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(Tahoe Vista, CA) –

District Revises Sewer Lateral Testing Policy

After 34 years, the North Tahoe Public Utility District has extended the time required between sewer lateral pressure tests to 15 years. In July 1975, the District adopted Ordinance 100 which required private sewer laterals to perform a pressure test to the point of connect with District facilities at the time of transfer of ownership. The purpose of this pressure testing was to reduce infiltration and inflow of groundwater and snowmelt into the sewer system which causes operational problems within sewer treatment facilities. Recent analysis of District records show that a significant number of properties within the District have been tested and lines that were originally installed with “Orangeburg” pipe, which is not structurally rugged enough to endure our environment, have been replaced. Until now, the District required pressure testing on new sewer lines after 8 years and 5 years on existing sewer lines.

Board of Director Sue Daniels applauded the ordinance amendment and said that this amendment still adequately provides the protection of the original ordinance requirements.

Other actions:

- Adopted Resolution 2009-13 opposing the State of California borrowing District property tax dollars to fund the State’s fiscal crisis. These dollars are the principal funding source used to maintain and operate the District’s sewer system. This borrowing is causing the District to reduce its capital outlay, but if this borrowing continues past one year, the District will have no choice but to consider raising sewer rates to cover the funding taken by the State which will impact all those with property in the District. Currently, the State’s proposal would suspend Proposition 1A and take 8% of the District’s property tax revenue or approximately \$270,000.

- Recognized Leon C. Schegg, Assistant General Manager for 30 years of service with the District and Chris Cannizzaro, Equipment Operator II, for 20 years of service with the District.
- Heard a presentation from Robin Runyon, Water Quality Technician and Ken Fisher, Operations Maintenance Worker II on the MLog Passive Leak Detection system. This proposed program will strategically place leak detection equipment on water meters throughout Kings Beach to help pinpoint waterline leaks in the small diameter, backyard lines which make it extremely difficult to find leaks using standard leak correlation equipment. This system would "listen" for leaks between midnight and 4:30 AM when water use is at its lowest and over a number of days record the information until it is collected remotely and analyzed to pinpoint suspected leaks.
- The North Tahoe Public Utility District unveiled its new and updated logo. The logo was designed by Small Pond Studios in Truckee, CA. The District will update signage and other logos throughout the District on its normal replacement schedule.

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 District owns, manages and maintains the North Tahoe Regional Park in Tahoe Vista which provides recreation opportunities to residents and visitors. In addition, the NTPUD owns and/or maintains all of the public beaches in the District including Kings Beach State Recreation Area, Tahoe Vista Recreation Area, and Secline Beach to name just a few. The North Tahoe Event Center in downtown Kings Beach is also owned and managed by the NTPUD.

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Curtis Aaron, General Manager/CEO