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## **County Secures \$100,000 to Help Restore South Tahoe Middle School Track**

(Placerville, CA)— Partnering with the Lake Tahoe Unified School District, the City of South Lake Tahoe, and numerous community supporters, El Dorado County recently applied for a \$100,000 grant to help in the District's efforts to construct a Community Youth Sports Complex, complete with a new track and field at South Tahoe Middle School.

The California Integrated Waste Management Board awarded the grant at its February meeting through the Tire-Derived Product Grant Program. The Lake Tahoe Unified School District will be administering the grant project. The Tire-Derived Product Grant Program is designed to promote markets for recycled-content products derived from waste tires generated in California, and decrease the adverse environmental impacts created by unlawful disposal and stockpiling of waste tires. Using proceeds from the grant, along with other public and private sources, the 1968 Olympic Trials Training track will be replaced with a competitive nine-lane track with an asphalt surfacing overlaid with an all-weather, rubberized material composed of 100% recycled California tires. An artificial turf playing field will be installed in the center to provide a quality playing field for school and community soccer teams in the area.

"This is a fantastic example of what the community can achieve when organizations work collaboratively toward a common interest," said Supervisor Norma Santiago. "The new track is a first-class project and I am delighted the County was able to utilize its resources to secure this funding."

As a result of this funding, the track, infield, pole vault, and long jump areas will not only be safer, but also useable year-round by students and community members. The Community Youth Sports Complex is estimated to cost approximately \$2.2 million and, when completed, will meet crucial student and community needs by providing an even, mud and dust-free surface for physical education, training, soccer, specialized sports events, walking, jogging, and family recreation, thereby promoting the health and well-being of community residents.

“Funding for the new track is a crucial component in the overall vision for the Community Youth Sports Complex” said Lake Tahoe Unified facilities manager Steve Morales. “This is a prime example of Counties, Cities, and School Districts working collaboratively for the good of the community .”

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