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North Tahoe Public Utility District Board of Directors Meeting holds public hearing on Zone 1 Water Storage Tank Project

Kings Beach, CA – At their May 11, 2010 Board of Directors meeting the Board held a public hearing on the Zone 1 Water Storage Tank Project. This project will construct a 1.3 million gallon water storage tank, associated pipelines, booster pump station and access road. The water tank is required to correct the District's current water storage deficiency for peak demand days and reserve fire storage. Construction of this tank will also allow the District to remove the existing 500,000 gallon water tank and associated booster pump station and restore the Stream Environment Zone of Griff Creek near the Kingswood Condominiums.

The District was able to purchase land that met the elevation requirements for the tank at the end of Canterbury Drive adjacent to Highway 267.

The project is currently out for CEQA review and the Public Review Period closes on Thursday, May 27th at 5 PM. Additional CEQA documentation can be found on the District's website, www.ntpud.org and by going to the Projects page.

The Board also heard a presentation from Craig Hill of Northcross Hill and Ach on financing options for the capital projects being constructed this year. This financing will encompass the costs of the tank and all appurtenances, as well as the water line replacements in Kingswood subdivision and Carnelian Bay. The payments for this financing were included in the rate increase that the District passed in 2007.

"The District is pleased to be able to take advantage of a positive lending and bidding climate to make some significant strides in our capital program," says Lane Lewis, President of the Board of Directors. "While this is an extremely aggressive capital schedule, we are confident that it will position the District to continue to exceed the promises we made to the public regarding capital improvements at the time of our past rate increase."

Other Actions:

- Introduced new Planning and Engineering Manager, Paul Schultz PE, to the Board and designated him as the Engineer of Record for the District.
- Adopted the Sanitary Sewer Management Plan as required by the California State Water Resources Control Board Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements.
- Awarded the Bid for the Kingswood Waterline Replacement Project to Marques Pipeline. This project includes waterline replacement, connection of the water line on North National Avenue from the Kingswood subdivision to the Kings Run Condominiums, service reconnections and all appurtenances for approximately 10,000 linear feet of water main and approximately 190 services. The cost for this project came in more than \$700,000 under the engineer's estimate.
- Adopted rates for Kings Beach Plaza and Tahoe Vista Recreation Area. Included in these new rates are new options for rental of picnic tables in Kings Beach and Tahoe Vista for small groups.
- Awarded the bid for Pump Modifications at the Secline Pump station to Correa Construction. These urgent modifications include replacing the 70 horsepower pump and motor with a 30 horsepower pump and motor and appurtenances.
- Authorized staff to terminate the Professional Services Agreement with EDAW, Inc. and allow the contract with the California Tahoe Conservancy for the North Tahoe Regional Bike Trail to expire. In addition, the Board supported the concept of having the Conservancy take over the management of the planning and environmental review portion of the project with the District offering support as needed. The Board reinforced their support of the project, but based on the many changes in the economic and political climate that have taken place since the contract was executed, all thought that it was in the best interest of the project to revise the Scope of Work for the environmental documents and put it back out to bid.

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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Curtis Aaron, General Manger/CEO