



# TCPUD

## QUARTERLY

# NEWS

75 Years of Service 1938-2013

A Report to Our Community

April 2013

## Saving Taxpayers Money Through Safety On The Job

TCPUD places a very strong emphasis on safety for its employees and the public. 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 taxpayer, money every year. The District's insurance carrier, Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) has recently recognized TCPUD for its work in reducing risk exposure for the District. TCPUD's efforts resulted in a \$30,367 refund from JPIA for the past year. JPIA complimented District employees for taking advantage of the opportunities it provides to learn and grow through its lending library, online training courses, and professional development classes.

Over the past 10 years TCPUD has consistently reduced its risk exposure saving a total of \$279,374 for the community.



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Tahoe City Public Utility District

## Upcoming TCPUD Projects

PLANNED CONSTRUCTION	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	TENTATIVE START
Lake Forest Water System Replacement	Completion of Water System replacement project	Spring 2013
Four Season Tank Line Replacement	Replacement & fire upgrade of current water line	Spring 2013
Woodview-Woodhill Water Main Extension	Extension of waterline to improve existing water system	Spring 2013
Tahoma Meadows Mutual Water Co.	Consolidation into TCPUD, installation of new main & meters	Spring 2013
TCPUD Admin Building & Tahoe City Golf Course BMP Projects	Complete BMP requirements on District properties	Summer 2013
Truckee River Trail Paving Rehabilitation	Rehabilitation of pavement on the Truckee River Trail	Fall 2013

## Protect Your Family's Health - Prevent Contamination

Water normally flows in one direction, from your water provider through the system to your plumbing fixtures. However, under certain conditions water can flow in the reverse direction - creating "backflow". Backflow can contaminate the water supply and cause serious health issues. In order to protect your family's health, the State of California passed a law that requires all water suppliers to maintain ongoing backflow prevention and cross-connection control programs so that your water is safe from hazards that originate on private property.

### What causes Backflow?

There are two conditions that can cause BACKFLOW:

# 1. **BACKSIPHONAGE** - occurs due to a loss of pressure in the system providing your water. This can be caused by a rapid withdrawal of a high volume of water from the system due to a system shutdown, a break in the supply mains, or active fire protection. This reduction of pressure creates a vacuum in the piping causing it to draw water into your home from irrigation lines, hot tub, or any plumbing fixture with a submerged inlet. These sources can contaminate your home's drinking water and even enter the public system contaminating others' potable water.

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TCPUD Mission: To serve the people, our community, and its environment by providing safe and reliable water and sewer service for the protection of public health, and parks and recreation services to enhance quality of life.

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## Protecting Your Family's Health

Since irrigation systems are at risk of causing backflow, you must have a backflow prevention device on your irrigation system, even for drip irrigation systems. Weed killers, fertilizers and animal waste may enter the water supply through an irrigation system that is not properly protected with a backflow prevention assembly, thus contaminating the water.

# 2. **BACKPRESSURE** – is created when the source of pressure, such as a household pump, creates pressure greater than that supplied through the distribution system. A pump from a landscape pond, hot tub, hydronic heating system, or other system containing non-potable water, can send that water into the potable water supply affecting your home, and even the entire public system.

### How you can prevent contamination of your own home and the public water system

- Determine if your property has any potential cross connections by completing the Cross-Connection Survey on our website at [www.tahoecitypud.com](http://www.tahoecitypud.com).
- Install approved backflow prevention assemblies on identified cross-connections per TCPUD requirements, and test annually.

For more information visit our website at [www.tahoecitypud.com/utilities/backflow.shtml](http://www.tahoecitypud.com/utilities/backflow.shtml), email [barbsmith@tcpud.org](mailto:barbsmith@tcpud.org), or call 530-583-3796, x28.

## TCPUD TidBits...

### Public Meetings

A full meeting schedule is posted on the TCPUD website at [www.tahoecitypud.com](http://www.tahoecitypud.com). Live streaming of meetings is also available.

#### UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS:

- April 19, 8:30am
- May 17, 8:30am
- June 2, 8:30am

### Join TCPUD at Earth Day

Saturday, April 20, 11am-5pm, Village at Squaw Valley – This Earth Day remember to use a reusable water bottle & drink tahoe tap!

### Upcoming Parks & Rec Events

- May 4th: Summer Recreation Sign Up Day, 9am, Rideout
- June 1st: Bike Rodeo, 10am, Commons Beach
- June 23rd: 1st Concerts at Commons Beach
- June 24th: Summer camps begin

## Tahoe City Golf Course Update

Last April, TCPUD, Placer County, North Lake Tahoe Resort Association (NLTRA) and Truckee Tahoe Airport District (TTAD) completed the public purchase of the Tahoe City Golf Course to become its new owners. TCPUD signed a five-year lease with Duncan Golf Management (DGM) to operate the golf course, bar and restaurant, and in Spring 2012, the 9-hole course opened to the public. It hosted many community groups and fundraisers, remaining open through the Fall.

During the public meetings conducted by TCPUD prior to acquisition, the community spoke up about its interest in winter recreation at the golf course. Based on this feedback, the TCPUD board voted to support a pilot program this past winter at the new Tahoe City Winter Sports Park.

TCPUD teamed up with Tahoe XC and DGM to provide cross-county skiing, snowshoeing, sledding and dining right in the heart of Tahoe City. TCPUD received very positive feedback from the community.

DGM is preparing to open the golf course for the 2013 season. New this year will be bocce courts, a recreational amenity for the non-golfer. For more information, call the golf course at 530-583-1516.

### Get Involved in Future Planning

The funding partners – TCPUD, Placer County, NLTRA and TTAD – formed an oversight committee and have begun short and long term planning for the golf course property. Your participation in this process is encouraged. To date they have conducted a web-based survey and have held two open houses to gather input and suggestions for planning for the future at the Tahoe City Golf Course. The 5-minute survey is still available on our website at [www.tahoecitypud.com](http://www.tahoecitypud.com).

The Tahoe City Golf Course Oversight Committee will continue to hold public meetings to keep the community informed and engaged. Call 530-583-3796, x10, to add your name to the email notification list.

## 2013 Farmers Market

Farmers Market will be in Tahoe City on Thursdays, 8am-1pm, from the end of May through September

#### LOCATIONS:

- Market open - June 20th, Commons Beach
- June 27th - Aug 15th, Tahoe Lake Elementary
- Aug 22nd - Market close, Commons Beach

## What's New at Rideout – YOUR Community Center

Recently, TCPUD Parks and Recreation Department completely resurfaced the gym floor using a state-of-the-art material that's designed to make your court time safer and more enjoyable.

The newest community amenity was unveiled on March 15 ... Thanks to the generous support of Melanie Jackson and the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation, the Kiwanis Club, the Harris family, and the Gary Davis Group there is a new commercial kitchen at Rideout. The *NEW* kitchen includes everything you might see behind the scenes at a fine dining restaurant.

These two major changes have transformed the multipurpose room making Rideout Community Center an ideal location for your special event. Whether looking to host a small gathering for family and friends, or a large fundraising event, Rideout is the place! Rental rates are very competitive and, as always, our staff will go "above and beyond" to meet your needs.

For more information call 530-583-3440.

## TCPUD Staff News ...

### Rich Lehman Receives CWEA Award

Congratulations to Rich Lehman, TCPUD's Pump Station Field Supervisor, who was recognized as Supervisor of the Year by the Sierra Section of the California Water Environment Association (CWEA). TCPUD was also recognized for Collection System of the Year.



### Congratulations to Ralph Turner

Ralph Turner is the 3rd time recipient of ACWA/JPIA's HR LaBounty Safety Award!