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The Tahoe-Baikal Institute and the League to Save Lake Tahoe award Fritzi Huntington with the 2003 Dwight Steele Tahoe Environmental Steward Award

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, C.A., -- The Tahoe-Baikal Institute and the League to Save Lake Tahoe announced Fritzi Huntington as the recipient of the 2003 Dwight Steele Tahoe Environmental Steward Award today. The award is given every year to an individual who has shown exceptional dedication and commitment towards the preservation of Lake Tahoe.

Mrs. Huntington was awarded the prize for her 40-plus years of volunteer and philanthropic work towards protecting Lake Tahoe. Mrs. Huntington has had a lifetime connected with Lake Tahoe from spending summers in Tahoe as a child, to serving on the first Tahoe regional planning Board (Lake Tahoe Area Council) in the 1960's, to living permanently at Lake Tahoe serving on the League to Save Lake Tahoe Board of Directors and contributing to numerous organizations within the Tahoe basin.

“Fritzi has been a strong force in efforts to protect Lake Tahoe,” said Dennis Machida, Executive Director of the California Tahoe Conservancy. “Her steady and persistent hard work with organizations such as the League, TBI, the Tahoe Rim Trail, and others has definitely helped develop more environmentally-friendly policies at Tahoe.”

Mrs. Huntington has had a long history of environmental service in the Lake Tahoe area serving on the Tahoe-Baikal Institute Board, on the League to Save Lake Tahoe Board (as Board Chair from 1984-88), as a founding member of the Tahoe Rim Trail, and being a frequent observer at Tahoe Regional Planning Agency meetings. In addition to her Tahoe efforts, Mrs. Huntington has an impressive resume of accomplishments and awards including: the first woman editor for the Carson City Daily Appeal (Nevada's oldest newspaper); being listed in Who's who among American Women for Philanthropic Work in the Los Angeles Area; and the Distinguished Nevadan Award in 1991 for achievement in contributing to the State.

“Mrs. Huntington's long history of working to protect Lake Tahoe shows the same characteristics Dwight Steele showed during his 40-plus years of activism here,” said Blaise Carrig, Chief Operating Officer of Heavenly Ski Resort. “Perseverance, commitment, cooperation, and generosity. I could not think of a person more fitting to receive this years award.”