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Sebastian Ramirez Retires Following 25 Years of Service

(Kings Beach, CA) – At their May 12, 2016 meeting, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution 2016-08 commending Sebastian Ramirez for twenty five (25) years of exceptional service to the District and congratulating him on his retirement.

Mr. Ramirez has served as a Utility Operations Maintenance Worker and distinguished himself over the years in his hard work and dedication to the District.

Additional actions taken by the Board of Directors during the May meeting:

- Authorized the General Manager to file a Notice of Completion for the Base Facilities Project and approved the final change order that will provide a final balancing of budget adjustments across the various project budget codes. The District will continue to work with the contractor to complete final punch list items.

The District is pleased to report that the project as planned was completed within the intended budget of \$4,150,299 for all project costs including design, permitting, special inspections, ancillary items and construction. However, unforeseen expenses for removal and disposal of an unknown underground fuel tank and the surrounding contaminated soil, additional asbestos abatement and replacing a natural gas line pushed costs an additional 4% or \$167,000 above the project budget.

- Authorized General Manager Whitelaw to negotiate a non-binding agreement related to a fire service waterline to service 4812 North Lake Blvd. Due to new code related to requirements for sprinkler and fire hydrant installation in new construction or significant remodels, the property owner is working to identify ways to meet the conditions for

approval required by State code. The agreement would provide private funds for capital improvements to the water system that would allow the property owner to meet state building code related to fire sprinklers and water flow for firefighting.

- Rejected all bids for the North Tahoe Regional Park Prefabricated Restroom Project and adopted a Resolution with findings allowing the District to negotiate with Public Restroom Company as a sole source vendor. In order to complete all elements of the work within available funding, the size components of both restrooms will be changed.
- Heard a presentation from Doug Houston of Houston, Magnani and Associates on the legislative and funding activities they have been monitoring on behalf of the District. He has also been working to get an answer on the definition of “Park Purposes” as it relates to the use of the North Tahoe Event Center. The Board will continue to review the return on this investment to determine if they wish to continue this contract.
- Heard a presentation from Mindy Carbajal, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club of North Lake Tahoe on the current program offerings that are supported by the District’s annual support to the organization. The District’s financial support of \$116,000 provides the ability for the Club to leverage additional funding into the community. The Club has an average daily attendance during the school year of 299 K-12 students and 157 average daily attendance during their “Summer at the Club” program. In addition, the District’s support helps with Family Events such as Harvest Festival, Holiday Tree Lighting, SnowFest Parade/After Party and their quarterly Family Recreation Nights. More information on the Boys and Girls Club and their many offerings can be found on their website at <http://www.bgcnl.org/>
- Adopted Resolution 2016-07 committing to the mission of the “Parks Make Life Better” Campaign of the California Parks and Recreation Society. Aligning ourselves with an initiative that is already statewide will help to brand our Recreation and Parks Department and advertise that our “Parks Make Life Better.” This program and tagline will be integrated on the District’s website and other materials over the coming months.
- Participated in a Budget Workshop with staff reviewing the initial draft budget for Fiscal year 2016-2017 which begins on July 1st. CFO Larry Marple provided the Board with a presentation and the Board provided feedback to staff on changes to make to the budget before bringing it back for another workshop, tentatively scheduled for June 1, 2016

The next regular meeting of the NTPUD Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 beginning at 2:00 pm at the North Tahoe Event Center in Kings Beach. NTPUD board meetings are open to the public and all are invited to attend.

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. For drought updates and water conservation information, see www.ntpud.org/conservation.

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, June 6, 2016