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RESIDENTS ASKED TO CONTINUE TO LIMIT WATER USAGE AS POWER IS RESTORED

(Tahoe Vista, CA) – As power is restored to the area, the North Tahoe Public Utility District is asking all customers to continue to limit water usage as much as possible through the duration of the power outage, even if the power is restored to your home. As the power slowly comes up in different parts of the District, it is important we all help keep flows down as other areas may still be running on generator power.

“District crews will continue to work around the clock to keep sewer flowing in the system and water to homes,” stated Utility Operations Manager, Ken Fischer, “please help them by continuing to limit water use.”

The District operates eighteen (18) sewer pump stations that move the sewage along Highway 28 or out of low lying areas to, then up and over Dollar Hill. Generators are being used to pump down sewer stations, but they require fueling and maintenance and crews are stretched thin. In addition, sewer flows are already high due to inflow and infiltration of runoff into the sewer system via manholes and customer sewer cleanouts.

While the risk of sewer overflows is the greatest concern, the District is also running the water system on temporary generator power to run the National Avenue Water Treatment Plan and pump water throughout the District. Water tanks levels are being monitored and water quality remains safe and complies with all State and Federal requirements.

The only exception is that if a customer has no heat in their house and is concerned about pipes freezing, please turn your water off or allow your pipes to drip just enough to keep water moving so that pipes will not freeze

The most recent update from the Liberty Utilities website on January 11, 2017 indicates that they anticipate the majority of customers in Kings Beach to Tahoe City being restored at some point today or tonight.

Many thanks to Liberty Utilities for their hard work in getting our communities back up so quickly after such a significant outage!

Residents are encouraged to follow the North Tahoe Public Utility District on Facebook for updates, and to sign up for email updates via the District website 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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