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## **Work Commences on the North Tahoe Public Utility District's 2008 Water Main Replacement Project**

Kings Beach, CA – On Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, work began on the 2008 Water Main Replacement Project. With 50 working days allowed in the contract, the substantial completion date is September 15. All work on the project will be completed by October 15.

The 2008 Water Main Replacement Project will install 2,800 lineal feet of 6" water line on Cutthroat Avenue from Wolf Street to Fox Street, reconnecting existing water services, installing new water services, removing and replacing existing fire hydrants, and installing new mid-block fire hydrants. Additional work will take place on Speckled Avenue from Wolf Street to Chipmunk Street installing new water services, removing and replacing existing fire hydrants, and installing new mid-block fire hydrants on Speckled Avenue from Wolf Street to Chipmunk Street.

The District received bids from 8 contractors with the low bidder being Cruz Excavating, Inc. of Incline Village, NV. The low bid of \$568,425 was significantly below the Engineer's Estimate of \$862,525. Because the bid was so competitive, the scope of work was increased and an additional 270 lineal feet of 6" water line on Wolf Street was added to the project. The recently implemented System Replacement Fees are funding this project.



The project is part of the Kings Beach Grid Master Plan, and is necessary to replace aging infrastructure to reduce the amount of Unaccounted for Water and ongoing Operation & Maintenance costs; install new front-yard water services for customers in a program to abandon backyard water lines; and to install new infrastructure to modern standards to prepare for future Grid projects.

“The Cutthroat water main has been a costly line to maintain and its replacement will not only save the ratepayers the repair expenses, but [the project] will reinforce a vital line in the Kings Beach Grid water distribution system,” says Lee Schegg, P.E., the North Tahoe Public Utility District Public Works Director. “The District is extremely pleased with the competitive bidding environment and the overall value the public is getting with its construction dollars.”

The Contractor (Cruz Excavating, Inc.) expects to be completed by the end of August and hopes to minimize impact to residents in the area. We appreciate your patience in this matter and any construction-related complaints should be directed to the district engineer, Tom Goebel at (530) 546-4212.

The North Tahoe Public Utility District provides sewer service to the residents of Kings Beach, Tahoe Vista, Carnelian Bay, Cedar Flat and Agate Bay and water service to some of those

communities. The NTPUD owns, manages and maintains the North Tahoe Regional Park and the Tahoe Vista Recreation Area which provide active and passive recreation opportunities to residents and visitors. In addition, the NTPUD owns and/or maintains all of the public beaches in the District including King Beach State Recreation Area, Coon Street Boat Launch and Secline Beach to name just a few. The North Tahoe Community Conference Center in downtown Kings Beach is also owned and managed by the NTPUD.

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