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Board of Directors Support Mountain Bike Trail Enhancements

(Kings Beach, CA) – The Tahoe Area Mountain Bike Association (TAMBA), the US Forest Service and the Tahoe Fund were at the July 18, 2017 Board of Directors meeting to request support for a grant submitted to the Truckee Tahoe Airport District for funding to provide enhancements to the USFS trail network on the North Shore of Lake Tahoe. The Board of Directors voted unanimously to support the grant request. The grant will be considered at the July 25, 2017 Truckee Tahoe Airport District Board meeting.

Follow the North Tahoe Public Utility District on Facebook as will be announcing information related to the trail including public meetings and work days, or contact TAMBA at www.tamba.org

Additional actions taken by the Board of Directors or information of interest provided during the July meeting:

- Voted President Lane Lewis, Vice President Tim Ferrell and Secretary Sarah Coolidge to remain Board officers for the final six (6) months of the year with the officer roles being voted on again in January 2018.
- Adopted a policy statement regarding shared services with Tahoe City Public Utility District. At a June 27, 2017 joint meeting between the Tahoe City Public

Utility District and North Tahoe Public Utility District Board of Directors meeting it was discussed that a policy statement be adopted by both Boards that would guide staff to meet routinely and regularly to identify areas of collaboration or shared services that could result in improved customers service for the same, or less, cost. These staff suggestions would then be passed along to the Board Committees for review and possible implementation.

This joint meeting and discussion was a result of a recent request for the Boards of both Districts to look at consolidation again. Staff and committees from the two Districts have been meeting over the last year or so and putting together comparisons. Following the June joint Board meeting, it was agreed that there is a desire to continue to work together to find ways to improve service and reduce costs for our customers even without moving forward with steps toward formal consolidation.

A joint statement will be released once both Board have reviewed and adopted the policy statement.

- The lease negotiation for the North Tahoe Event Center are still ongoing. California Open Meeting laws allow agencies to negotiate in closed session in order secure the best terms possible for their constituents. The Board also announced that if an agreement is reached, the public will have at least two (2) meetings to review and comment prior to the vote on the contract. The Event Center is now taking reservations through December 31, 2017.
- Authorized purchase of a generator for the Base Facility building and outbuildings to allow the District to operate more efficiently in an emergency. The District will be reimbursed 75% up to \$150,000 via a grant from FEMA for this project. The District is always looking for grant funding to stretch our dollars as far as possible. District staff will be working to be sure the generator is installed prior to winter.
- Adopted a formal General Manager/CEO review process which will rate on competencies, District's core value and strategic plan. The Personnel Committee has been working on this process and implemented additional recommendation as a result of training from the California Special District's Association on General Manager Performance Evaluations.
- The District received a request from a constituent asking that they consider changing the financial reporting for the Parks Department. In final response to the request, CFO Marple provided an overview of the District's financial reporting and explained that our budget and financial report is handled in accordance with general accounting principles. The changes requested would require significantly more staff time to manage as additional funds would need to be created for each facility. In order to keep financial reporting as simple as possible, retain consistency and the ability to compare the same information year over year, the Board determined that financial reporting will continue forward in the same manner it has in the past.

- Adopted a Resolution to authorize the levy of a special tax for Community Facilities District (CFD) 94-1. Community Facilities District (CFD) 94-1 is a Mello Roos assessment passed in 1992 by the residents of the North Tahoe Public Utility District to support the North Tahoe Regional Park and other recreational opportunities provided by the District. Since the Mello Roos was passed, more recreational amenities have been added to the Park, as well as the construction of Tahoe Vista Recreation Area.

Funds collected from this tax measure also provide an annual subsidy to local youth organizations that operate recreational programs for the youth in the community. These subsidies come in the form of cash donations as well as in kind donations such as free field usage (including the lining and required prep time) and field maintenance.

In 2017-2018, CFD 94-1 provides just under \$600,000 for the upkeep, operation and maintenance of District facilities as well as to subsidize these youth programs. No property tax money or other funding sources, other than rental and parking fees, go toward the operation of these facilities.

The next regular meeting of the NTPUD Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 beginning at 3:00 pm at the North Tahoe Event Center in Kings Beach. NTPUD board meetings are open to the public and all are invited to attend.

Board meetings are video recorded and are available for viewing following the meeting. They can be accessed by going to the Agenda and Minutes page on the District's website.

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. The sign-up link is available on the home page.

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, July 26, 2017