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## **North Tahoe Public Utility District Recreation and Parks Commission January Meeting Update**

(Kings Beach, California) - The North Tahoe Public Utility District (NTPUD) Recreation and Parks Commission met on Thursday, January 28, at the North Tahoe Event Center. The full agenda and packet is available on the District's website at [www.ntpud.org](http://www.ntpud.org).

Commission Discussions and Actions:

- General Manager Whitelaw provided an update on the Board's decisions regarding recreation funding and the strategic planning process. He reviewed the action taken by the Board in December to strategically reallocate some expenses for the remainder of the 2015-2016 budget to provide financial stability to the Recreation and Parks Department while decisions are made about long term funding. These budget adjustments also provide direction to staff for developing the 2016-2017 budget. Direction was also given to solicit proposals for a needs assessment for recreation to provide data for master planning and strategic solutions for recreation funding.
- GM Whitelaw also provided an overview related to a public-private partnership for operation, management and redevelopment of the North Tahoe Event Center. Laulima Development is in escrow for a number of properties in Kings Beach and they have expressed an interest in exploring a public-private partnership related to the Event Center. The facility is overdue for updates to make it competitive with other wedding and event facilities in the area and has experienced operational losses averaging \$90,000 over the last ten (10) years. Historical facility use, including space requirements, requests and other data will inform decision-making and any agreement will stipulate ongoing use of the facility by the community for recreation classes,

meetings and other community events as well as incorporating other input that will be gathered from the community.

January Update and Events:

- Commission meetings will be recorded and available for review online following meetings using the same system and software that will be used for District Board meetings. This new system will increase transparency and allow constituents who cannot attend in person to hear discussions and get a better understanding of topics discussed.
- The District's Snowfest Pancake Breakfast will take place on Saturday, March 12 at the North Tahoe Event Center! Volunteers are needed! Help feed a crowd while supporting the Friends of the Park Fund or bring the whole family for breakfast before the Kings Beach parade!

The next meeting of the NTPUD Recreation and Parks Commission will be held on Thursday, February 25, 2016 beginning at 5:30PM at the North Tahoe Event Center in Kings Beach. This will be a joint meeting with the Board of Directors to hear a presentation from Laulima Development on their plans for the Event Center. NTPUD Recreation and Parks Commission meetings are typically held on the 4th Thursday of the month and open to the public. All those interested in recreation and parks are encouraged to attend.

Information on NTPUD recreation and parks commission meetings, board meetings, including agendas and packets, may be obtained on the District's website, [www.ntpud.org](http://www.ntpud.org). For specific information on District Park facilities visit [www.northtahoe parks.com](http://www.northtahoe parks.com) and for information on the North Tahoe Event Center, visit [www.northtahoe events.com](http://www.northtahoe events.com).

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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