WHY DO I PAY TWO SEWER BILLS?

6 AGENCIES WORKING TOGETHER

Sewer collection and treatment is critical to maintaining public health and *keeping Tahoe* (as well as the Truckee River, other surrounding waterways, and local groundwater) *blue*. Handling a community's sewer service is comprised of two parts:

- **1. Collection/Transport** Sewage is collected from your home and transported to the treatment plant.
- **2. Treatment** Sewage is treated through a series of biological, chemical, and physical processes to such a degree that surface and ground water integrity is protected.

The Tahoe-Truckee Sanitation Agency (T-TSA) was founded in 1972 in response to the Porter Cologne Water Quality Control Act, enacted in part to protect Lake Tahoe and Truckee River water quality. There are five member agencies of T-TSA that collect and transport sewage to the Truckee River Interceptor:

- Alpine Springs County Water District
- North Tahoe Public Utility District
- Squaw Valley Public Service District
- Tahoe City Public Utility District
- Truckee Sanitary District

The Truckee River Interceptor is a reinforced concrete sewer pipe, approximately 17 miles long. It begins just west of Tahoe City on the Truckee River and ends at the T-TSA Water Reclamation Plant in Martis Valley, just east of Truckee.

Businesses and homeowners in the North Tahoe/Truckee Region pay a sewer fee (monthly, quarterly, or on the tax rolls) to their local collection and transport organization (one of the five member agencies of T-TSA), as well as a fee directly to T-TSA (bi-annually) for the sewage treatment. When a new property is built, connection fees are paid to both agencies to support the existing collection/transport and treatment infrastructure. In a sense, you are paying a portion of the sewer costs to two agencies rather than paying one agency a larger amount for all sewer service.











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