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## **North Tahoe Public Utility District announces Boat Launch Closure at Tahoe Vista Recreation Area**

Kings Beach, CA – The boat launch at Tahoe Vista Recreation Area will be closed beginning on Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup> due to low Lake levels. Currently, it is recommended that most boats launch at either Sand Harbor or Lake Forest as water levels are extremely low outside the harbor at Tahoe Vista Recreation Area. Jet skis, small fishing boats and other boats with a very shallow draft have been able to launch more easily.

Hours will continue to be 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday and Noon to 6:30 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until the closure begins.


“We are pleased that we were able to open at all this year,” says Kathy Long, Parks and Facilities Manager for the North Tahoe Public Utility District. “A cool and damp spring kept Truckee River flows high which enabled the dam in Tahoe City to remain closed longer than normal leading to higher than anticipated Lake levels.”

The boat launch basin at Tahoe Vista Recreation Area was dredged this Spring to the maximum depth allowed by Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board to allow for construction of courtesy docks that will be constructed in the basin this year. A “launch at your own risk rule” has been in place since the launch opened on June 24<sup>th</sup>. The Tahoe Vista Recreation Area Boat Launch facility was staffed with fully trained inspectors. These inspectors were paid for by the Blue Boating and Aquatic Invasive Species Inspections.

Coon Street Boat Launch continues to be closed due to low water and is not anticipated to open. Updates on both launch ramps are posted on the Boat Launch page of the Parks website, [www.northtahoe parks.com](http://www.northtahoe parks.com)

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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