a non-profit, publicly owned utility founded in 1927 and overseen by a locally elected board of directors. TDPUD provides the greater Truckee area with reliable and high quality water and power services while guiding the community to conserve resources. For more information about the TDPUD, call 530-587-3896 or visit www.TDPUD.org.

About Mountain Area Preservation Foundation:

Founded in 1987, Mountain Area Preservation Foundation (MAPF) is a non-profit organization that works to preserve, protect and enhance the natural environment of the greater Truckee region. For more information: www.mapf.org or 530-582-6751.

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