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North Tahoe Public Utility District Announces Boat Launch Closures for the Summer Due to Low Water Levels

(Tahoe Vista, California) - The North Tahoe Public Utility District has announced that both launch ramps that they operate, Coon Street Boat Launch, owned by the State of California Department of Boating and Waterways and operated by the District, and Tahoe Vista Recreation Area, owned by the North Tahoe Public Utility District, are expected to remain closed for the summer season due to low water levels.

It has been recently reported that Lake Tahoe is only anticipated to rise about one (1) foot from its current level of 6223.75 due to limited snowpack this year. A one foot rise will not be nearly enough for either ramp to be used safely by boaters.

"The District is disappointed that water levels will not allow the two launch ramps to be utilized this year by our residents and visitors," says Kathy Long, Parks and Facilities Manager of the North Tahoe Public Utility District. "Based on current water levels and the anticipated runoff from this year's snowpack, the District does not see the possibility that this situation will change in the coming months. However, kayaks and other small boats will be able to access the Lake by walking down the ramps."


Due to recent regulations adopted by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency this year to address the threat of Aquatic Invasive Species, the District encourages all boaters to verify that the launch that they intend to use will be open before traveling to their destination this year.

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 and Tahoe Vista Recreation Area in

Tahoe Vista which provide a variety of recreational opportunities to residents and visitors. In addition, the District owns and/or maintains all of the public beaches within its boundaries including Kings Beach State 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. For additional information regarding Parks and other District facilities you can contact the District offices at 530-546-4212 or the District website www.ntpud.org

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