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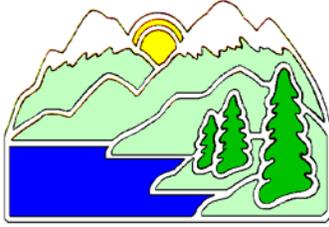
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TAHOE CITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT HOLDS HOMEWOOD BIKE TRAIL GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

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The TCPUD will break ground on the missing one mile section of the West Shore Bike Trail in Homewood in the coming weeks. This connection has been a long time coming for many residents and TCPUD leaders, both past and present. The first section of trail from Tahoe City to Cherry Street was completed in 1976. In 1980, the trail was built from Homewood Mountain Resort to the Placer County/El Dorado County line in Tahoma. Due to controversy between Caltrans, homeowners and the public over an approved trail alignment, a one mile gap has been left unfinished between Cherry Street and Homewood Mountain Resort. Thanks to the Caltrans SR89 realignment and compromise with the homeowners, an alignment solution has been reached, allowing for the completion of this section of trail.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held on Friday, April 29th at the corner of Trout Street and SR89, along the route of the new trail. Distinguished guests in attendance included former TCPUD General Manager Bill Briner who was instrumental in building and expanding the TCPUD trail network and Lou Reinkens, former TCPUD Director who was also a big proponent of the trail network and dedicated to getting this missing link completed. In addition to past leadership, representatives were present from each of the funding partners who collectively contributed over \$2 million dollars to make this project a reality. Those partners included the North Lake Tahoe Resort Association/Placer County, The California Tahoe Conservancy, California Natural Resources, Placer County Parks, and private donations through the Tahoe Fund. “The financial support and flexibility from so many partners has been tremendous and a key to making this project happen”, said Kurt Althof, TCPUD Grants and Community Information Administrator.



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“We are thrilled to finally see this critical link in the trail network completed”, said Cindy Gustafson, TCPUD General Manager.

The trail will be constructed throughout the summer and expected to be completed this fall.

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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