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5th Annual Carson River Snapshot Day set for Oct. 16 ***Event promotes community involvement to protect our valuable watershed***

CARSON CITY – Saturday, October 16, 2010, is the fifth annual Carson River water quality Snapshot Day sponsored by the Carson Water Subconservancy District and the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection. The purpose of this event is to provide a hands-on community based approach to learning about the Carson River watershed.

Under the guidance of water quality professionals, participants will collect data from 10 locations along the river to provide a “snapshot” of environmental conditions. Field tests for dissolved oxygen, pH and temperature will be conducted and water samples will be collected for analysis at a certified laboratory to determine nutrient, sediment and bacteria levels. This information will be used by water quality agencies to establish baseline conditions, and help develop strategies to improve and protect the Carson River.

Organizers are seeking volunteers for this event, including local residents, students, and community groups. Prior experience is not necessary and training will be provided on the day of the event. For more information, or to sign up please contact Mary Kay Wagner, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water Quality Planning, (775) 687-9454 or mkwagner@ndep.nv.gov.

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