



TCPUD

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A Report to Our Community

April 2012

CWEA recognizes TCPUD employee Tab Strada as Collection System Person of the Year

TCPUD's Utilities Technician Tab Strada, was recently honored by the Sierra Section of California Water Environment Association (CWEA) as the Collection System Person of the Year.

Tab has worked for the District for over 14 years assisting our water and sewer customers and making sure our systems operate smoothly. Tony Laliotis, Director of Utilities shared that

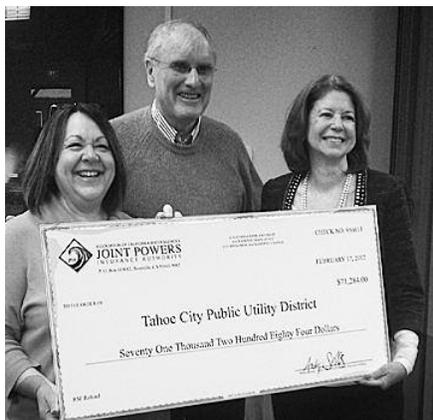


"Tab is very deserving of this award. His time and dedication to customer service and protecting the water quality of this Lake is outstanding. Tab

works many on-call shifts responding to customers and protecting the environment during late hours, weekends and holidays. He is an unsung hero for this community."

Saving Tax Payers Money Through Safety on the Job

TCPUD places a very strong emphasis on safety for employees and the public. This focus is evident throughout our District. A Safety Committee, made up of employees, is constantly looking for ways to further improve the safety practices, procedures and training of all District employees. This commitment to safety is a huge benefit to the community and saves you the tax payer money every year.



At the TCPUD's February 2012 Board Meeting, Patricia Slaven of Joint Powers Insurance Authority (the District's insurance carrier) commended the Tahoe City Public Utility District for reducing risk exposure for the District. She noted that TCPUD's efforts have resulted in the District receiving a \$71,284.00 refund from JPIA, and she presented the refund check at the Board meeting. She complimented District employees for taking advantage of opportunities to learn and grow through JPIA's lending library,

online training courses, and professional development classes.

Over the past 10 years the District has consistently reduced its risk exposure saving money for the community. TCPUD has received a total of \$249,007 in refunds.

TCPUD has strong representation on the ACWA JPIA Board of Directors. Director Lou Reinkens has served on the Board of Directors for many years and is currently Chairman of the Risk Management Committee. He commented that over the past decade the District has done a phenomenal job in reducing exposure for the District. Director Ron Treabess thanked the TCPUD staff for cost cutting and safety savings and emphasized the tremendous savings for both the tax payer and the rate payer.

VISIT US AT EARTH DAY AT SQUAW VALLEY ON APRIL 21ST

Learn more about how you can conserve water and make a positive impact on your environment. Visit TCPUD's interactive booth at Earth Day in the Village at Squaw Valley on Saturday, April 21. Participate in our fun game and take home one of our earth-friendly prizes.

Tahoe City Golf Course Update

In the summer of 2011, TCPUD learned that the Tahoe City Golf Course was for sale and that the asking price had been reduced dramatically. TCPUD recognized that this was a once in a lifetime opportunity for our community to have public ownership of this key property.

Public ownership of this forty-six acres gives the community the ability to plan for the long term future of our community; something critically important to the economic vitality, environmental health, safety and sustainability of Tahoe City.

TCPUD became the lead agency to work with other public agencies to secure this key parcel on behalf of the community. Funding partners for the purchase include: North Lake Tahoe Resort Association (Transient Occupancy Tax funds), TCPUD, Truckee Tahoe Airport District (TTAD) and Placer County. The agencies have requested that the TCPUD hold title to the property and be governed by a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the funding partners.

Noteworthy is that any funding from the TCPUD for the golf course acquisition will come from general property tax revenues. NO money from water and sewer rates can be used for the purchase or operation of the golf course.

Since escrow for the golf course was scheduled to close in May 2012, TCPUD felt it was important to take quick action regarding how the golf course would be

operated if the acquisition were to take place. The board evaluated how to best run a golf course while minimizing risks for TCPUD taxpayers and directed staff to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for private golf operators. TCPUD received three proposals and a 12 person panel (including several local golfers) interviewed each of the firms that responded. The panel unanimously recommended the selection of Duncan Golf from Reno. The committee felt that Duncan Golf, a small family-owned company, was in close proximity and appeared to be a good fit with our community. The TCPUD Board reiterated that the Duncan lease proposal provided the best product and service with the least amount of risk for the District taxpayers.

TCPUD, NLTRA, TTAD and Placer County have entered into a MOU and have committed to a community visioning/planning process for the property. Public input will determine the community's desires. For more information and updates on the golf course please visit www.tahoecitytud.com.



Tahoe City Farmers Market Summer 2012

The Tahoe City Farmers Market has been an important asset for our community for the past 22 years. It is very successful and important to our community's health and well-being, but its success has brought impacts to congestion and parking. TCPUD staff has been working diligently with the event partners to find mitigations and improvements to ensure the Market stays in Tahoe City.

The group has evaluated several alternative sites and Tahoe Lake Elementary (during the peak summer months) appears to be the most viable site, providing the most parking and the least traffic impacts while still providing a market that is in the heart of downtown Tahoe City. The Foothill Farmers Market Association is currently working out a contract with Tahoe Lake and is proposing to hold the Market at Commons Beach in the non-peak times of May, early June and late August, early September.

The 2012 Market is scheduled to begin late May with hours of operation planned for 8am-1pm. Visit our website at www.tahoecitytud.com for the latest updates and information or call 530-583-3796, x21.

Don't Miss The Eggstravaganza!
Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday • April 7 • 10am
Commons Beach

New Seniors Program at Rideout

TCPUD's Parks and Recreation Department received a generous grant from the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation to launch their new Seniors Club at Rideout Community Center.

The program is FREE, and offers Seniors a weekly activity, 2 days per week throughout the year. The first session begins on April 24th and will be held every Tuesday and Thursday, from 10am-11:30am through June 28th. A Seniors Walking Club will also be introduced. This is a great way to socialize and get exercise all at the same time!

Please join us on Wednesday, April 11th for a Seniors Club Open House and kick-off event. It's a great way to find out more about the program and meet other seniors! For more info call Rideout at 530-583-3040, x10.

Summer Recreation Sign-up Day Saturday, May 5th

Don't miss the Annual Registration Day for Camp Skylandia, Swim and Sailing Lessons and other summer camps and programs.

8am residents only

9am non-residents