



TCPUD QUARTERLY NEWS

A Report to Our Community

April 2005

4th Annual Tahoe-Truckee Earth Day Festival!

The Tahoe-Truckee Earth Day Festival is an all-volunteer, non-profit, community event which will celebrate and promote the Lake Tahoe/Truckee region's unique beauty and raise awareness of the fragility of its ecosystem.

The Festival will be held at the Village at Squaw Valley on April 30th from 10am until 5pm and will include many fun and educational events. Live music and entertainment will be happening throughout the day. Also part of the Earth Day Celebration is an annual Film Festival on Thursday, April 28th from 7pm-10pm.

Festival events include a full day of educational and environmental booths, arts and crafts, kid's activities, community outreach and live music on a solar-powered stage at this year's host site. Additional information is available at www.TahoeTruckeeEarthDay.org.

Admission is free!

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Why does a Utility District provide Parks & Recreation services?

In our last quarterly newsletter we included a report card survey asking for your input.

Thanks to overwhelming response, we are still entering the data and won't have a full report until late April. Two issues are already clear: 1) many of you don't understand why we are in the recreation/parks business; and, 2) many of you think we are spending funds you pay us for water and sewer, on parks and recreation functions.

• Why is a utility district providing parks and recreation services?

Short Answer: Because the community wanted more services and asked the county to form a separate park and recreation district. The request was denied because the existing local government (TCPUD) could provide the services.

The Placer County portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin does not have an incorporated town or city.

In 1938, TCPUD was founded as a "public utility district". While our initial function was limited to water, the individuals who worked on forming the first local government at the Lake consciously chose a "public utility district." The minutes reflect that they wanted to put in place a form of local governance that could address other issues, if other public needs arose. The California code established that public utility districts could meet a broad range of community needs including: water, sewer,

power, transportation, parks, recreation, fire, and street lighting.

Over the years since the initial water system was purchased (1939), citizens have asked, and other government agencies have mandated, TCPUD to provide additional services. The timeline of additional services includes: street lighting in 1947, maintenance of Commons Beach in 1948, sewer service in 1952, other parks and recreation in 1970. With the approval of Proposition 13, TCPUD was allocated property tax funds based on its services in water, sewer, parks, and recreation.

• Do you spend utility funds on parks and recreation?

Short Answer: No.

Water fees – pay 100% of water operating costs and some of the funds needed for capital improvements for water service.

Sewer fees – pay 100% of sewer operating costs and some of the funds needed for capital improvements for sewer service.

Property tax revenue – is used for water, sewer, and parks capital improvements. It also supplements the user fees charged for parks operations and recreation programming.

Grant revenue – More than 90% of the funds used in new capital projects for parks are secured through grant sources.

Over the last four years, TCPUD has been reducing the percentage of property tax funds

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used for parks and recreation. We currently use 34% of our property tax dollars in the areas of parks and recreation.

For additional information on TCPUD's budget, call Jim Dykstra, 530-583-3796, ext 20.

Public Review of Revised Sewer Ordinance

The District plans to adopt a revised sewer ordinance this year to replace the existing ordinance originally adopted in 1978. The proposed ordinance will be available for public review in April. The District anticipates holding a public hearing in May, with the ordinance becoming effective mid-June 2005.

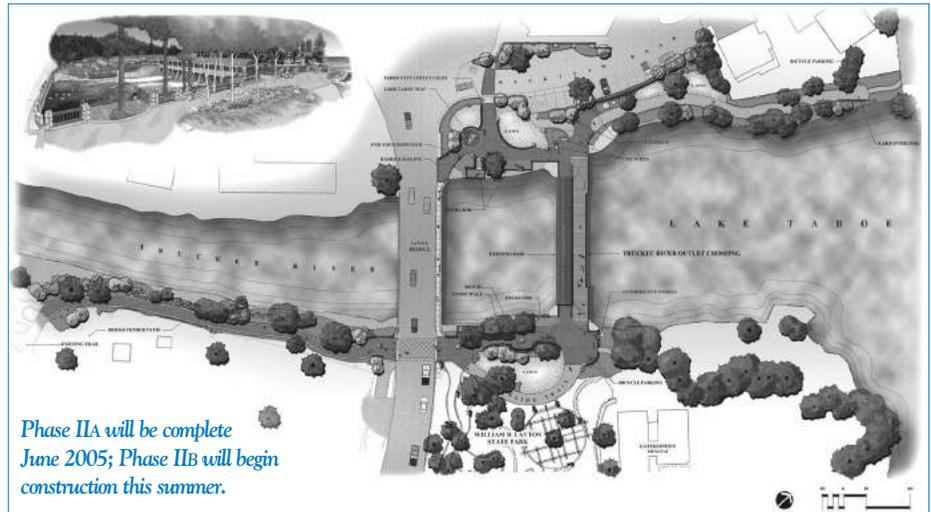
Significant changes include the following:

- The ordinance has been restructured
- The grease control program has been expended in order to reduce collection system maintenance costs and minimize the possibility of sewer spills. Food service establishments will be required to install and maintain grease control facilities.
- Some modifications were made to construction and testing standards.
- A development agreement process has been created for construction projects.

If you are interested in attending the public meeting or receiving a copy of the revised ordinance, call Debi Black, 530-583-3796, ext 31.

TRPA - PATHWAY 2007

TRPA is embarking on an exciting new collaborative process named "PATHWAY 2007". It is an effort to coordinate between public agencies and involve the public in the update to the agency's plan for the Lake Tahoe Basin. The plan will guide land and resource management for the next 20 years. Partner agencies include: TRPA, US Forest Service, Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection. Public participation is critical to this effort. They are collecting input on the following issues: water quality, air quality, recreation, sound/noise, scenic resources, socio-economic, transportation, soils, vegetation, fisheries and wildlife. Please take time to visit the Pathway 2007 website, sign up to participate in upcoming forums, and fill out surveys: www.pathway2007.org/public.aspx.



2005 TCPUD Planned Construction Projects

PROJECT NAME	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	TENTATIVE START	FUNDING SOURCE
Upper Highlands Water Tank	Installation of new steel water tank & service lines	Summer	TCPUD & TTUSD
Observation Drive	Seal coat road surface after last year's water line construction	Summer	TCPUD
West Shore Trail Crossing near Sequoia	Safety improvements to trail & crossing	Spring	Conservancy & NLT Resort Assoc.
Lakeside Trail, Phase IIB Truckee River Outlet	Public & trail improvements at north side of Fanny Bridge	Summer	Federal & NLT Resort Assoc.
Lakeside Trail, Phase IV	Continuation of trail from Commons Beach to Grove St.	Fall	Conservancy
Heritage Plaza	Overlook & plaza improvements next to Watson Cabin	Fall	Conservancy & NLT Resort Assoc.

2005 TCPUD Planning & Design Projects

PROJECT NAME	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	TENTATIVE START	FUNDING SOURCE
Grove Street Pump Station	Removal of pump station at bottom of Grove Street; New station in conjunction with Tahoe Marina Harbor Master building project	Summer '06	TCPUD
Lakeside Trail	Completion to State Recreation Area	Summer '07	Conservancy & NLT Resort Assoc.
McKinney Water Source	Preliminary study for permanent water treatment facility to serve the McKinney & Chamberlands water service area	Summer '07	TCPUD
Steel Water Line Replacements	McKinney Drive, McKinney Shores subdivision Marlette Drive, Dollar Point subdivision	Fall '05 Summer '06	TCPUD TCPUD
Water Meters	Preliminary study		TBD
West Shore Trails	Preliminary study		TBD

IMPORTANT RECREATION DATES

Call 530-583-3796, ext 29

4/25	Girls' Softball sign-ups deadline	5/12	Adult Softball Manager's Meetings
5/2	NEW... Tiny Tot sports program begins	6/3	TCDA's 1st Friday: Sip, Shop, & Save
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5/7	TCPUD Summer program registration		