

Tahoe City Public Utility District

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Tahoe City Public Utility District Recognizes Director Lou Reinkens for 16 Years of Service

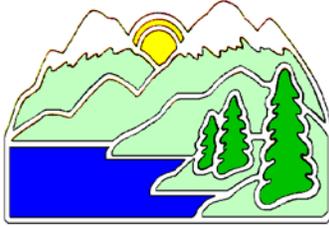
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The Tahoe City Public Utility District is honoring Director Lou Reinkens' service to the community with a reception at Sunnyside Restaurant on Thursday, November 20th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. The public is invited to attend and join the District in thanking Director Reinkens for his sixteen years of community service.

Director Reinkens was first sworn in as a Director of the District on December 10th, 1998. He served four full terms, including three years in the role of Board President and participated on three different sub-committees throughout his tenure. Most significantly, Director Reinkens served on the Finance Committee for sixteen years, strongly supporting financial stability and accountability for the District.

In addition to his dedication to the TCPUD Board, Director Reinkens also volunteered to serve on the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) Risk Management Committee for 14 years, serving as chairman for last four years, the Workers' Compensation Committee for four years and the JPIA Executive Committee for over nine years. His tremendous efforts brought improvement in risk management, thorough safety inspections, employee education, and taxpayer savings. During Director Reinkens' tenure with JPIA, TCPUD received insurance rebates totaling \$279,000 through the Rate Stabilization Fund.

Many of his colleagues and District staff commented on Lou's numerous contributions to TCPUD. Former TCPUD CFO, Jim Dykstra, recalls, "Director Reinkens was a major part of a Board and a culture that took ownership of making life better for our community and got things done." Director Ron Treabess served on the District's Board during Reinkens' tenure. "What this District was able to accomplish with the help and leadership of Lou, often times using outside dollars, is frankly impressive," said Treabess.



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Reinkens' was a strong advocate for a wide-array of improvements throughout the District. That list includes honing tight financial controls, such as detailed capital planning processes, setting and maintaining appropriate operating and emergency reserves and assuring sewer and water operations are self-sustaining without the use of tax dollars. He used his professional background to support significant investment in technology and security. He was a proponent of the acquisition and rebuilding of the Lake Forest Water System at no cost to District customers and establishing a policy and reserve fund to ensure that the District considered the needs of the non-water customer taxpayers of the District. He was also a proponent for increasing transparency of TCPUD by broadcasting all Board meetings live online and publishing community reports quarterly.

Director Reinkens was a strong supporter of parks and recreation, including; the purchase of the music festival truck and stage and the development of the free concert series at Commons Beach. He was also instrumental in the development of the Rideout Community Center, acquisition of the Tahoe City Golf Course, and the start of the Winter Sports Park. Reinkens' lead the efforts to prioritize and support the completion of the entire bike trail network. His leadership and efforts on behalf of the Homewood and Meeks Bay Trail were immeasurable.

"Lou has always been a staunch supporter of improving systems, risk management, technology, and training to ensure accountability to the tax and ratepayers of the District. He worked tirelessly to represent the best interests of the community," commented General Manager Cindy Gustafson.

Board President Dan Wilkins sums it up nicely, "Lou's leadership, commitment, and insistence on accountability during his tenure on the TCPUD Board has made Tahoe City and the West Shore a better place for its residents and visitors".

The Tahoe City Public Utility District provides water, sewer and recreation services within its service area. The boundaries of the District lie within both Placer and El Dorado Counties, extending from Emerald Bay to Dollar Hill, and along the Truckee River to the Nevada County line. For additional information, call Kurt Althof at 530.580.6057 or send an email to kalthof@tcpud.org.

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