

commentletters - Order 99-06 DWQ / Comments on Caltrans SWMP I-80 Truckee widening project

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Public Comment
Caltrans SWMP
Deadline: 11/30/07 by Noon

Jeanine Townsend, Acting Clerk of the Board

I would like to reiterate comments that I submitted in the past year to parties involved in this effort.

I believe that it is of the utmost importance that all activity and projects meet CEQA requirements. The increased area of impervious surface, expanding an existing project, all should require that the entire project area, new and old, satisfy all requirements.

Of primary concern is the runoff from the road work and ultimately the roadway, that runs down the hill through the neighborhoods in small concrete ditches, over the unprotected hillsides, often damaging homes and structures, while carrying an enormous amount of sediment and potential contaminants into Donner Lake, impacting habitat and the drinking source for the area.

I have a home at the lake and have watched the water go through yards, into houses and garages, the small concrete ditches overflow, and the piles of sediment collecting on driveways, patios, and flowing into the lake. Granted, the entire surface area of the hillside contributes to this, but the impact of the large freeway needs to be mitigated by detention basins, settling ponds, swales, all to 1) limit the harmful impact of residue and sediment in the flows and 2) control the velocity that this water comes down the hill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Doug Bayless

