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## **North Tahoe Public Utility District Introduces Duane Whitelaw as General Manager/CEO**

(Kings Beach, CA) – Duane Whitelaw was appointed by the Board of Directors as the Interim General Manager/CEO of the North Tahoe Public Utility District's at their March 3, 2015 Special Board meeting. Mr. Whitelaw is the former Chief of the North Tahoe Fire Protection District (NTFPD). He served the NTFPD from 1991 until his retirement in March 2012. Prior to his time with Fire District, Mr. Whitelaw was the Parks and Recreation Director for the North Tahoe Public Utility District from 1985-1991, after serving the City of Susanville as the Parks and Recreation Director for 9 years.

Following the unanimous decision by the Board of Directors, Board President Lane Lewis noted Mr. Whitelaw's existing working relationships with elected officials, agency representatives and the general public in the region, his experience in successfully leading a government agency of over sixty (60) employees, a strong parks and recreation background, and understanding the value and importance of internal and external communication were what brought Mr. Whitelaw to the top of the nearly 150 applicants for the position.

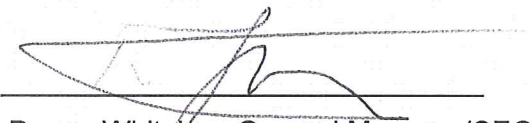
His initial focus will be working with the new labor attorney Daniel J. Coyle of Delfino Madden O'Malley Coyle Koewler LLP who was appointed at the March 3, 2015 Board meeting related to upcoming union negotiations, addressing financial planning and review with the Parks Department, and succession planning. "I'm pleased to be on board and look forward to addressing the challenges facing the District, said Mr. Whitelaw.

As a retired annuitant, Mr. Whitelaw will serve in an interim capacity as the General Manager/CEO while processing paperwork for reinstatement with the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS). The Pension Reform Act of 2013 put a process in place for retirees in the system to return to work at an agency within the CalPERS system.

Mr. Whitelaw holds both a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degree in Recreation Administration from California State University, Chico. Mr. Whitelaw and his family are thirty (30) year residents of Tahoe Vista. He enjoys motorcycling and the many recreation opportunities at Lake Tahoe

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.

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

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Duane Whitelaw, General Manager/CEO