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

Kings Beach, CA – The boat launch at Tahoe Vista Recreation Area will open on Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> and will remain open as long as water levels allow. The launch will be open:

- 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday
- Noon to 6:30 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Inspectors will be present during these hours to serve those wishing to launch. Hours may change from time to time throughout the Summer but will be posted at the launch. Check the Boat Launching page of the North Tahoe Parks website [www.northtahoe.com](http://www.northtahoe.com) for current operating hours once the launch has opened.

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. Boaters should exercise caution because low lake levels continue in spite of the late storms and shallow conditions just outside the launch basin will continue to be a concern for larger boats. There will be a “launch at your own risk rule” in place and boat owners are advised to be cautious when accessing the lake.

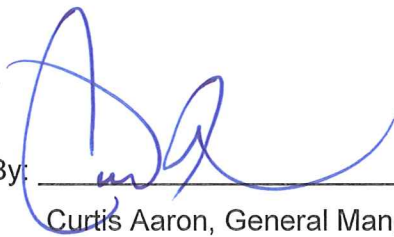
At this time, low water levels do not allow Coon Street Boat Launch to be open for use. If water levels improve and certified boat inspectors are available to staff this location, the launch will open. Updates on both launch ramps will be posted on the Boat Launch page of the Parks website.

### **Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) Blue Boating and Aquatic Invasive Species Inspections**

There are changes in TRPA’s Blue Boating and inspection requirements this year. Detailed information on those rules, regulations and fees is available at [www.trpa.org](http://www.trpa.org) or [www.tahoeboatinspections.com](http://www.tahoeboatinspections.com). There will be limited hours at the launch due to the need for the gates to be staffed at all times by certified boat inspectors. The inspectors will be collecting launch (\$10), Blue Boating and inspection fees. The Blue Boating Program and Inspection fees vary depending on the size of the boat. Offsite inspections and payment of fees are also

available at other site such as Northstar at Tahoe on Highway 267 and Alpine Meadows on Highway 89.

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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