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**Pathway 2007 – Place-Based Planning Vision Summaries.**  
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Working groups from the various places in the Basin have completed their Vision Summaries which will be sent to TRPA for consideration in the Pathway 2007 regional plan update. The Summaries, which can be viewed online at: <http://www.regionalplanningpartners.com/> are a collection of public comments from March through July. Many of the local communities have initiated follow-up meetings and workshops to continue working to integrate the community's vision with the current set of goals and policies. Major negotiations will take place in the coming year regarding permitting, density and allocations. To stay informed, go to: <http://www.pathway2007.org/>.

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NTCD to investigate cost-benefits of initiating a stormwater utility.
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NTCD staff is currently working on a project to evaluate the economics, engineering constraints, politics and equity issues associated with combining all or portions of the GIDs and County public works systems into a cooperative stormwater utility district. NTCD has been receiving very positive support from local jurisdictions and regional policy-makers. The preliminary study will be complete by January 2007 and will inform stormwater master planning for the whole Basin. Issues to be included in the first phase of the study include:

- Inventory of public works BMPs (types, length, service area, etc.);
- Examination of ordinances and statutes pertaining to stormwater to determine complexity of proceeding;
- Assessment of public opinion;
- Examination of manufacturers' recommended O & M schedules and estimated costs;
- Evaluation of existing O & M practices, effectiveness and costs;
- Inventory of O & M equipment and resources;
- Volumetric calculations assessing total impervious surface contributions of private driveways;
- Evaluation of various socio-economic factors which influence single family driveway BMP installation compliance and a comparison of source management of sediment vs. public works management including the collective benefits, liabilities, equity and costs;

- Completion of a report of findings and cost benefit analyses of the above items;
- Development of a comprehensive work plan for Phase II; and
- Presentation of findings at a public forum TBD.

For more information on this project, contact either Jill Sarick via telephone at 775-586-1610-23 or via email at [jsarick@ntcd.org](mailto:jsarick@ntcd.org) or contact Doug Martin via telephone at 775-586-1610-22 or via email at [dmartin@ntcd.org](mailto:dmartin@ntcd.org).

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**Nevada Water Rights Hearings.**

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Nevada Legislature and the Nevada State Engineer's office to make historic decision regarding the South Nevada Water Authority's petition to extract groundwater from various northern counties to supply their increasing municipal water needs. For more info on the case, go to: [NV Water](#).

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Elections Coming Soon!

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Election time is around the corner. Check out Nevada Lake Tahoe's candidates by going to the [Project Vote Smart](#) website.

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**NTP website has a new page.**

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The NTP website (www.nevadatahoepartnership.org) has a new page! Now, conservation resources for Nevada Lake Tahoe residents are in one convenient location. Find out about Recycling, Bear Education, Water Conservation and more.
Go to: www.nevadatahoepartnership.org/conserv.php.

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NTP Coordinator recent appointments to benefit the Partnership.

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Jill Sarick, the Partnership Coordinator, was recently appointed to two committees to help advocate for Nevada Lake Tahoe residents. She was appointed to the Pathway 2007 Forum, which is helping make decisions regarding the next 20 years for Lake Tahoe. And she was appointed to the Lake Tahoe Federal Advisory Committee, which provides advice to Federal Interagency Partnership representatives within the Basin, but also has connections to the Congressional Delegation who have influence over funding and policy decisions impacting Lake Tahoe. Both of these appointments will provide NTP further recognition and influence in overall Basin policy-making. Her role essentially is to be a conduit of information between local jurisdictions (i.e. Nevada Lake Tahoe) and regional and Federal policy-makers. For more information or for issues and concerns you'd like to discuss with Jill please contact her at (775) 586-1610-23 or via email at [jsarick@ntcd.org](mailto:jsarick@ntcd.org).

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members, 1 full-time coordinator and over 100 representatives of Nevada Lake Tahoe General Improvement Districts (GIDs), Homeowners Associations (HOAs), Fire Safe Chapters (FSCs) and local residents.

Visit the Partnership website: [www.nevadatahoepartnership.org](http://www.nevadatahoepartnership.org) for up-to-date information about Nevada Lake Tahoe conservation issues. We encourage you to visit the website often for updates on local planning and resource conservation efforts.

The Partnership publishes a FREE E-Newsletter to help keep residents informed and educated as well as hosts local public forums and provides leadership development and technical training.

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