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Update on City's Stormwater Management Program

South Lake Tahoe, CA (May 5, 2016) - The City of South Lake Tahoe's Stormwater Management Program works to control and reduce the discharge of fine sediment, nutrients, and other pollutants from private lands and City streets and facilities into our streams and beaches along the Lake Tahoe shoreline.

To focus on future efforts to improve the built environment and reduce pollutants in urban stormwater runoff, the City is working with the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board to create an updated 2016-2021 Pollutant Load Reduction Plan. The City is planning on a June adoption of the 2016-21 Pollutant Load Reduction Plan, which is a requirement of the Lake Tahoe Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) program.

Several multi-benefit projects that address both community and environmental needs are on the horizon, including:

- The Tahoe Valley Greenbelt
- Sierra Boulevard Complete Streets Project and
- The Bijou Park Creek Project

The Tahoe Valley Greenbelt will combine regional stormwater treatment, stream environment zone and floodplain restoration integrated within public open space areas and community bike paths. The greenbelt project within the town center at the "Y" will integrate public spaces, restore wetlands and provide an opportunity to recreate, enjoy nature and connect to the bike path network while helping the City meet TMDL requirements to protect Lake Tahoe and beautify the community.

The Sierra Boulevard Complete Streets project will upgrade stormwater infrastructure with underground treatment and infiltration systems while enhancing the roadway with sidewalks, bike paths, street lighting and possible landscape upgrades.

The Bijou Park Creek project will occur where the current Knights Inn is located near Highway 50 and Ski Run Boulevard. This multiple-benefit project will include floodplain and stream environment zone restoration, water quality improvements, and walking paths.

The City has recently completed projects which include underground infrastructure improvements while providing above-ground business improvements, transportation, recreation and community benefits. Examples of these multi-benefit projects include; Lakeview Commons at El Dorado Beach, Harrison Avenue Streetscape Improvement project and the Bijou Erosion Control project.



Infiltration system beneath Riverside bike path



Bike path over stormwater treatment system

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