

Tahoe City Public Utility District

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NEW SAND FOR COMMONS BEACH

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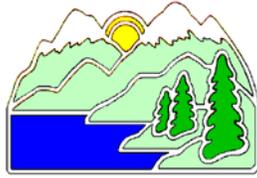
In Lake Tahoe, there is not much better than warm new sand between your toes. Those who use Commons Beach regularly have surely noticed the beach sand quantity and quality has diminished since the restoration project in 2004. Furthermore, diminishing sand levels can pose a trip hazard by creating a lip between the grass and the beach. “More sand is needed to replenish the existing sand and to improve the safety and quality of the park,” said Bob Bolton, Director of Parks and Recreation for TCPUD.

Due to environmental protections and regulations, not just any sand can be used on Lake Tahoe Beaches and any project to add sand must receive permits from TRPA and Lahontan. “This is specific sand, compatible with Lake Tahoe water quality requirements allowing for its use on the lake shore” said Bolton. “It’s also the same sand used when Commons Beach Park was restored in 2004.”

TCPUD staff and a local contractor will add 80 cubic yards of sand to the beach, following all required best management practices on May 5th-7th. The Commons Beach Parking Lot will be closed during the mornings of each of these days, but the playground area and restrooms will be open while work is being performed. Two sand trucks are scheduled each morning for delivery and the parking lot will be reopened each day after the sand trucks depart. The TCPUD asks that the public have patience during this project which is scheduled to be completed Friday May 8th.

This project was made possible by a grant from the North Lake Tahoe Resort Association’s (NLTRA) Transportation and Infrastructure fund. “We really appreciate the support of Placer County, the owner of the beach and the NLTRA in the re-habilitation of Commons Beach”, said Kurt Althof, Grants and Community Information Administrator at TCPUD. “Commons Beach is a great facility for thousands of visitors and residents and this project will undoubtedly improve it for all to enjoy.”

The Tahoe City Public Utility District provides water, sewer and recreation services within its service area. The boundaries of the District lie within both Placer and El Dorado Counties, extending from Emerald Bay to Dollar Hill, and along the Truckee River to the Nevada County line. For additional information, call Kurt Althof at 530.580.6057 or send an email to kalthof@tcpud.org.



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