



# TCPUD

## QUARTERLY

# NEWS

A Report to Our Community July 2014

### TCPUD'S Recreation Heroes

Since the 1960's TCPUD has provided youth and adult recreation for the community. Many of the services are provided by contract instructors, through partnerships, and using facilities that are owned by others. Three entities in particular provide essential locations for important and highly desired recreation activities. Without these partners, thousands of youth and adults would not have these programs.

- **Obexer's Marina - Community Sailing Program**

Obexer's has provided a "home" for the last ten years to the highly acclaimed community sailing program. Over 2,000 youth and adults have learned how to sail through this program.

- **Granlibakken Resort - Youth Swim Lessons**

Granlibakken provides an opportunity for the youth of our community to learn to swim. Without a public pool, TCPUD has relied on Granlibakken Resort to provide the facilities so that the youth of Tahoe City can learn how to swim and become water safe.

- **Tahoe Truckee Unified School District - Youth/Adult Leagues, Classes, Community Garden**

TCPUD operates both youth and adult recreation leagues and activities at numerous fields, and TTUSD locations. These include youth and adult softball, basketball, afterschool programs, classes, community garden, and many more activities. Thousands participate annually at recreation programs on TTUSD sites.

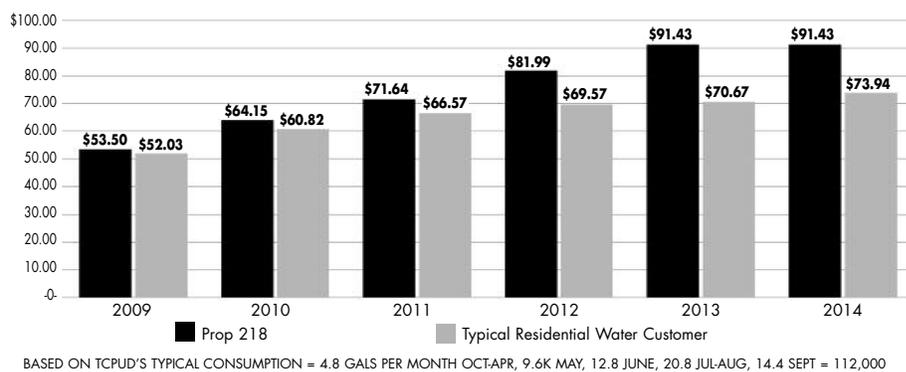
### TCPUD Reviews Water & Sewer Rates

TCPUD is currently in the process of reviewing the water and sewer rates adopted in 2009, through the Proposition 218 process. While TCPUD has never raised the current rates to the full level authorized under the Prop. 218 process, HDR Engineering has been retained again to review the rates and rate structure. This is done in order to ensure the rates are proportional to customer use and are adequate for proper long-range capital investment.

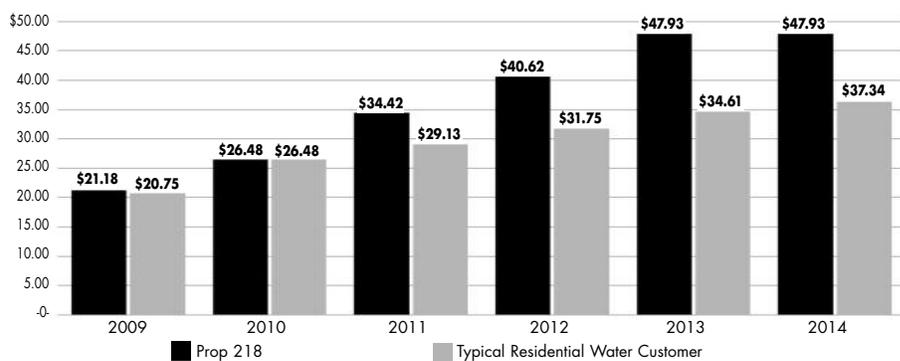
Specifically, the comprehensive study is comprised of three interrelated analyses for each utility: (1) the revenue requirement to determine adequate funding levels; (2) a cost of service analysis to identify differences associated with various types of customers; and, (3) a rate design analysis that develops rates based on the District's goals and objectives.

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#### Typical Water Residential Rate Has Remained Below Approved Prop 218 Rates



#### Sewer Residential Rates Have Remained Below Approved Prop 218 Rates



# District Honors 75 Year Legacy

On April 11, 2014 over 40 former and current TCPUD Board Members, staff and others gathered for a luncheon to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the first Board meeting of a



Former General Manager, Bill Briner addresses the group.

local government agency in the Lake Tahoe Basin. TCPUD was formed in December 1938 with 86% of the local community's support. On April 11, 1939, Ernie Pomin, Al Henry, and Bill Vernon met as the first locally elected officials. Their initial action, and reason for formation, was to

take the necessary steps to take control of the undercapitalized, expensive local private water company. Sharing memories of key events and milestones were: Bill Briner, Ron McIntyre, Roger Kahn, Dennis Schlumpf, Kelly Atchley, Ron Treabess, Erik Henrikson, Lou Reinkens, Dan Wilkins, Judy Friedman, Bob Lourey, Sandy Coombs Spurgeon, Lee Schegg, Jack Beckman, Bill Back, Bob Duffield, Jim Dykstra, Pat Rogers, and all of TCPUD's current management staff.

## Water Conservation – It's a Team Effort

Water conservation is always a best practice, even more so in times of drought. TCPUD has several ways to help you conserve this precious resource.

- **CASH REBATE PROGRAM**  
tcpud.org/download/utilities/Rebate-Pamphlet.pdf
- **FREE WATER CONSERVATION KITS**  
Pick them up at the District office or at our Concerts at Commons Beach booth.
- **LEAK DETECTION PROGRAM**  
tcpud.org/download/utilities/leakcheck-list.pdf
- **FREE ON-SITE WATER CONSERVATION EVALUATION**  
Call for an appointment 530-583-3796. Also see: wateruseitwisely.com.

For more information, call the Technical Services Division at 530-580-6281 or go to our website at tcpud.org/utilities/water.shtml.

## CAPITAL PROJECTS

### Grouse Drive & Upper Ellis Road Water Line Replacement Project

This project will replace old and deficient pipelines. It will intermittently affect residents along the following roads with temporary water outages and construction equipment: Grouse Drive (from Tanager Dr to Bald Eagle Dr; Chukar Circle; Snowbird Loop; Tanager Drive; and, Ellis Drive (from Chamberland Dr to McKinney Dr).

The project is currently scheduled to bid during June/July (special July Board mtg for award) with construction beginning the first two weeks of August. Construction is anticipated to be completed this fall.

### Lake Forest Boat Ramp Rehabilitation Project

This grant-funded project will primarily affect boat launching and pedestrian use of the pier after Labor Day. Access to the pier for pedestrians and fishing will be open when construction activities allow, however, we anticipate the pier will be closed the great majority of time.

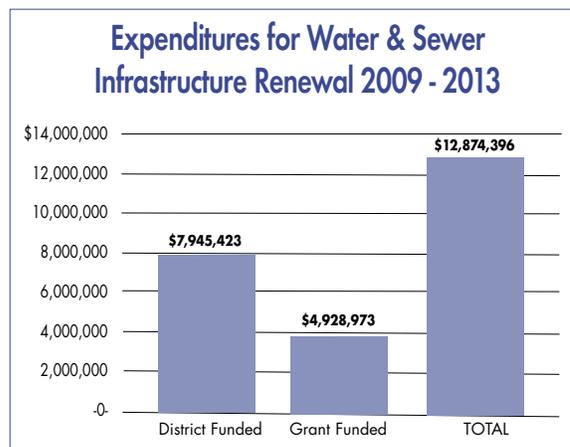
The project may start early should the lake level dictate ramp closure.

## Rate Reviews

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A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for mid-October 2014, and each record owner of each parcel impacted by any rate change will receive a written notice not less than 45 days prior to the public hearing.

For questions or information concerning the Water and Sewer Rate Study contact Ramona Cruz, CFO, at 530-580-6047.



## Connected Tahoe – Filling the Gaps in High Speed Connectivity

*How is your Internet Connection? Are you satisfied with the service you have in the Tahoe Basin?*

The Tahoe Prosperity Center, an innovative nonprofit collaborative supporting long-term economic, social and environmental health of the Tahoe Basin, will be gathering data in August on actual internet speeds and customer satisfaction – they need your participation. Once the data is gathered, they will assess the gaps and work with Internet Service Providers to improve the technology infrastructure. For information on how to participate, go to tahoeproprosperity.org, and sign up for the monthly newsletter.



**TCPUD Mission:**

To serve the people, our community, and its environment by providing safe and reliable water and sewer service for the protection of public health, and parks and recreation services to enhance quality of life.

# New Faces at TCPUD



L to R: Kevin Hyche, Sarah Hussong Johnson, and Lisa Arcidiacono

## Kevin Goes Full-time with Engineering

Kevin Hyche joined the District's engineering team as a full time Engineering Technician in May of this year. He has been working for the District on a part time basis for the past eighteen months and in that time has been integral in advancing the District's geographic information systems technology.

Kevin grew up in Tahoe City and has deep roots in the community; his grandfather opened the Tahoe Tree Company in 1954. Kevin returned home after earning his bachelor's degree in Geography from the University of Oregon.

"I am very fortunate and thrilled to be able to give back and be a part of the community that I grew up in", said Kevin.

## Sarah Joins the Engineering Dept

Sarah Hussong Johnson is the newest member of the District's engineering team. Sarah earned a bachelor's degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of Michigan and is a registered

Professional Civil Engineer in the State of California. She has over thirteen years of experience in the development and implementation of civil engineering projects, specializing in the design, construction, and management of municipal infrastructure improvements.

Sarah comes to the District from the City of South Lake Tahoe where she led the City's Engineering Division as the City Engineer and worked on a diverse portfolio of capital improvement and water quality projects.

"The TCPUD has an interesting mix of capital projects, from recreation to utility infrastructure. I had a great tenure with the City, and am looking forward to this new opportunity with TCPUD."

Sarah and her family recently relocated to the North Shore from South Lake Tahoe.

## Lisa Joins Parks & Recreation

Lisa Arcidiacono started working part time for the Tahoe City PUD in the beginning of 2014. Lisa was recently chosen to replace Sarah Scheid (who relocated out of the area) in a full-time capacity as Recreation Coordinator. Lisa comes to the PUD with vast experience in municipal Parks and Recreation, working both for the City of San Francisco and the City of Pittsburg Parks and Recreation Departments in the past. She holds a degree in Recreation, Parks and Tourism Administration from San Francisco State University.

Lisa spent summers in Lake Tahoe growing up and is happy to now call herself a full time resident.

# TCPUD Receives Clean Audit Report

The CPA firm, Mann, Urrutia, Nelson CPA's & Associates recently concluded an independent financial audit of the TCPUD's financial statements for the 2013 fiscal year.

Justin Williams, CPA with the firm, in a presentation to the Board of Directors, indicated that the TCPUD 2013 audit received an Unqualified Opinion also known as a "clean audit". A clean audit is issued when the independent auditor believes the financial statements are sound; that is, the statements are free from material misstatement. Net position over time may serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. Over the last ten years the District's net position has increased 44.6%, \$32.3 million largely due to the increase in net investment in capital assets.

"I am proud of the District's consistent diligence in being fiscally responsible and receiving another clean audit report," commented Dan Wilkins, President of the Board. This is Mann, Urrutia, Nelson CPA's & Associates second year as the independent District auditors.

## DO WE HAVE YOUR EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION?

It is essential that the District has contact information for our customers so we can reach you immediately if an emergency arises. To be added to the emergency email notification list email: [tviehmann@tcpud.org](mailto:tviehmann@tcpud.org).

We won't share your email, or use it except in an emergency.



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# FUN THIS SUMMER

- Free Concerts at Commons Beach • Sundays, June 22 - Sept 7
- Free Movies at Commons Beach • Weds at dusk, Jun 26 - Aug 20
- Tahoe City Farmers Market • Thursdays, 8am - 1pm at Tahoe Lake School (Grove Street), June 26 - Aug 21 at Commons Beach, Aug 28 - Sept 25

See our Annual Online Catalog for lots More Activities & Events !!!

Go to [www.tcpud.org](http://www.tcpud.org) for all the details.



# SUMMER FUN & Activities at



## JUNIOR CLINICS

Thursdays, June 19 Thru the End of Summer

2:30pm – 4:00pm

Golf Instruction, Hot Dog, Chips and Soda

\$20

## LADIES CLINICS

Professional Golf Instructions

Thursdays, 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Golf Instruction and a Cocktail

\$20



## FREE BOCCE COURTS

Bring the family and enjoy a game for all ages and abilities! First come first served.

Join a League, Become a Bocce Member and receive food and beverage specials during league play.

Leagues are on Tuesday & Wednesday Evenings.

## Enter For the Chance to Play the Game of Your Life

3 Lucky People Will Win a Spot to Compete in This Year's Reno Tahoe Open Pro-Am  
July 30, 2014

Enter in the Club House Drawing Held July 16, 2014

[www.playtcgc.com](http://www.playtcgc.com) • 530-583-1616