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A Report to Our Community

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Capital Projects – Your Rates, Tax Dollars & Grant Funding – Hard at Work

In addition to paying for operating costs, your water and sewer rates help support critical investment in upgrades and replacements to TCPUD's 40 year old infrastructure. For 2012, we are investing approximately \$3 million in capital improvements in the water system and \$1 million in the sewer system. Here are some of the important improvements being made this Fall.

Water System Capital Projects

There are 9 active water system projects including: Phase 2 of Lake Forest Water System Replacement Project, and over 4,700 feet of water line replacement upgrades.

Sewer System Capital Projects

There are 14 active sewer system projects including: design of the West Shore Export Truckee River Crossing Rehabilitation, replacement of two sewer pumps, installation of flow meters at all sewer pump stations, and design for replacement or rehabilitation of approximately 5,450 feet of sewer pipeline, 23 manholes and 100 service laterals.

As reported in April 2012, TCPUD crews are getting more done with less which means that rate increases have been less than anticipated. The good news is the TCPUD team is meeting goals for infrastructure replacement with lower rate increases.

History in the Making - Tahoe City Lakeside Trail is Open *Linking our Trails, Connecting Our Communities*

The long-awaited, one of a kind, Tahoe City Lakeside Trail is complete and open to the public. This spectacular trail runs along the water's edge in Tahoe City and offers unparalleled views of Lake Tahoe and the Truckee River. The Lakeside Trail links our communities as it connects the North Shore Trail, West Shore Trail, and the Truckee River Trail with a safe, separate trail through Tahoe City.



This new facility is much more than just a trail. It is a linear parkway that winds its way through public and private properties, opening up Tahoe City's waterfront and includes overlooks, plazas, seat walls, picnic areas, pedestrian lighting, interpretive signage, environmental restoration and landscaping.

The trail was first conceived in the 1980's, designed and permitted in the 1990's, and the first phase was completed in 2001. The project entailed seven phases, five contractors, 12 funding sources, and over \$10 million in grant funding. The primary funding sources were the California Tahoe Conservancy and the North Lake Tahoe Resort Association.

On June 21, 2012, the Tahoe City Public Utility District and local businesses, hosted an official Ribbon Cutting and Dedication Ceremony to celebrate this new lakefront parkway. The community joined together again on June 24th and created a human link across the Lakeside Trail to celebrate linking our communities.

Please visit our website at www.tahoecitypubd.com to view pictures and video of this unique community celebration.



New Faces at TCPUD

PHILLIP TAPIA

Phillip Tapia joins us from Oakdale, CA, as the District's new Construction Inspector II. Phillip, his wife Lauren, and son Ethan relocated to Agate Bay and are looking forward to enjoying Tahoe, specifically by mountain biking and snowboarding. He previously worked for Tuolumne County and the City of Escalon and has experience with AutoCAD, GIS, project management, and inspection of various infrastructure improvements. Phillip will be inspecting private sewer and water main extension projects, some of the District capital improvement projects, reviewing commercial permits, performing commercial inspections, managing the District's FOG program, reviewing Development Agreement projects, and miscellaneous projects as needed.

SARA SCHEID

We are pleased to welcome our newest Recreation Coordinator, Sara Scheid. Sara was born in Rochester, NY, but her passion for sports, recreation and family moved her to the West Coast where she received a Bachelor's Degree in Recreation from San Francisco State University in 2008. She served for three years as Youth Program Coordinator for the non-profit Camps In Common (CIC). Sara is responsible for coordinating TCPUD children's programs including the Kidz Club after-school program, Camp Skylandia and various community events. Sara's hobbies include kayaking, biking, and ultimate frisbee, and she loves the Oakland A's!

CORY ALLISON

The Engineering Department is thrilled to have Cory on board as a Project Assistant working on capital improvement projects for our District. Cory started with the TCPUD back in 2006 as the Department Secretary for two years. She grew up on the West Shore of Lake Tahoe and then headed off to Humboldt State where she earned a BS in Environmental Science. Cory came back to Homewood where she lives with her husband and one year old daughter Summer. She enjoys being able to serve the community she grew up in.

Un-sung Heroes - Making a Positive Impact Every Day

Behind the Scenes: Utilities

Your health and safety are the first priority of the TCPUD Utilities Crew, and protecting the environment is a very close second. There's a lot that goes on behind the scenes to accomplish this. Our crews aggressively take proactive measures to ensure sewer lines are clear and functioning properly. Every week, inspections are conducted on District sewer facilities and every year the TCPUD Utility Crews clean and televise approximately 40-60 miles of sewer line to ensure the system is operating as safe and efficient as possible. These measures protect your home, your health, our lake and give each of you peace of mind. Our crews pride themselves with rapid response times and exemplary customer service. Late at night, on holidays and during storms, the TCPUD Utilities Crew is hard at work protecting you.

Behind the Scenes: Parks

Did you know that the TCPUD maintains over 19 miles of trails? Each year, hundreds of thousands of people enjoy the trails that run along the lake through downtown Tahoe City all the way to Dollar Hill, along the Truckee River and down the West Shore of Lake Tahoe.

Our Parks Crew works hard to ensure you can enjoy the trails safely and comfortably, as early in the season as possible. First, they remove the snow and sand from the previous winter and then once clear, crews conduct extensive sweeping to open the trail.

Throughout the summer and fall seasons they sweep the trails weekly. They also perform a variety of maintenance tasks to keep the trail safe and easy to access. This includes striping, asphalt repairs, bridge maintenance and signage. Recently, Parks Crew repaved the areas of the West Shore Trail at Hurricane Bay most in need of repair. When they aren't maintaining trails, they're busy maintaining all of our athletic fields and beaches! Many thanks to our dedicated Parks Crew.

SUMMER RECREATION

Visit our website at tahoecitypud.com for the latest in Parks & Recreation info including:

- Our 19 mile trail network
- Tahoe City Dog Park
- FREE Concerts at Commons Beach
- FREE Movies at Commons Beach
- Pickleball at Rideout and Kilner

Another "Clean Audit" for TCPUD

The Tahoe City Public Utility District Accounting Team is pleased to announce that the 2011 Independent Financial Audit produced a "clean opinion" otherwise known as an "unqualified opinion". The District's independent auditor Caporicci & Larson, a San Francisco firm, presented the 2011 Audit Report at the May 18, 2012 Board meeting. An unqualified opinion means that the TCPUD's audited financial statements are fairly presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The District's excellent record is a direct result of many years of outstanding leadership in the accounting and finance department.

New at the Lake Forest Boat Ramp

Gates are open daily from 5am-7pm through September 30th. These shorter hours help reduce staffing costs. One-way directional devices have been installed to allow for after staff hour exits. For detailed information, daily launch fees and season pass rates, please visit tahoecitypud.com.

Tahoe City Farmers Market Update

The Farmers Market is held Thursdays from 8am-1pm in downtown Tahoe City. It is located at Tahoe Lake Elementary (just off Hwy 28 on Grove St.) now through August 16th. Beginning August 23rd, the Market will return to Commons Beach for the remainder of the season.

Protect Your Health, Your Home & Our Lake!

Please help to keep your sewer system running smoothly. Throw trash in the can and flush only... the obvious.

Items commonly flushed that you DON'T want to put down your toilet: "flushable wipes", facial tissue (it's not the same as TP!), paper towels, cotton swabs, and sanitary supplies. Remember: **Wipes Clog Pipes!**

Water Conservation Benefits Everyone

Rethink the way you use water, both indoors and outdoors:

- Turn the water off while brushing your teeth or shaving
- Limit your showers to 5 minutes or less
- Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes
- Water your garden in the evening or morning when it is cooler to prevent rapid evaporation during the heat of the day
- Use a broom to clean driveways, sidewalks and patios – not your hose

