

# Tahoe Water: Conserve, Protect, Enjoy

### CONTINUING WATER PRACTICES

**THANK YOU** for your dedicated water conservation efforts over the last year. Our collective efforts have been a great success allowing us to meet our State mandated reduction requirement this past year.

Although we have had a much better winter with regards to snowfall and precipitation, the drought in California is not over and water conservation efforts will continue. Restrictions on water consumption have been relaxed, but it is clear that some level of water conservation is going to be an ongoing way of life in California.

State required conservation has been extended through January 2017 and we are asking all of our customers to match their water consumption from 2014 in order to continue meeting our goals. As you may recall, 2014 was the year we requested voluntary conservation. Your 2014 consumption, which is equal to your 2016 target, can be found at <a href="https://www.tcpud.org">www.tcpud.org</a> on the water conservation calculator. In addition, the following restrictions are still in place:

- 3 day per week outdoor irrigation (drip and micro spray are exempt)

  Even street addresses: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

  Odd street addresses: Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday
- Hosing off sidewalks, driveways, and hardscapes (except for pavement resurfacing or sealing, construction services, and/or public health and safety per TCPUD Ordinance 288);
- Washing automobiles with hoses not equipped with a shut-off nozzle;
- · Using non-recirculated water in a fountain or other decorative water feature; and
- Watering in a manner that causes runoff, or within 48 hours after measurable precipitation

Based on last year's results, we believe all customers will be successful meeting these higher targets. However, customers may be subject to warning notices and escalating penalties if: your consumption in any month is higher than it was in the same month of 2014, a leak goes unresolved, or you fail to adhere to any of the above water use restrictions.

For additional information and water saving tips see the Water Conservation Regulations section of our website <a href="https://www.tcpud.org">www.tcpud.org</a>. If you have questions or need assistance please contact us at 530-580-6282.

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

Tahoe Park Interconnection – TCPUD just completed an interconnection with Tahoe Park Water Company. The purpose of connecting the Tahoe City Main Water System with Tahoe Park is to provide Tahoe Park an approved backup/ emergency water source that meets the standards and requirements of the State Water Resources Control Board. Tahoe Park Water Company serves water to approximately 440 customers and although they are not water rate payers of the District they are District tax payers. Therefore, tax revenue was used as opposed to rate revenue for this project. The interconnection is more cost effective and efficient, reducing the overlap of redundant infrastructure in the region. We are now able to share our water storage capacity and deliver flows of up to 500 gallons per minute. This also provides for a significant improvement in firefighting capacity, a benefit to the entire area.

**Seasonal Ice Skating Rink** – An ice rink in Tahoe City has long been identified as a need in community recreation planning and tourism master plans dating back to at least 1995. When the TCPUD and partners purchased the golf course in 2013, the public requested more year round

recreation at the site, and an ice rink specifically. TCPUD has raised \$400,000 thus far and is working to secure the last of the funding needs to build and operate



a rink. Fully funding the project and the added recreation amenity will create more sustainability for the Winter Sports Park. Planning and design for the project is underway and the environmental process has just been completed. The ice rink is scheduled to be built just off the 6th tee box at the Tahoe City Golf Course and be an exciting new addition to the Winter Sports Park. The anticipated opening day will be the Friday after Thanksgiving this winter. For more information visit: <a href="https://tcicerink.wordpress.com">https://tcicerink.wordpress.com</a>

Homewood Bike Trail – After a rainy/ snowy start to spring the trail construction is now well under way. In June, trees and vegetation were cleared with significant efforts to retain as much as possible. Work has begun on the bridge that will span Madden Creek in addition to the retaining

walls leading up to the bridge. Grading trail segments and removing/replacing drainage improvements will begin soon. The trail is expected to be completed by October 15 of this year after more than 40 years waiting for this connection. If you have any questions or concerns about the construction contact the onsite inspector, Jim Ware of Dokken Engineering at 916-934-6448, or the District at 530-583-3796. This project was made possible by the funding support and flexibility of all of partners: North Lake Tahoe Resort Association, California Tahoe Conservancy, California Natural Resources Agency, and Placer County Parks.

Tahoe City Sewer System Rehabilitation—TCPUD may begin rehabilitating and replacing approximately 7,380 feet of sewer pipe, 33 man holes and 117 service laterals this fall or early next year. This is phase II of the sewer rehabilitation project



which will include the residential area of Grove St., Pioneer Way, Red Cedar St, and Jackpine St. The infrastructure in this area is the oldest in the district at over 60 years old. This project is an excellent example of your rate revenue replacing and maintaining our critical infrastructure.

The SR 89/ Fanny Bridge Project -TCPUD continues to work with Central Federal Lands on replacing and/or realigning our infrastructure, including bike trails and the sewer line. The 40+ year-old sewer line is being replaced, and bike trails will be improved and integrated into the overall project. At last notice the project is nearing 100% design and construction is scheduled to begin this summer. Phase 1 builds the new Truckee River Bridge (west of Tahoe City) and the new SR 89 realignment with two roundabouts. TCPUD and many other agencies are involved. For more information visit www.FannyBridge.org.

## Water Quality – Consumer Confidence Report

- TCPUD is committed to providing the highest quality drinking water possible. With all that has been highlighted in the news lately about water safety across the country, rest assured your water meets or exceeds all State and Federal water quality regulations. Each year we produce a Consumer Confidence Report with which to share the results of our water quality testing. To review TCPUD's 2015 report simply follow the link here: www. tcpud.org/ccr/current.pdf. If you have questions about the report or wish to have a paper copy mailed to you, please call 530-580-6278.

# GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY AND RESPONSIVENESS:

Utility District better?



You're invited! TCPUD invites you to join its new FlashVote community. It's free, fast and fun. Civic participation has never been easier and we'd love your help.

Why join? Imagine you could give us your input on local issues in seconds, from any device, anytime. Then community results are shared within days. FlashVote also protects your data and privacy as an independent intermediary between you and TCPUD.

JOIN NOW: www.flashvote.com/tcpud-ca

Please don't miss the next FlashVote. It takes less than one minute to sign up. Thanks again for your help!

Poo-Llution - Poo-llution is the mess left behind when your dog does its business it's left as an environmental issue. A group in this year's Truckee/Tahoe Leadership program tackled the problem with a motivation campaign that strives to make it easier for people to pick up after their pets. Their long-term goals include adding more



garbage enclosures and pet waste stations along local trails and to inspire the application of 'Dog Waste Friendly' stickers on trash receptacles to notify residents that it's ok to put dog waste in that specific bin. To find out how you can help sponsor the Solution to Poollution and get a sticker to show your support, follow their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ solutiontopoollution



TCPUD has numerous "poop stations" and trash receptacles around the District and at parks. We will continue to work with the public to add the necessary tools to combat poo-llution. If it's your dog, it's your doody.

# Kayak and Paddle Board Rack Space Available

There are just a few lakefront kayak and board storage spaces left for rent at Commons Beach. Spaces 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. For more information or to request an application visit <a href="http://www.tcpud.org/parksrec.shtml">http://www.tcpud.org/parksrec.shtml</a> or call 530-580-6279.

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TCPUD was the first local government in the Lake Tahoe Basin, founded by the residents of Tahoe City in 1938 to take over a private water company.



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