



TCPUD QUARTERLY NEWS OCT-16



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

CONTINUING WATER PRACTICES

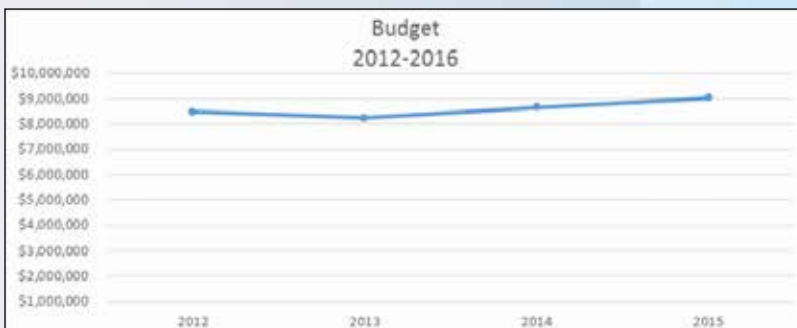
TCPUD customers continued doing a great job conserving water this summer. Thank you! Although water restrictions were relaxed across the State, it is clear that water conservation is now, more than ever, a way of life in California. We appreciate your continued efforts to use water wisely. These efforts protect our precious water resource and save you money.

BUDGET

Get involved in TCPUD's 2017 Budget Planning Process

TCPUD is beginning to develop its budget and goals for 2017. Fiscal accountability is a core value of the District and as such, we look for the most cost effective and efficient ways to provide you services, while increasing the level and variety of services provided. The below chart illustrates the budget over the last 5 years. Cost controls, employee participation in benefits and other efforts have kept budget growth at a minimum.

The best way to participate in the budget process is to attend a committee meeting prior to the budget workshop. The Parks and Recreation Committee will meet October 18th at 8:30 AM, Finance Committee will meet October 19th at 8:00 AM, and the Sewer/Water Committee will meet October 20th at 8:00 AM. Each committee will review and discuss the proposed budget, goals and objectives. TCPUD will hold a budget workshop on Wednesday, November 2nd at 4:00 PM in the TCPUD Board Room. Your input is important and the community is invited and encouraged to participate in this process. For more information, or to sign up for email notifications, please call 530-583-3796.



CHANGE IN TAHOE CITY GOLF COURSE OPERATIONS

During the winter of 2012 TCPUD selected and negotiated a five year lease with Duncan Golf Management (DGM) for the operations of the newly acquired Tahoe City Golf Course. The last five years have resulted in a very positive transition from the previous owners and the undertaking of numerous additional community-serving recreational offerings at the site. Under the terms of the lease, TCPUD and DGM considered a change in format and extension of the terms going forward. Based on both organizations' business plans and goals, it was mutually agreed to wind-up the lease arrangement at the conclusion of this golf season.

TCPUD will be taking over the operation of the golf course on November 1, 2016. TCPUD has significant in-house expertise in golf course maintenance and management.

Kay Berntson, Parks Superintendent is a turf and fields expert with 26 years of experience. He was formerly the Director Agronomy with Duncan Golf and is a certified Golf Course Superintendent Association of America (GCSAA) Class A golf course superintendent. Kay also has 20 years of PGA tour qualifier experience. Kay is highly qualified and will be responsible for ensuring the course is in excellent condition all season.

TCPUD intends to hire local Bob Bonino to the position of Golf Course Manager. Bob previously ran the course operation from 1995 – 2005 and was the course superintendent from 1987 – 1994. He holds a BA in Business Administration – Hospitality Management and has been a member of the GCSAA for 27 years.

TCPUD is soliciting proposals for food and beverage operations at the facility. The deadline to submit is October 10th and a contract is expected to be offered by October 21st. Operations for the Winter Sports Park this season will continue under Tahoe Cross Country Ski Education Association. TCPUD is looking forward to being more responsive to community when it comes to the facility, recreation and opportunities at the Tahoe City Golf Course and Winter Sports Park.



CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE



Homewood Bike Trail – The Homewood Bike Trail is nearing completion and is on schedule to be done this fall. The long awaited “missing mile”, once completed, will provide a continuous trail from Tahoe City to Sugar Pine State Park. Thank you to the California Tahoe Conservancy, California Natural Resources Agency, The North Lake Tahoe Resort Association, the Tahoe Fund and Placer County Parks for funding this project.

Bridge Rehabilitation at 64 Acres and Tahoe City Dam – In the Spring of 2016 TCPUD completed rehabilitation work on both bridges which included repairs to their structural support and improvements to surface concrete.

Rubicon Service Line Replacement – Water service line replacements are currently underway in the lower Rubicon area. This project is replacing the failing polybutylene water lines which connect TCPUD’s main water line to a customer’s property line. Approximately 160 parcels are included in this project and it was partially funded by the El Dorado County Water Agency. This project is scheduled to be completed this fall.

Tahoe City – Bunker Well – The Bunker Well was completed this summer and is now operational, serving the Tahoe City Water System. This new well is approximately 500 feet deep

and produces more than 1,000 gallons of water per minute.

Rubicon Tank – The Rubicon water tank will have its interior recoated as part of the ongoing capital infrastructure and maintenance program. Steel water tanks require a recoating every 20-30 years. Work is scheduled to be done this fall. There are no scheduled service interruptions expected with this project.



Truckee River Restoration and Stabilization – This project is currently underway in partnership with the Truckee River Watershed Council. This project will construct three well-defined access points between SR 89 and the Truckee River as well as provide habitat restoration of highly disturbed slopes and stream zone areas. There may be up to 10 minute delays on the bike path in the construction areas Monday – Saturday. The project is scheduled to be completed this fall. Thank you to California Natural Resources, Truckee River Fund, The Martis Fund, Placer County, Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation, Trout Unlimited and Donors to the Truckee River Watershed Council for helping fund this project.

NEW ICE RINK AT THE WINTER SPORTS PARK!

This year at the Tahoe City Winter Sports Park there will be a brand new seasonal ice rink. The ice rink will be 50’ x 80’, approximately the same size as a basketball court. The new ice skating facility will feature real ice, skating aids, and a complete skate rental inventory. Opening day is scheduled for Friday, November 25th, the day after Thanksgiving and will operate through March, weather and conditions permitting. New recreation programs will also be available this year such as youth introduction to hockey, broomball leagues and more. Keep up to date on new programs at the ice rink via our website.

In addition to the ice rink, the park will continue to offer the sledding hill, and 3 km of dog friendly cross country ski trails, groomed daily for skate or traditional cross country skiing as well as a snowshoe loop. Come try out the new and improved winter sports park this winter!

MID-SIERRA UTILITIES

Mid-Sierra Utilities has been the owner and operator of Tahoe Cedars and Madden Creek Water systems since the 1960’s and has recently put both systems up for sale. TCPUD submitted an offer to purchase the systems in a continued effort to further consolidate the numerous small water systems down the West Shore. Consolidation of more water systems would benefit all tax payers and rate payers of the District in several ways. More interconnected systems would allow for major infrastructure and resources to be shared such as tanks, lift stations and water sources. Interconnection of systems would also increase fire protection capabilities. Furthermore, more customers sharing in the cost of shared capital expenditures creates a larger economy of scale which could lead to lower or slower rate growth for all. At this time TCPUD’s offer has been accepted in a backup position, as Mid-Sierra has accepted an offer from Golden State Water Company, a subsidiary to American States Water a private, publicly traded company based out of the area. Additional information about the sale, public vs. private service, and more can be found at www.tcpud.org.

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Tahoe City Public Utility District has purchased or consolidated 17 water systems since its inception in 1938.



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