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Press Release

*A healthy watershed
that meets the water
needs of all users*

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Carson City, NV – The Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) is pleased to announce the selection of **Bruce Scott** as the individual who will receive the 2022 Andy Aldax Carson River Watershed Award for Exemplary Service in Conservation and Protection of the Carson River Watershed. **Alpine Watershed Group** will also be awarded for their group’s exemplary service that benefits the Carson River Watershed in their stewardship of our river’s headwaters. The award, created in 2007, recognizes individuals or organizations that actively demonstrate a 10+ year commitment and accomplish plans and projects to improve and sustain the Carson River Watershed.

Since the late 1970’s **Bruce Scott** has discreetly promoted water resource protection in our beautiful community and in the Carson River region. He served on the Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee many years. Bruce was instrumental in getting the water rights for the big productive wells along the river and he was one of the visionaries that helped to get the water exchange pipeline coming from Douglas County. Bruce was instrumental in making the Aquatic Trail a reality. In 1999, Resource Concepts, Inc. hired an enthusiastic river guide who loved the Carson River. Bruce, as principal of RCI, strongly encouraged taking community leaders down the Class I and III stretch of the Carson River. Bruce understood how critical it was to show people the amazing resource. He contacted people he thought should see the river and helped to coordinate the early trips. He was nominated by his colleague, Lynn Zonge, who says Bruce Scott has done more to conserve and protect the Carson River and its watershed as a community resource than any single person I know. Bruce is a highly respected Water Resource Engineer who CWSD is proud to honor with the Andy Aldax Award for Exemplary Service in Conservation and Protection of the Carson River Watershed.

Alpine Watershed Group (AWG) formed in 2001 as a grassroots effort by community members and other stakeholders in Alpine County, California. In 2004, AWG joined the 772 other volunteer monitoring groups in the US in initiating a Citizen Water Quality Monitoring Program. In 2006, the group became a 501(c)(3) organization, and continues to grow and evolve every year. Alpine County is located at the headwaters of five rivers – the Carson, Mokelumne, Stanislaus, Truckee and American– which provide water to Western Nevada and California’s Central Valley. Over the last 150 years, Alpine County watersheds have experienced extensive mining, grazing, timber harvesting, and road building. Alpine County is a popular recreation area for thousands of tourists, anglers, backpackers, and other outdoor enthusiasts. Recreational overuse has resulted in water quality degradation impacting the surrounding landscapes and communities extending well into the five watersheds. For over twenty years, AWG has been instrumental in conserving and protecting the river through its network of stakeholders and volunteers who show up to steward our watershed. AWG staff and board members’ planning and communication in Alpine County actively engages participants in the county’s ongoing discussion about the water quality and natural resource management.

Awards will be presented at the CWSD Board meeting on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Bonanza Room of the Carson City Community Center, 851 E. William St. (Hwy. 50), Carson City. All are welcome and encouraged to attend the meeting and presentation to honor to Bruce Scott and the Alpine Watershed Group for their years of dedication and service to the Carson River Watershed. Contact Catrina Schambra (775-887-7450) for more info.

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To promote cooperative actions with communities to protect the Carson River Watershed.
