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North Tahoe Public Utility District Election Format Change Survey Closes September 15th

(Kings Beach, CA) The North Tahoe Public Utility District is asking registered voters within the District to complete the Election Format Change Survey prior to September 15, 2015 when it will close and results will be prepared for the October 13, 2015 Board of Director's meeting.

At their May 12, 2015 meeting, the North Tahoe Public Utility District (District) Board of Directors discussed changing their election format from the current election by seat, at large (by seat) model to an election at large model. The District has been conducting a public outreach program to allow residents and property owners in the District to provide input on this possible change.

The survey is available by going to www.ntpud.org and clicking on the link to the survey under Quick Links on the left side of the home page, or by going to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NTPUDElection2>

The survey will be available on the District website until September 15, 2015 with the topic coming to the Board of Directors for consideration at the October 13, 2015 Board of Directors meeting.

Currently: Since formation in 1948, the NTPUD has elected its five-member Board of Directors by specific "seat numbers" serving staggered four year terms. These seats do not represent geographical areas. Candidates for the Board may only run for one seat number, and voters


may cast one vote per each vacant seat. The candidate receiving the most votes for that seat is elected.

For Consideration: NTPUD can change to voting "at large". This change would allow all candidates to run for all Board positions available during that election cycle. Candidates receiving the most votes overall are elected, without regard for a specific seat.

There is no additional cost to running elections in this manner. If a decision is made to make the change to at large, the Board considers and passes an Ordinance. The next scheduled election will take place in November 2016. Three (3) members of the Board of Directors will be up for election at that time; John Bergmann, Tim Ferrell and Sue Daniels.

The Board would like to hear comments from the public on their preference for how District elections should be handled going forward. All residents are encouraged to provide input. If you have additional comments beyond what was provided in the survey, please send them to ntpud@ntpud.org or PO Box 139, Tahoe Vista, CA 96148.

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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