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North Tahoe Public Utility District Board of Directors Awards Contract for New 1.3 Million Gallon Water Storage Tank

Kings Beach, CA – At the August 10, 2010 Board of Directors meeting the Board awarded the bid and authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with Paso Robles Tank, Inc., the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder with a bid of \$1,760,484.00, more than \$250,000 less than the Engineer's estimate. This project includes the construction of a 1.3 million gallon water storage tank, booster pump station, water lines and all appurtenances. The tank will be located at the end of Canterbury Drive in Kings Beach. This tank will bring the District into compliance with current standards for water storage based on use and potential fire flow needs. The tank was an integral part of the need for a rate increase that was approved by the Board in 2007.

Related to this project, the Board heard an update from Craig Hill, from Northcross Hill and Ach and Andy Hall of Jones Hall on the status of the District's Financing for the water tank and the other 15,000 plus linear feet of water line that are being installed within the District this year. The District intends to fund \$4,500,000 in project costs. The annual debt service is estimated to be \$550,000 to \$575,000. Northcross Hill and Ach are currently soliciting interest from financial institutions in providing the financing for these projects. The financing will come from a financial institution such as a bank or from the general public through an investment banking firm through municipal bonds.

In addition to District funds, grant funding from the US Forest Service through the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act is also being used for projects that qualify.

Other Actions:

- Authorized execution of the Agreement with Placer County for Beach Maintenance Services. The District maintains Placer County beaches within the District's boundaries.
- Saw a presentation of the new Work Order Management System, GBA Master Series, which was awarded at the July Board of Director's meeting. This system will also integrate with the Global Positioning System approved at this meeting.
- Passed a Resolution honoring Senator Dave Cox. Senator Cox was elected in November 2004 to the First State Senate District, which includes the North Tahoe Public utility District,

and served in that capacity upon re-election in 2008 until he passed away on July 13th of this year. Senator Cox was a strong advocate of local government and was highly responsive to issues facing Lake Tahoe residents.

- Awarded a bid and authorized the General Manager to enter an agreement with Marques Pipeline, Inc. for installation of station bypass valves and repair of a section of the District's Force Main that was damaged by a contractor in September 2009. The bid of \$438,100 from Marques Pipeline, Inc. is the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder.
- Passed a Resolution Endorsing the Sierra Nevada Geo-Tourism Project currently underway in a partnership with National Geographic, the Sierra Business Council, and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy.
- Passed the final Resolutions to allow the Employees to join CalPERS. This change from a defined benefit to defined compensation plan was negotiated during the last Union Negotiations with Stationary Engineers Local 39. In July the employees voted on and approved this change. This change places no additional financial responsibility on the District.
- Approved a Joint Sewer Facilities Agreement with Tahoe City Public Utility District related to maintenance and operation of the Joint Sewer Force Main/Export Line shared between the two agencies.
- Presented 5 Year Employee Service Awards to: Chris Carillo, Maintenance Worker; Joe Steck, Maintenance Technician; and Kathy Long, Parks and Facilities Manager. Larry Marple, Chief Financial Office was recognized for his 20 Years of Service to the District.

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.

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Approved By: 
Curtis Aaron, General Manger/CEO