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North Tahoe Regional Park Playground Receives \$5000 Grant from Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation

(Tahoe Vista, California) - The North Tahoe Public Utility District is has been chosen as a recipient of a Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation Grant from the Melanie Jackson Donor Advised Fund in the amount of \$5000 for the Playground Equipment Replacement. The total needed for the project is \$140,000 with more than \$45,000 plus materials donated to date.

This fall, the pavers that make up the pathways and walkways in the playground which were donated by Sierra Summit Landscaping in Reno were installed. While the District would prefer to build the whole project at one time, installation of swings and some other smaller equipment may commence this spring and summer if enough funding is raised to pay for the fall material that must be laid prior to installation of any equipment.

“The District is pleased with the support that we have received for this project, but we still have a long way to go,” said Kathy Long, Parks and Facilities Manager at the North Tahoe Public Utility District. “We are hopeful that more members of the community will come forward in the coming months to support this project so we can provide a safe and fun playground for children of all ages in the District.”

Other grants received include one from the Tahoe City Rotary in the amount of \$4000 and one from the Lahontan Community Foundation for \$5000. In addition, the North Tahoe Business Association ran a See’s Candy booth over the Holiday Season with the proceeds going to the Playground fundraising effort. Last year’s Pancake Breakfast and raffle, organized by the Recreation and Parks Commission, raised almost \$5000 and Sierra Summit Landscaping in Reno donated 17 pallets of pavers to pathways and walkways in the playground area. The

District has committed \$25,000 from its limited Parks reserves for this project. A number of community members have also donated money to the Playground Fund set up with the Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation.

The Commission has set up a Facebook Group, "Let's Build a Playground at the North Tahoe Regional Park," for those that are interested in being kept informed on the status of the project. Join our group and show your support for this project!

Tax deductible donations can be made through the Friends of the Park Fund set up with the Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation. You may call the Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation at 530-587-1776 to use a credit card or mail your check, made out to Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation to PO Box 366, Truckee, CA 96160. Please make a note on the check that the donation should go to the Playground Fund. More information is available on the District's website, www.ntpud.org/FriendsofthePark

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 District owns, manages and maintains the North Tahoe Regional Park in Tahoe Vista which provides recreation opportunities to residents and visitors. In addition, the District owns and/or maintains all of the public beaches in the District including Kings Beach State Recreation Area, Tahoe Vista Recreation Area, and Secline Beach to name just a few. The North Tahoe Event Center, in downtown Kings Beach, is also owned and managed by the District.

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