



TCPUD

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NEWS

A Report to Our Community

October 2008

Infrastructure Needs Require Rate Increases

During the next several months Tahoe City Public Utility District will complete a comprehensive water and sewer rate study. The study's purpose is two-part:

1. Setting the mechanism for consumption-based rates (metered rates)
2. Addressing the mandates and needed improvements for infrastructure

In recent years, TCPUD rates have not kept up with the increased costs of operations, and thus, the rates did not begin to generate revenues to address infrastructure needs. The Board of Directors has been reviewing in detail the entire water and sewer system.

Several workshops have focused primarily on the replacement and necessary improvements to the District's infrastructure. With the average age of water facilities at over 30 years and the average age of sewer facilities at 38 years, replacement /upgrade planning is essential. In addition, the Board and staff have spent a great deal of time reviewing source issues, State mandates, and the fire suppression up-grades needed in specific areas of TCPUD water systems. The charts indicate infrastructure plans for the next 5 years.

While TCPUD costs for maintenance and operations have remained stable,

TCPUD Water Capital Improvement Plan*

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Source	\$670K	\$760K	\$4,460K	\$4,680K	\$1,480K	\$12,050K
Storage	\$160K	\$460K	\$630K	\$2,050K	\$1,130K	\$4,430K
Transmission	\$290K	\$1,470K	\$1,760K	\$1,550K	\$1,930K	\$7,010K
Distribution	\$860K	\$490K	\$120K	\$480K	\$780K	\$2,730K
Total	\$1,980K	\$3,184K	\$6,970K	\$8,770K	\$5,320K	\$26,200K

financing necessary to address infrastructure needs could double the rates. The public is **strongly** encouraged to attend and participate in the remaining meetings. See box for scheduled meeting dates, and visit www.tahoecitypud.com for updates and meeting agendas.

*FOOTNOTE: Amounts shown are in 2008 numbers; assumptions made regarding unconstrained funding; 5-year window; and no outside funding or partnering.

DATE / TIME	TOPIC
October 23 / 5pm	Public Workshop: Water & Sewer Rate Options and Alternatives
November 14 / 5pm	Board review, discussion and possible approval of proposed Water & Sewer Rates
February 25, '09 / 8:30am	Noticed Public Hearing: New Proposed Water & Sewer Rates

TCPUD Sewer Capital Improvement Plan*

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Collection	\$192K	\$283K	\$1,110K	\$619K	\$494K	\$2,700K
Transmission	\$501K	\$1,028K	\$309K	\$131K	\$176K	\$2,145K
Both	\$130K	\$125K	\$250K	\$325K	\$175K	\$1,005K
Equipment	\$120K	\$75K	-	-	-	\$195K
Total	\$945K	\$1,512K	\$1,670K	\$1,075K	\$845K	\$6,040K

Time Passes By

This summer two of the Districts long-term employees retired. With over 60 years of experience between them, the District is saying goodbye to Jack Beckman and Laurie Swanson.



JACK BECKMAN

Jack started his career with the District in June of 1977 as an engineer/draftsman. He was promoted over the years and finished his career as Construction Project Manager. Jack oversaw millions of dollars of capital projects, including Commons Beach, Lakeside Trail, Heritage Plaza, and countless sewer and water projects. Jack's strong relationships with other agencies helped the TCPUD

gain support and approval for needed projects.

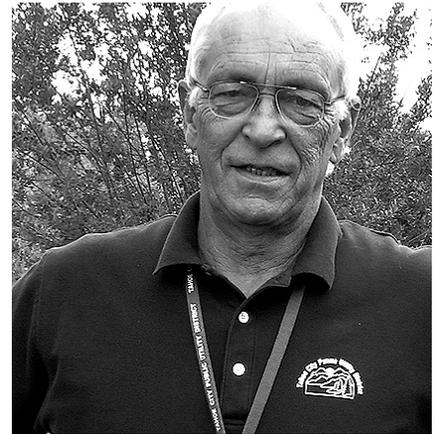
LAURIE SWANSON

If you've signed up for a recreation program over the last 27 years you've most likely had the pleasure of meeting Laurie. She began her career with the District in 1977 and has been the Parks and Recreation Department secretary since 1981. She has worked with hundreds of programs and thousands of people of all ages. Her smiling face will be missed by all.

Thank You Jack and Laurie for all of your hard work! Our community is sure - ly a better place because of your dedicated service.



A TRAGIC LOSS



On August 23, 2008 we lost an important member of our community...

JOHN REICHERT, Special Events Coordinator for the TCPUD, passed away. John was the face of the community at events such as Concerts at Commons Beach, Farmers Market, and Movies at the Beach. John had a wonderful, warm personality and will be greatly missed by his family, co-workers, and community.

Residential Water Meter Installations Complete

During the past summer the residential water meter installation projects were completed in McKinney Quail, Tahoe City South, Alpine Peaks and Rubicon. Approximate 610 meters were contracted for installation and were completed under budget.

This is the final phase of the installation of residential meters, which means all single-family residential water customers in the District can now monitor their water use.

For more information on how to read your meter visit:

www.tahoecitypud.com

Waterization Guidelines

Significant property damage and thousands of gallons of water can be wasted from frozen water pipes. Here are some general guidelines to help prevent frozen pipes:

- When not occupied, shut off the water to the house and drain all the internal piping
- Never run bleeder lines or drip small amounts of water from fixtures to prevent freezing (per TCPUD Ordinance 185. This is an enforceable violation.)
- Close crawl space vents
- Locate and mark the water meter box at the street with a stake.
- Locate and mark sewer cleanouts.

For more information visit
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COME SEE US AT RIDEOUT

What does the Rideout Community Center offer?

- Free wireless internet service
- Computer lab
- Recreation programs and classes
- Sports leagues
- After school programs
- Social indoor game area, pool table
- Playhouse Cubby Room
- Birthday Party packages
- Fitness Room
- Full-size indoor gym
- Multi-purpose suites
- Comfortably furnished adult lounge
- A large grassy field
- Blacktop play surface

720 Timberland Lane

Hours: Mon-Fri 8am-9pm / Sat 9am-5pm

Fee: \$2 drop-in