



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXTENDS BOARD MEETING TIME CHANGE FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE MONTH TRIAL PERIOD

North Tahoe Public Utility District Board of Directors meetings take place on the second Tuesday of the month at the North Tahoe Event Center in Kings Beach.

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In response to customer requests, Board meetings were moved to Tuesday at 3:00 PM in a three (3) month trial period in order to allow more residents to attend. The Board has decided to extend this trial for an additional three (3) months, through June 2015.

The Board is looking for input from our residents to see what else could be done to encourage more public participation at District Board meetings. For the past few years Board meetings have started at 9:30 AM.

If you have other suggestions to improve communication and public participation, please let us know!

We also encourage all residents to sign up for email lists through our website, [www.ntpud.org](http://www.ntpud.org) so you will receive press releases and other information to be kept up to date on what is going on in the District, water conservation and monthly updates following our Board Meetings and Recreation and Parks Commission meetings, highlighting actions that have been taken each month.

The North Tahoe Public Utility District Newsletter is published to keep our customers informed about Sewer, Water and Park related issues and upcoming events. If you have any suggestions, please submit them to the Office of the General Manager.

For more information on any of the information contained in this newsletter, please call 530-546-4212 or visit [www.ntpud.org](http://www.ntpud.org)



### COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY!

Help your community and the environment by taking part in Clean Up Day on Saturday, June 6th in Kings Beach. Registration begins at 9:00 am at the Community House at the corner of Bear and Trout Streets in Kings Beach. After cleaning up, volunteers are invited to attend a party at Tahoe Central Market. To learn more about Clean Up Day, visit [www.NorthTahoeBusiness.org](http://www.NorthTahoeBusiness.org) or call 530.546.9000.

### DID YOU KNOW....?

#### THE NORTH TAHOE REGIONAL PARK HAS PICKLEBALL

This past summer we were able to have our tennis courts resurfaced and painted lines for pickleball.

What is pickleball? Pickleball is a paddle sport created for all ages and skill levels. The rules are simple and the game is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a quick, fast-paced, game for experienced players. When playing pickleball, each player will need a pickleball paddle, which is smaller than a tennis racquet but larger than a ping-pong paddle. Players will also need a net and a pickleball. The ball itself is unique, with holes through it like a wiffleball and there are different ball models intended for indoor and outdoor play. The ball travels at 1/3 the speed of a tennis ball.



A pickleball court is the same size as a doubles badminton court and the same court is used for both singles and doubles play. The net height is 36 inches at the sidelines and 34 inches in the middle. The court is striped similar to a tennis court with right and left service courts and a 7-foot non-volley zone in front of the net.

Information taken from the US Pickleball Association website. Go there to learn more! [www.usapa.org](http://www.usapa.org)

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## North Tahoe Public Utility District Quarterly Newsletter—Spring 2015

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### Topics of Interest

- Manager's Briefs—On the Clothesline
- 2015 Capital Improvement Projects
- Park and Facilities Update
- Board Meeting 3 PM start time trial extended
- Did You Know? There is pickleball in the North Tahoe Regional Park

### MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION EXPANDED TO INCLUDE WATERING DAY RESTRICTIONS

At their April 14, 2015 meeting, The Board of Directors took action to implement restrictions on outdoor water use as required by the State of California. On March 27, 2015 the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopted new emergency drought regulations and the North Tahoe Public Utility District has revised the existing prohibitions to meet these new regulations.

Water conservation restrictions, the District's enforcement program and tips on how to conserve are on our website at [www.ntpud.org/conservation](http://www.ntpud.org/conservation). We encourage residents to check the website regularly and sign up to receive email updates to keep you up to date on mandatory water conservation restrictions and other items of interest.

Additionally, on April 1, 2015, Governor Brown issued an Executive Order for more conservation restrictions. The SWRCB is expected to approve the additional regulations in early May and if passed, staff will bring another resolution to the May Board meeting.

Although California and the Tahoe/Truckee area is in a drought, we are not experiencing a water supply shortage. However, we must comply with the mandatory state emergency drought restrictions and it is required that we conserve water.



#### Complete list of prohibitions on water use:

- Washing sidewalks, driveways, and other hard surfaces;
- Failure to repair excessive plumbing leaks;
- Excessive irrigation run-off;
- Non-commercial washing of privately-owned vehicles, trailers, and boats except from a bucket and a hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle for rinsing;
- Use of water for single-pass evaporative cooling systems;
- Use of water for new non-recirculating industrial clothes wash systems;
- Irrigating between 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.;
- **Updated:** Filling a swimming pool from empty;
- **Updated:** Refilling a swimming pool by more than 30% of the pool capacity at any time
- **Updated:** Partially refilling a swimming pool more than one time in any calendar year, provided that topping off pools from daily use is allowed only as necessary
- Use of potable water for dust control except as a condition in a permit issued by a state or federal agency;
- Use of fire hydrants except for public health and safety, unless used for dust control as a condition in a permit issued by a state or federal agency; dust control users must have a hydrant meter;
- **New:** Use of potable water on outdoor landscapes

during and within 48 hours after measurable snow and/or rainfall

- **New:** Serving drinking water other than upon request in eating or drinking establishments, including but not limited to restaurants, hotels, cafes, cafeterias, bars, or other public places where food or drink are served and/or purchased
- **New:** Hotels and motels failing to prominently display notices in each guestroom using clear and easily understood language providing guests the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily
- **New:** Outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf with potable water more than three (3) days per week. Properties with street addresses that end in an even number, may irrigate only on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday. Properties with street addresses ending in an odd number may irrigate only on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. No outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf with potable water is allowed on Mondays. Daytime irrigation restrictions still apply.
- **New:** Irrigation of public ballfields more than three (3) days per week, or on days other than Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Ornamental landscaping around the fields shall follow restrictions for outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes. Daytime irrigation restrictions still apply.

### MANAGER'S BRIEFS - ON THE CLOTHESLINE



General Manager, Duane Whitelaw was appointed by the Board of Directors at a March 4, 2015 Special Board meeting.

As I move to complete my first sixty days at the District, many things are taking shape!

My observation is the NTPUD has a group of dedicated staff that wants nothing more than to come to work making things work effectively for all our constituents. Hard-working, reliable and technically competent employees from the bottom up define this group of folks. They do the work of the Public Utility District leaving me with the chance to objectively analyze what is needed and how best to get it done.

Reaching out to allied agencies is and will always be a priority for the Board and management staff. Working together for the good of everyone is the most efficient and cost effective way to do the public's business. Re-inventing the wheel is never an efficient way to get new things done.

Our elected Board members are hard-working, concerned citizens who prioritize their fiduciary responsibilities. They were elected to ensure your NTPUD has the tools to provide a professional level of service set at the highest affordable standards. Ever careful, they provide us with policy direction and funding so the staff can carry out the District's Mission. Their meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the North Tahoe Event Center. Agendas,

minutes and most things you'd like to know are available at [www.ntpud.org](http://www.ntpud.org). I also encourage you to sign up for our email list to receive press releases and other information from the District.

Your NTPUD administrative offices and Base of Operations are at the end of National Ave. The 50 plus year old structures are being replaced with more efficient space for District staff. The Board of Directors have planned many years for this project and saved the money to complete the project without debt. The planned opening is Summer 2015 and everyone is welcome to the "ribbon cutting". These new spaces will make it easier for customers to come by, park and visit with members of the staff, make utility payments, etc.

Moving forward with a planning process aimed at defining our recreation and parks program is a high priority for me as the new GM/CEO. Very broadly, should we be a facility maintenance-only operation or should a level of recreation services be programmed for all age groups? Every master planning process starts with an assessment of needs. This means seeking input from all individuals such as property owners (be they permanent or second home), renters, HOA's and visitors. We will seek input on how to balance needs with resources in a common sense approach working with our Recreation and Parks Commission as community liaisons. Once needs are evaluated, we'll assess what we have and where we're deficient, if at all. Taking the unmet needs from the process can then be prioritized based on available funding.

Reaching out to you is our way of saying this is everyone's public utility district. Moving water and sewer from point "A" to "B" is why we're here. Recreation and parks services are an additional service added nearly fifty years ago and continues to add quality to the lives of those here at North Lake Tahoe. Together we will continue to get these services done in the best possible and affordable manner.

We are a small independent special district overseen by an elected Board of Directors and operated by a conscientious group of committed public employees providing essential services in a fragile environment. Keeping our eyes on these objectives is what continues to make the North Tahoe Public Utility District a successful operation we can all be proud of.

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### 2015 WATER AND SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

The District is completing two capital improvement projects (CIP) during this construction season, rehabilitation of a water storage tank and a sewer force main. The system replacement fees paid each month go toward improving the system's condition to better serve you, maintain compliance with the District's regulatory agencies and protect the environment.



The Kings Beach tank will be rehabilitated this summer.

The District main water system, serving Tahoe Vista, Kings Beach, Stateline, and the Kingswood areas will benefit from a rehabilitated storage tank. Constructed in 1981, the original coating (existing today) has outlived its expected life. As such, the tank will be stripped and recoated. Although water quality levels are always maintained in the District's system, the recoated tank will aid in providing the safest and cleanest environment for water storage. Some minor tank hardware clean-up is also part of the project. Bid opening on the project is scheduled for May 28th. The engineers estimated cost is \$200,000.

The last sewer facility in the District's system which is responsible for conveying wastewater out of District boundaries will benefit with a rehabilitated force main. Constructed in 1968, the original Dollar Hill force main will be slip-lined with a new pipe, effectively replacing the existing with new. Although the District installed a second force main in a parallel alignment in 1993, the original force main warranted attention after a minor failure occurred while exercising this back up infrastructure. As the only sewer facility the District does not currently have by-pass capabilities on (in the event of failure), this rehabilitation completes the last link in providing this important safety valve in the system. The awarded bid amount for the project is \$688,000.



### RECREATION AND PARKS UPDATE

The Recreation and Parks Commission has been tasked with learning the ropes of local government processes. From the Park and Facilities budget, to the naming of fields, to considering a ropes course in the North Tahoe Regional Park, this Commission is helping grow the recreation and parks outreach in our community. They meet at 7 PM on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the North Tahoe Event Center. We encourage residents to participate in the discussion, or reach out to your Commission with input. Your commissioners are: Charles Teran, Chairman; Jake McDermott, Vice-Chairman; Kristina Mattson; Kristen Pepin; Greg Righellis; and Nathan Chorey as the alternate.

A project of the Recreation Commission is the Kings Beach After 8 music series! Although we are done for the season "Like" us on Facebook to keep up on what the team is planning for the fall. Music starts after 8 on select dates based on when the North Tahoe Event Center is dark so that all can enjoy. The driving idea behind this project was to offer a fun, smoke-free special event to anyone in the public. As hundreds enjoy the Event Center, we are hoping to create a nice vibe surrounding the NTPUD as the owner operator and touch the public like we haven't in the past.

The Board of Directors and the Recreation Commission have started a series of meeting with the goal of answering the following questions. Are we an agency that provides facilities? Are we an agency that provides facilities and recreation opportunities? At this time, we provide excellent recreation facilities with few opportunities for adults and what is available, we contract to private instructors. The Boys and Girls Club of North Lake Tahoe provides recreation opportunities for youth. There are more of these meetings scheduled so we hope that you will come and be a part of the process.

Monday Night Movies at Tahoe Vista Recreation Area July 6-August 27! Movie schedule will be coming soon. Like us on Facebook to stay up to date.

Bocce Ball League anyone? Teams of four (4) \$100. Interested in a co-ed softball D League on Wednesday nights at the North Tahoe Regional Park? Register by May 15th with the league beginning in mid-June. Cost \$700/team. Contact Tracey Towner at 530-546-4212 for more information.



Movies at Tahoe Vista Recreation Area on Monday nights July 26-August 7 See you there!