



# Water: Conserve, Protect, Enjoy.....The Tahoe Way

## TCPUD QUARTERLY NEWS APR-17



## STORMS, STORMS, AND MORE STORMS

Mother Nature did not make living and working in Tahoe easy the first few months of the year. We rang in the New Year with a very wet and wild January. Heavy snow, followed by torrential rain, followed by more snow, knocked out power for days and made everything from routine commutes to operational snow clearing increasingly difficult. During the January storm, TCPUD ran all 27 of its generators throughout this first wave of storms, utilizing more than 4500 gallons of diesel fuel. Generators were critically important during the power outages as pump stations were able to continue pumping millions of gallons of sewage out of the Basin. The significant facility upgrades which have been made possible by rate revenues were essential to handling the impact of the storms. Comprehensive pre planning and dedicated utility crews working around the clock ensured there were zero water or sewer service interruptions.



## YOUR TAX AND RATE DOLLARS AT WORK (Capital Project Update)



**Tahoe City Sewer System Rehabilitation** – Phase II of the Tahoe City sewer system rehabilitation is scheduled to begin in May, conditions permitting. This phase will focus on the residential areas of Grove St. (upper), Pioneer Way, Red Cedar St, and Jackpine St. The sewer system in this area is more than 60 years old and rehabilitation or replacement is required to protect public health and the environment.

**Bunker Tank Replacement** – This project is scheduled to begin construction this summer. The current tank, built in 1960, is 500,000 gallons and does not have required seismic protection. The new tank will be 1.2 million gallons, more than 2 times the current size and will be steel construction.

**West Lake Tahoe Regional Water Treatment Plant** – Design work continues on the regional water treatment plant, the largest of TCPUD's capital projects. Construction of the plant is tentatively scheduled to begin in the spring of 2018.

**Truckee River Bike Trail Pavement Rehabilitation** – TCPUD continues efforts to secure all the permits required for this project. If successful, the District plans to begin a grind and replacement of the Truckee River Trail.

This project will create closures of the trail. Please sign up for email updates or follow us on Facebook at Tahoe City PUD Parks & Recreation to get the most current project status.

### Other Agencies Projects:

**State Route 89/Fanny Bridge Project** - Construction will begin May 1 (weather dependent). In 2017, it is anticipated that the new Truckee River Bridge, new SR 89 alignment and roundabouts located at either ends of the new alignment will be built. In 2018, the new roundabout at the "wye" will be completed along with the replacement of Fanny Bridge. Provide link here to info from TTD or CFL.

**Sugar Pine to Meeks Bay Bike Trail** – The California Transportation Commission has approved funding to construct the extension of the West Shore Bike Trail to Meek's Bay. Construction is slated to start in summer 2017.

For the latest SR 89/Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project updates, please visit [www.FannyBridge.org](http://www.FannyBridge.org), or contact Tahoe Transportation District Community Outreach Specialist Margaret Skillcorn at [suggestions@FannyBridge.org](mailto:suggestions@FannyBridge.org), 530.550.7578.

*New Truckee River Bridge that will be built in 2017 just east of the Caltrans Yard on SR 89.*





## NEW HIRES AT THE DISTRICT

**Robert Bonino** (Bob) actually tried to enter this world on the 3rd green of the Tahoe City Golf Course when his mother went into labor playing golf. Bob is the grandson of Carl and Elise Bechdolt, who owned the course from the 1940's until TCPUD purchased it in 2012. He lived in Tahoe City through 6th grade before his family moved to San Francisco where he continued his pursuit of golf. Bob received his degree in Hospitality Management from the University of San Francisco and returned to Tahoe City to run the golf course from 1987 to 2004. Bob was also on the TCGC Board of Directors from 1995 to 2012. Bob brings not only a wealth of knowledge and history about our community golf course but also the importance of the hospitality aspect of the game. We are excited to kick off the golf course's 100th anniversary with Bob again as course manager.



## TCPUD AWARDED 2016 COLLECTION SYSTEM OF THE YEAR AWARD

The California Water Environment Association (CWEA) Sierra Section named TCPUD the Collection System of the Year in the small local section level (0-249 miles) category. One of the most important functions of the Sierra Section is to provide affordable, local training classes. Well trained employees are less likely to have accidents on the job, more likely to make the best use of equipment, and more likely to help you stay in compliance with safety regulations. TCPUD utilities crew do an excellent job, day in and day out and are often the unsung heroes out of public sight. Congratulations to the TCPUD Utilities Crew for this outstanding recognition and keeping our sewer system in excellent condition. Please join us in congratulating our Utilities Crew for their tireless work to ensure our sewer and water systems operate without issue.

### Tahoe City Ice Rink Huge Success

In its inaugural year, the Tahoe City Ice Rink at the Winter Sports Park has been a phenomenal success despite a very wet and challenging winter. Also, Café Zenon, the new café and bar has brought a high quality flare, an excellent menu and hand crafted drinks to the Park. You can enjoy the menu in person and visit them online at [www.cafezenon.com](http://www.cafezenon.com) We are looking forward to their summer menu at the golf course.

### MID-SIERRA UTILITIES

TCPUD and Mid-Sierra Utilities continue negotiations regarding the sale and purchase of Tahoe Cedars and Madden Creek Water Companies. Discussions are going well and TCPUD anticipates completing the acquisition by the end of 2017.

### GREAT SEASONAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

TCPUD Recreation Department has exciting Summer Seasonal opportunities for **Recreation Leaders, Sailing Instructors** and **Swimming Instructors**.

TCPUD Parks Department has exciting Summer Seasonal opportunities for **Parks Seasonal Workers, Lake Forest Boat Ramp Cashiers, and Golf Pro Shop**. The ideal candidate can work varied hours and shifts and wants to be a Lake Tahoe ambassador.

Visit our website for job details and application requirements. TCPUD is a drug-free workplace. TCPUD is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

### Water Conservation - Always important

For the summer of 2017, TCPUD customers do not have a mandatory water use reduction to adhere to, but we very much encourage customers to continue practices that reduce and eliminate water waste. TCPUD and the State of California are striving for a consistent, more protective attitude toward our water resources. Until the State changes its mandate, TCPUD will continue to implement Stage 2 Drought regulations. These regulations are common sense and always good practice, they include prohibiting: water runoff, using water on hard surfaces and non-recycling water features. Additionally water leaks are required to be repaired within ten (10) days of notice. Additional information can be found at <https://conservation.tcpud.org/>

### KAYAK AND PADDLE BOARD RACKS

Lake Tahoe is expected to be full for the first time since 2006! TCPUD has expanded rental space for lakefront kayak and board storage. Secure kayak and board racks will be available at Commons Beach, Skylandia Park, and Lake Forest Beach and may be rented for the summer (May 1 – Sept 30) or year-round (May 1 – April 30). Renters will be responsible for supplying their own locks and cables. Space is limited and will be issued on a first come, first served basis. We will begin accepting reservations May 1st. For more information or to request an application contact Barbara Butterfield via email [bbutterfield@tcpud.org](mailto:bbutterfield@tcpud.org) or phone, 530-580-6337.

### SNOW STORAGE ON BIKE TRAILS

The official recreational use period for the District's bike and pedestrian trail network is scheduled to begin April 30th. This means, according to TCPUD ordinance 248, anyone using the trail system for snow storage must remove any stored snow by that date. This is especially important this year due to the above average snow amounts. TCPUD parks crews will be hard at work trying to get the trails open and operational as early as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Parks Superintendent, Kay Berntson via [kberntson@tcpud.org](mailto:kberntson@tcpud.org), or 530-580-6050.

## STAY UP-TO-DATE!

For emergency, construction, recreation, general public information or announcements sign up for our E-notices by sending us a request to [info@tcpud.org](mailto:info@tcpud.org).

### View Board Meetings Online

Interested in attending the Board Meetings but can't make it in person? No problem! All TCPUD Board of Directors meetings can be viewed online via live web streaming or watch the recorded meeting anytime by visiting [www.tcpud.org](http://www.tcpud.org).



*The Tahoe City Public Utility District will officially take over golf course operations this year! New rates, improved clubhouse, new restaurant/café operator, and new management. Come play with us.*



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