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(Tahoe Vista, CA) –

Construction Contract Awarded for Zone 2 Water Tank Project

At their meeting of August 11, 2009, the North Tahoe Public Utility District Board of Directors awarded a contract for Construction of the Zone 2 Water Storage Tank Project to Resource Development Company of Sparks, NV in the amount of \$591,250.00. The total budget for the project, including planning and permitting is \$1,293,500.00. The Engineer's Construction Estimate for this project was \$721,250.00.

This new 500,000 gallon welded steel water storage tank will replace the undersized existing 120,000 gallon tank in Zone 2 of the District's Main Water System which services the communities of Kings Beach and Tahoe Vista. Funding for this project comes from the District's Water Capital Fund, that comes directly from water rates paid by District customers. In addition, the District has received matching grant funding from the United States Forest Service (USFS) under the Tahoe Restoration Act for Urban/Wildland Interface Fire Related Improvements in the amount of \$550,000.00.

The District is currently planning expansion of water storage capacity within the District's Main Water System. This additional storage will provide additional water during the summer season when irrigation systems are in use and water use in general is up due to the higher populations in the summer. In addition to this new Zone 2 tank, a new tank is being planned for Zone 1 which will provide an additional 1.2 million gallons of storage. The Board will consider the award of the Professional Services Agreement for Tank Design on that tank at their September meeting.

Other actions:

- Authorized additional funding into the contract with Tieslau Engineering for planning, permitting and design of Tahoe Vista Recreation Area for additional work on the lakeside and the parking on the northwest corner of Highway 28 and

National Avenue and. This will allow the District to complete the dredging and installation of the courtesy docks on the lakeside of the project and prepare documents necessary to apply for additional grant funding to complete the project.

- Authorized a contract with Hunt and Sons for fuel purchases for the coming year. The District was able to perform cooperative bids for fuel from a Placer County bid that was let earlier this year.
- Authorized execution of a grant contract with Placer County Water Agency for their 2009 Financial Assistance Program for a joint project with Tahoe City Public Utility District and the North Tahoe Fire Protection District for funding a Consolidated Master Plan for Public and Private Water Systems within the Placer County Area of Lake Tahoe in the amount of \$35,000. This Master Plan will provide a comprehensive and prioritized approach to regionally meet source, storage and transmission needs and serve as a foundation for multiple capital grant opportunities available to public and private water purveyors. Placer County Water Agency will hire and administer the consultant contract.
- Local resident and photographer Chris Talbot was thanked by the Board of Directors for contributions of over \$1400 to the North Tahoe Regional Park Playground Project from donations received at the Tahoe Art and Music Fest that was held at the North Tahoe Event Center on July 8th. Watch for press releases next year announcing the date.

The next regularly scheduled Board of Director's meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 8, 2009. A Special Board Meeting is scheduled for August 25th to award the contract for the Lincoln Green Water Main Replacement Project which will be put in the ground this construction season, Snow Removal for upcoming years and fencing at the Kingswood West Water Tank site.

The North Tahoe Public Utility District provides sewer and water service to the residents of Kings Beach, Tahoe Vista, Carnelian Bay, Cedar Flat and Agate Bay. The District owns, manages and maintains the North Tahoe Regional Park in Tahoe Vista which provides recreation opportunities to residents and visitors. In addition, the District owns and/or maintains all of the public beaches in the District including Kings Beach State Recreation Area, Tahoe Vista Recreation Area, and Secline Beach to name just a few. The North Tahoe Event Center in downtown Kings Beach is also owned and managed by the District.

Approved By:


Curtis Aaron, General Manager/CEO

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