

Washoe Tending and Gathering Garden Project Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit

2010 Accomplishments

This project was initiated in 2010 to plan and implement a Washoe native plant tending and gathering garden. The goal of the project is to create a garden for restoration with native heritage plants known to occur within the Lake Tahoe Basin watershed. The garden will provide a resource to identify native plant species and learn traditional methods of tending.

Traditional Native American management will be used within the garden to promote native plant species. The use of traditional management tools will provide a setting to understand the use of traditional management on natural resources.

The demonstration garden will provide educational and outreach efforts for the local communities, highlighting the importance and use of native plants. The plants selected will be native plants that provides a source for basketry, food, medicine, fiber, and shelter.

2010 Accomplishments/Activities Include:

- Environmental planning
- Washoe Tribe Agreement
- Field Trip to Cache Creek Tending and Gathering Garden, Woodland, CA
- Site selection: Tallac Historic Site – Baldwin Museum
- Species selections
- Conceptual garden designs were developed, and a final design will be selected in the Fall of 2010.



Figure 1: Possible garden design plan.



Figure 2: Field Trip to Cache Creek Tending and Gathering Garden

Year Awarded: 2010

Project completion: 2012

Report number: 1

Expenditures: FY2010, \$17,000

Partners/Contractors/Coop: The Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California The Washoe Tribe In-Kind Match: \$1,200 (20%)



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