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Construction Continues on North Tahoe Public Utility District's New Base Facility Building

(Tahoe Vista, CA) – As winter makes its way into the Lake Tahoe Basin, construction continues on the North Tahoe Public Utility District's new Base Facility. While the recent storms have slowed construction for a few days, the contractor is currently working to install the sub-floor and insulation, with the walls also going up as the building begins to grow vertically.

On Friday, August 22, 2014 the North Tahoe Public Utility District Board of Directors held a groundbreaking ceremony for the new 11,560 sq ft Base Facility on National Avenue in Tahoe Vista. The first phase of the project began the week of August 25th with the demolition of the "NACC" or the National Avenue Community Center.

This project includes the replacement of the three outdated buildings, totaling 11,418 square feet, with one 11,560 square foot building to comply with current ADA Standards, building codes, and seismic codes; large multi-purpose meeting room; conversion of existing overhead utility distribution system facilities to underground, and reconnection of utility distribution lines; and site Best Management Practices (BMPs).

The three (3) outdated buildings were originally constructed prior to 1962. The National Avenue Community Center (NACC) was a portion of the original Kings Beach Elementary School. It was moved to the District's property on National Avenue in the 1980's and served as the original Community Center and a pre-school until the District began using it in June 2008. The current Administrative building was constructed in 1961 and originally hosted Board meetings as well as administrative functions. The current Engineering/Operations building was constructed in the

1940's and was the original sewer pump station, vehicle garage and shop, and apartments for on-site staff for the sewer district.

The existing 1200 sq ft "Sprung" structure that currently stores Parks maintenance equipment will be utilized for District-wide inventory storage in the future. A new Parks Storage and Maintenance Building is currently in the planning phases to be constructed in the North Tahoe Regional Park. This will further increase District efficiency with Park's equipment being stored in the area it is most often used instead of having to be transported or driven to the Park for use.

Younger General Contractors, Inc. was awarded the contract for construction at the July 28, 2014 Board Meeting with a bid of \$3,626,000. The total budget for the project is \$4,370,620.00 which includes construction of the building as well as design and ancillary costs such as utility relocations, moving costs, construction staking, permits and fees, soils testing, and third party inspections.

Once construction is completed, the District will move into the new building and then the final two buildings will be demolished so that the parking lot, landscaping and all the BMP's for the site can be completed.

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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