IVGID WasteNot receives $14K snapshot day grant

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INCLINE VILLAGE, Nev. — The Incline Village General Improvement District Waste Not program recently announced the receipt of a $14,000 grant from the Nevada State Lands License Plate Grant Program for the 2012 “Lake Tahoe to Pyramid Lake Snapshot Day” event.

The grant supports the collaborative efforts of IVGID Waste Not, Tahoe Water Suppliers Association, Tahoe Environmental Research Center, Northern Sierra Region of California Trout (CalTrout) and others by providing fiscal support for monitoring and test equipment, staff and production of the event’s summary report.

Snapshot Day is a two-day, volunteer-based event designed to collect information relative to the health of area watersheds.

Each May, Snapshot Day brings hundreds of volunteers together to collect information on the Tahoe Basin and Truckee River Watersheds. Each volunteer team conducts water quality testing in the field, including photographing and providing narrative descriptions of stream, river and lake conditions.

In 2012, more than 700 volunteers sampled 97 sites on the upper and lower Truckee River, at Lake Tahoe and at the terminus at Pyramid Lake. It is important to note that citizen monitoring is designed to supplement existing agency monitoring efforts. All information is provided to regulatory and resource management agencies, whose responsibility it is to protect water quality.

The goals of Snapshot Day are two-fold: to promote environmental education and stewardship, and to collect valuable water quality information.

Snapshot Day began in 2000 and is sustained by the dedication of both paid and unpaid staff, grants and donations, and primarily, the commitment of hundreds of citizens who value public involvement in protecting the community’s watershed. Nevada License Plate Grant funding was critical to the 2012 event’s success.

IVGID Public Works Program Manager Rebecca Sawyer Williams, a lead site coordinator for Snapshot Day since 2008, coordinated the grant writing process.

Partners
Snapshot Day’s collaborative effort was planned and coordinated by the Truckee River Watershed Council, TWSA, IVGID Waste Not, CalTrout, Tahoe Resource Conservation District, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection and the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.

Other organizations involved in Snapshot Day 2012 include:

- Nevada Division of State Lands Grant Funding
- The City of South Lake Tahoe
- Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Lake Tahoe Community College
- Lake Tahoe Unified School District
• TRPA

• University of California Berkeley, Sagehen Creek Field Station

• University of California Cooperative Extension

• University of Nevada Cooperative Extension

• University of Nevada Electrical Engineering Department

• US Geological Survey, Carnelian Bay Field Station

For more information, visit the Snapshot Day website at www.snapshotday.org, or call 775-832-1284.