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## **North Tahoe Public Utility District Commends Retiring Maintenance Technician Joe Steck for Exceptional Service to the District**

(Kings Beach, CA) – At their December 13, 2016 regular meeting, the Board of Director’s adopted Resolution 2016-19 Commending Joe Steck, Maintenance Technician, for Exceptional Service to the District. Mr. Steck will retire on January 2, 2017 after eleven (11) years with the District.

As a Maintenance Technician, Mr. Steck worked with the District’s most complicated mechanical equipment including the National Avenue Water Treatment Plant and water transmission pump system as well as the eighteen (18) Sewer Pump Stations throughout that pump and move sewage along Highway 28 and then up and over Dollar Hill to a shared export line with Tahoe City Public Utility District.

“His knowledge and troubleshooting abilities have maximized efficient use and operations of the District’s infrastructure,” stated Maintenance Technician Lead Mike Thornton, “and he will be greatly missed by all upon his retirement.”

Additional actions taken by the Board of Directors or information of interest provided during the December meeting:

- Utility Operations Coordinator Ken Fischer updated the Board with an abbreviated version of the presentation on invasive weed eradication that had been given to the Tahoe Water Supplier’s Association in November. This presentation was an update on the current state of the milfoil eradication tactics currently being utilized and under consideration by the Tahoe Keys Property

Owners Association to address the Eurasian Milfoil and other invasive weeds in the Tahoe Keys in South Lake Tahoe.

The District and Tahoe Water Suppliers Association staff have been following closely the plans for eradication of the invasive weeds in the Tahoe Keys in South Lake Tahoe. The Tahoe Keys Property Owners Association (TKPOA) is moving toward a combination of hand and mechanized removal that will most likely also require some herbicide be used at some point in the future. Consultants for TKPOA are also currently doing tests on various herbicides and barriers for possible use in the future.

As discussed last month, Eurasian Milfoil was recently discovered at Tahoe Vista Recreation Area and confirmed by a DNA test conducted by the Tahoe Resource Conservation District (TRCD). The TRCD is working with the District to eradicate the milfoil which includes placing mats over the submerged plants and hand removal. The mats were put in place just prior to Thanksgiving following a short environmental review period by the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board. In order to identify the area and keep the public out of the infested section, staff has erected a protective fence around the perimeter of the boat launch area. Please respect the area that has been blocked off at the Tahoe Vista Recreation Area.

- Board Meetings for 2017 will remain on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month but the start time for Open Session has been moved to 3:00 PM in January and February. The Board decided on a two month trial to see if moving the meeting later brings more community members to the meetings. Lane Lewis was voted President of the Board, Tim Ferrell as Vice-President and Sarah Coolidge as Secretary. Committee assignments will be discussed at the January 10, 2017 meeting.

The next regular meeting of the NTPUD Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 beginning at 3:00 pm at the North Tahoe Event Center in Kings Beach. NTPUD board meetings are open to the public and all are invited to attend.

Board meetings are video recorded and are available for viewing following the meeting. They can be accessed by going to the Agenda and Minutes page on the District's website.

Information on NTPUD board meetings, including agendas and packets, may be obtained on the District's website. Residents are strongly encouraged to sign up on the District's email list to receive agendas, press releases and other information from the District at [www.ntpud.org](http://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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Approved By: Duane Whitelaw, General Manager, December 22, 2016