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Dear community member,

Our community suffered a profound loss when the Angora fire burned through in June 2007. Not only were hundreds of homes lost and lives disrupted, but the landscape that we lived in was changed forever. Just as many homeowners are now in the process of rebuilding, the character of the future landscape is being determined now through plantings by individual residents and local, state and federal government agencies.

What will our future landscape look like? Is it possible to coordinate our individual landscaping actions into a coherent landscape that will be fire safe, preserve views, integrate water quality and best management practices, and express a community identity? What is the ideal landscape pictured by local residents?

Please join me by taking part in a community planning process that will **develop a vision for the future landscape of the Angora burn area**. The University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) will be hosting a planning process that will develop objectives for landscape restoration. We will then oversee development of several landscape restoration alternatives by a landscape architect. A preferred alternative will be selected by the group which will serve as a foundation to develop "Landscape Recovery Guidelines for the Angora Burned Area" for voluntary use by residents.

Your attendance is requested on **February 18th**, from 6-8pm, at Lake Tahoe High School, Room B-9 to help with this effort. A series of 5 meetings has been planned between January and April to develop the guidelines (see attached newsletter for schedule). Please RSVP your interest in attending by contacting Nancy Starr, UCCE in Placerville at 530-621-5552 or at njstarr@ucdavis.edu. This effort is funded through a Federal Forest Reserve Fund grant awarded to UCCE by El Dorado County.

Partners in this project include the Nevada Fire Safe Council, the Tahoe Resource Conservation District, the Nevada Tahoe Conservation District, El Dorado County, United States Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, and the California Tahoe Conservancy. These partners will also be providing information on their landscaping efforts in the burn area. In particular, the US Forest Service will be replanting their urban lots in the neighborhood starting in Spring 2009 and would like to work with you to help plant and maintain trees on their urban lots over the next few years.

We hope you will become involved in this important effort to determine the character of our neighborhood for many years to come. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the project or would like more information.

Sincerely,

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