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North Tahoe Public Utility District Board Provided 2013-2014 Independent Audit Report

(Tahoe Vista, CA) At the February 10, 2015 meeting, the Board of Directors was presented with the audit report on the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year which ended on June 30, 2014. Ron Ley of Damore Hamric Schneider, Inc. Certified Public Accountants of Sacramento, CA presented the report. Mr. Ley reported the overall financial health of the District is good, especially in the areas of sewer and water, but the recreation department continues to struggle to make ends meet.

The District operates on an enterprise funding basis whereby the revenue for each department comes from a funding source specific to that department. Sewer revenue comes from property tax and sewer rates. Water revenue comes from rates paid by water customers. Recreation revenue is primarily funded by Community Facilities District 94-1 a Mello Roos tax assessment passed by the residents of the District in 1992, user rental and parking fees, and the contract with Placer County for maintenance of their beaches.

Other February Board Actions:

- Adopted a recommendation to support the local group working to retain the Tahoe Vista Animal Shelter in its current location. The Board will permit staff to provide information as requested by Placer County that will be helpful to the process and development of alternative plans. The Recreation and Parks Commission had heard their request at the January Commission meeting and recommended it to the Board for review.

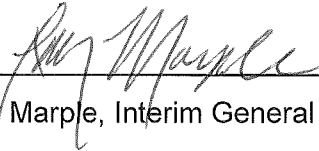
- Authorized President Lewis to sign letters of support to include funding for the Lake Tahoe Community Fire Prevention Partnership to the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act of 2013. The Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (Public Law 106-506) was signed into law by President Clinton in 2000 to improve Lake Tahoe's clarity and funding was included for fire prevention. In 2008, the Lake Tahoe Community Fire Prevention Partnership (Partnership) was formed to obtain grant funds for fire suppression infrastructure basin-wide. Since 2009, the Partnership as a whole has received a total of \$13,565,000 which has installed over 16 miles of improved water line with new fire hydrants located every 500 lineal feet, built 10 new water storage tanks with a 4.7 million gallon storage capacity, built 5 new booster pump stations to increase water flow, and obtain emergency generators to provide continuous water supply during catastrophic events. The District, as a member of the Partnership, has received a total of \$1,523,642 over the years. The 2000 Act has now expired and for the past five years, the funding has substantially diminished; this year, the District will only receive \$27,364 for grant year 2015. There is also the uncertainty that there will be any funding in the future since the new Lake Tahoe Restoration Act of 2013 does not include funding provisions for fire suppression infrastructure.
- Authorized Interim General Manager Marple to execute the employment agreement for Assistant General Manager Schultz.
- Approved the Budget Parameters for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. These parameters guide the District staff in determining the level of services that will be provided to the community and how those services will be funded. There are no significant changes from past years in these parameters.
- Directed staff to file comments on the EIR/EIS for the Proposed State Route 89/Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project in line with those submitted by Tahoe Truckee Sanitation Agency. The Board also agreed to maintain shared ownership with Tahoe City Public Utility District for the Joint Sewer Facility on any sewer line adjustments required for the project.

The next regular meeting of the NTPUD Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 with Open Session beginning at 3:00 pm at the North Tahoe Event Center in Kings Beach. NTPUD board meetings are open to the public and they are invited to attend.

Information on NTPUD board meetings, including agendas and packets, may be obtained on the District's website, www.ntpud.org. 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: 
Larry Marple, Interim General Manager