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Groundbreaking Celebration held for an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Project in South Lake Tahoe

South Lake Tahoe - Today, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) joined local officials to celebrate the groundbreaking of an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) funded project on Highway 89 in El Dorado County.

The \$16 million environmental improvement project on Highway 89 between U.S. Highway 50 and the Alpine/El Dorado County line will widen shoulders and rehabilitate and reconstruct drainage facilities that will allow for roadway run-off to be directed to treatment collection facilities rather than Lake Tahoe and its tributary waterways.

"We are working around the clock to pump federal Recovery funding into the California economy quickly and responsibly to create jobs and drive our state down the road to economic recovery," said Governor Schwarzenegger. "This recovery funding will not only help stimulate the local Tahoe economy, but also improve area transportation infrastructure for generations to come."

California currently leads the nation with \$1.9 billion in federal economic stimulus funding committed to 526 projects on the state's highways and local streets. Of these, 135 projects worth \$1.1 billion have already been awarded contracts to begin work, with an additional \$722 million in federal stimulus funds expected to be awarded to 112 projects by the end of October.

