



TCPUD

QUARTERLY

NEWS

A Report to Our Community

October 2012



YOUR TAX DOLLARS, RATES AND GRANT FUNDING AT WORK

Fall 2012 Capital Construction Projects:

WATER

- Lake Forest Water System Replacement Project (grant funded)
- Chamberlands Drive Water Line Replacement Project
- Old Dollar Pump Station & PRV Modifications Project (partially grant funded)
- Rocky Ridge Tank Recoating Project
- Tahoma Meadows Transmission Pipeline Project – Phase I

SEWER

- Sunnyside Pump Station Pump and Controls Project
- Satellite Pump Station Control Upgrades at 3-4 sites
- Installation of Sewer Pump Station Flow Meters at 2 sites

PARKS & FACILITIES

- Lakeside Trail Wetlands Mitigation Project (partially grant-funded)
- Rideout Community Center - Kitchen Remodel (partially grant-funded)

Meeting Schedule for October

- Sewer & Water Committee / October 11th • 7am
- Parks & Recreation Committee / October 10th • 8am
- Finance Committee / October 12th • 8:00am
- Board Meeting / October 19th • 8:30am

Get involved in TCPUD's Budget Planning Process

You are encouraged to participate!

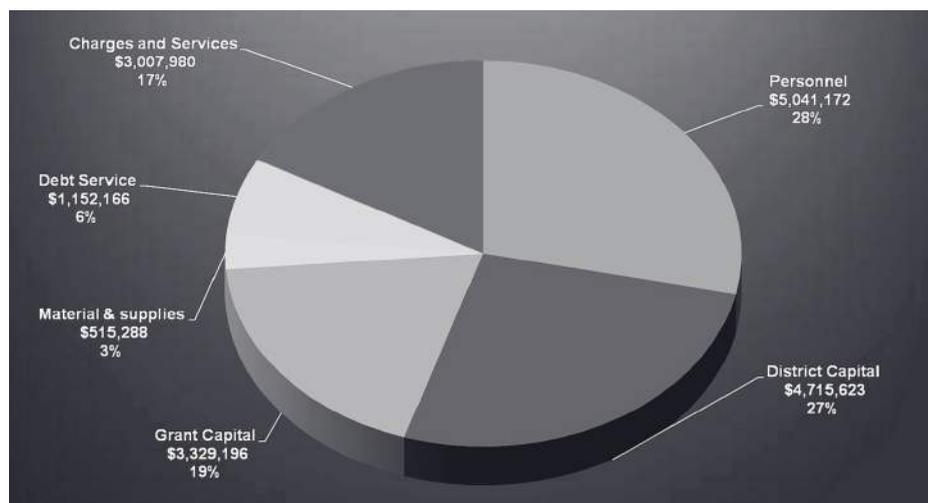
TCPUD is currently developing the goals, work plan and budget for 2013. A zero-based approach is used, building each task and expenditure from the ground up. During the budget process the Board holds several meetings to review the previous year's results and set the priorities and proposed expenditures for the upcoming year. The budget becomes the plan that guides the District through the coming year.

Every person at TCPUD, from front line staff to the Board of Directors understands that we are entrusted to steward the taxes and fees you provide. Fiscal accountability is a core value of the District and as such we look for the most cost effective and efficient ways to provide you service. The District evaluates all opportunities for: outsourcing, privatizing, partnering, securing grant-funding and collaboration as means to conserve your funds.

Your input in this process is important!

TCPUD is holding a Budget Workshop on November 5th at 4pm in the TCPUD Board Room. The community is invited to participate and share suggestions and comments. Prior to the workshop, each committee will conduct a budget review at their October meetings. These are public meetings and you are encouraged to attend. (See the October meeting schedule to the left.) For more information, or to sign up for email notifications, please call 530-583-3796, x10.

TCPUD 2012 BUDGET EXPENSES BY TYPE



Avoid Frozen Pipes with these Winterization Tips

Significant property damage and thousands of gallons of water can be wasted as a result of frozen water pipes.

Here are some general guidelines to prevent frozen pipes:

- When not occupied, shut off the water to the house and drain all the internal piping
- Never run bleeder lines or trickle small amounts of water out of fixtures to prevent freezing. This practice violates TCPUD Ordinance 185 and is an enforceable violation.
- Close vents to crawl spaces to avoid drafts
- Locate and mark the water shut off box at the street with a stake
- Locate and mark sewer cleanouts

For more information on how to keep your home safe this winter, please call 530-583-3796, x30.

SUMMER RECREATION RESULTS

TCPUD Parks and Recreation staff just concluded a very successful summer.

- Summer Recreation Programs served 70,000 participants
- Parks & Facilities hosted 1,000,000 users

TCPUD ACQUIRES LAKE FOREST WATER COMPANY

After lengthy legal process - arbitrator rules in favor of TCPUD

In July 2012, Tahoe City Public Utility District (TCPUD) and the Lake Forest Water Company (LFWC) concluded an arbitration process regarding the acquisition of the Lake Forest Water Company. The Arbitrator upheld the District's offered price of \$370,000, finding it was the "fair market value" for the Company. TCPUD is moving forward in the final steps of purchasing the LFWC and rebuilding the entire Lake Forest water system.

The Lake Forest Water System Replacement Project will be completed at no additional cost to taxpayers. The project is funded by grants from the California Dept of Public Health's (CDPH) Proposition 50, from Placer County Redevelopment Agency and from CDPH's Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.



TCPUD Welcomes Joe Mason

Joe recently joined the Utilities team as an Operations Technician (the PUD's mechanic). Joe comes to TCPUD with extensive experience as a mechanic. He started his career in the military serving as a Naval Construction mechanic and also worked as a mechanic at AT&T for 12 years.

Joe grew up in Truckee and is now raising his family there. He is married and has a 14 year old daughter and a 7 year old son. When he's not working, Joe loves to spend time with his family.

Online Viewing of Board Meetings

All Board of Directors meetings are filmed and can be viewed online via live streaming. Can't make it to the TCPUD Board meeting but want to say involved? No problem. You can log onto www.tahoecitypud.com and watch the meeting online anytime at your own convenience.

FALL FAMILY FUN

Pumpkin Patch Festival

Saturday, October 27th, 10am-2pm
Rideout Community Center
Pumpkin Patch, food, games, hay and pony rides, and a pumpkin seed hunt.

Downtown Tahoe City Trick or Treat

Wednesday, October 31st, 4pm-6pm
Trick or treating in downtown Tahoe City.

Holiday Craft Faire & Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 1st, 8:30am-12:30pm
Rideout Community Center
Stock up on Christmas presents from local artists and vendors and have breakfast with Santa.

NEWS SHORTS

Outsourcing/Private IT Services

After a change in information technology (IT) personnel occurred this summer, staff began an important project evaluating the District's IT infrastructure to determine the best solution in managing the IT operations.

After extensive analysis, staff concluded that outsourcing IT administrative and support services would provide the District with the most cost effective solution for meeting its complex needs. A rigorous interview process was conducted and a local firm, Tahoe Tech Group Inc., was selected as the most qualified firm offering the District a wide range of professional services and expertise.

The District anticipates a savings of \$75,000 annually by outsourcing IT services.

Rideout Community Center has a New Gymnasium Floor

Attention sports enthusiasts ...

Basketball, volleyball, pickleball and futsal just got a whole lot better! Plus there's a new walking track! Come and enjoy a new sports experience at the Rideout Community Center open Monday-Friday, 8am-8pm, and Saturday and Sunday, 9am-5pm. Drop-in fee is only \$2.

Contact the Recreation Office at 583-3440 for scheduled activities and Open Gym hours.

Looking for Efficiencies to Save \$\$\$

Earlier this year, TCPUD contracted with Airon Energy to conduct a technical energy study of the TCPUD's infrastructure. The purpose of this energy study was to identify energy efficient measures the District could adopt to reduce energy consumption and replace aging infrastructure.

As a result of the study, several projects are underway that will improve energy savings and environmental impacts for the District. These projects include:

- Retrofitting the administrative building with more energy efficient lighting
- Heating and air upgrades to increase efficiencies in community buildings and office
- Installing new, energy efficient bulbs in the street lights in downtown Tahoe City

The intent is that the calculated energy savings will pay for these projects and the District will see an overall savings in energy costs long term. These efforts are part of TCPUD's dedication to increasing efficiencies while reducing costs whenever possible.