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## **Board of Directors Award Contract to SCI Consulting for Parks Department Needs Assessment**

(Kings Beach, CA) – At their April 12, 2016 meeting, the Board of Directors heard presentations from the two (2) consultants that submitted proposals to the District based on a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Needs Assessment for the Recreation and Parks Department. The Needs Assessment will survey residents and will advise the District in updating the Recreation and Parks Master Plan. This Needs Assessment will also provide input to the District on the value that our residents place on Parks and the North Tahoe Event Center and the level at which they are willing to fund both to secure financial solvency for that department.

The Needs Assessment proposal submitted by SCI Consulting includes a feasibility study, public opinion polling and planning for a potential funding measure to support the Parks and the North Tahoe Event Center.

We want all our residents and property owners to have a voice. We ask that our residents and property owners watch for inserts in their utility bills and sign up at [www.ntpud.org](http://www.ntpud.org) to receive email notifications about the project.

Additional actions taken by the Board of Directors during the April meeting:

- Approved the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the operation and management of the North Tahoe Event Center. With the ongoing focus on establishing financial solvency for the Recreation and Parks Department, alternate operations and management models of the Event Center have been front and center for the last few months. This RFP acknowledges the potential for a range of improvements from none to

a full reconstruction, as well as a variety of operating and management models that could be proposed over differing time periods. The RFP notice will be advertised in a variety of publications and lists throughout northern California.

- Held a public hearing to set the deadline for relocation of customer water services for the Dolly Varden Water Main Replacement Project and the North Side Salmon Service Relocation Project. The Board approved a deadline of September 1, 2018 for relocation of services from the back yard to the front yard, where the new large diameter main will be constructed. After that date, the line in the back yard between Dolly Varden and Cutthroat will be abandoned and no longer providing water service sometime after September 1, 2018. This date also serves as a hard deadline for residents on the south side of Cutthroat that have not yet connected to that new main.

The District will be replacing all the small diameter back yard water lines throughout the Kings Beach Grid with large diameter water lines in the public right of way. These projects will provide midblock fire hydrants and capacity for fire sprinklers that are required in new construction and remodels. It will also allow the District to release the easement for the water line that is currently in our customers' back yards encumbering their property and making maintenance difficult for the District.

It is expected that this project will begin sometime after May 15<sup>th</sup> and will progress from west (Hwy 267) to east.

Additional information on this project including project timelines, FAQ's and more can be found at [www.ntpud.org/servicerelocations](http://www.ntpud.org/servicerelocations)

- Nominated Director Sue Daniels to the Placer County LAFCO as the Special District Representative for the upcoming term of May 2016 – May 2020. Special Districts in Placer County will be voting to choose their representative.
- Appointed James (Jim) Schneider as a Commissioner and Linda Slack-Cruz as an Alternate on the Recreation and Parks Commission. The Commission is made up of residents and business owners in the District who have an interest in recreation and parks. They volunteer their time to serve in an advisory roll to the Board, and serve as a liaison between the Board and the community on matters related to Recreation and Parks.
- Approved a Resolution for a grant application for an emergency standby generator for the District's Base Facilities.
- Approved the purchase of two sewer vacuum trucks and a ten (10) yard dump truck to replace the District vehicles of the same type, that will no longer meet California Air Resources Board (CARB) emissions requirements beginning in 2017 and would be in need of significant repair if they were to remain in service with the District. These vehicles are all being replaced utilizing Federal/State mandate fees collected as part of our rates and earmarked for these types of CARB related replacements.
- The District recorded our first Board of Directors meeting. The video will be uploaded to the District's website and a press release sent out once that implementation has been completed.

The next regular meeting of the NTPUD Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 beginning at 2:00 pm at the North Tahoe Event Center in Kings Beach. NTPUD board meetings are open to the public and all are invited to attend.

Information on NTPUD board meetings, including agendas and packets, may be obtained on the District's website. Residents are strongly encouraged to sign up on the District's email list to receive agendas, press releases and other information from the District at [www.ntpud.org](http://www.ntpud.org). The sign up link is available on the home page. For drought updates and water conservation information, see [www.ntpud.org/conservation](http://www.ntpud.org/conservation).

The North Tahoe Public Utility District provides sewer and water service to the residents of Kings Beach, Tahoe Vista, Carnelian Bay, Cedar Flat and Agate Bay. The North Tahoe Regional Park, Tahoe Vista Recreation Area and Boat Launch and North Tahoe Event Center are owned and operated by the District and provide recreation opportunities to residents and visitors.

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Approved By: Duane Whitelaw, General Manager, April 18, 2016