



PRESS RELEASE

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DISTRICT OFFICES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR WARMING AND PHONE CHARGING

(Tahoe Vista, CA) – The North Tahoe Public Utility District, in cooperation with Placer County Office of Emergency Services (OES), is opening the conference room at the District offices at 875 National Avenue in Tahoe Vista, CA as a warming station. Residents or visitors in need can come in, grab some coffee, warm up and charge their cell phone(s) or other devices. The District building is operating on generator power.

Please park in the front/customer parking office and follow the walkway/signs to the conference room. We need to keep our rear/employee parking lot open for our crews that are moving equipment and working to keep sewer and water systems working.

A widespread power outage continues to impact North Tahoe Public Utility District customers as well as most of the surrounding North Tahoe/Truckee Region. The District also asks customers to continue to limit water usage throughout the duration of the power outage.

The District operates eighteen (18) sewer pump stations that move the sewage along Highway 28 or out of low lying areas to, then up and over Dollar Hill. Generators are being used to pump down sewer stations, but they require fueling and maintenance and due to closed roads and many employees living out of the area, there are limited staff available. In addition, sewer flows are already high due to inflow and infiltration of runoff into the sewer system via manholes, customer sewer cleanout and other

While the risk of sewer overflows is the greatest concern, the District is also running the water system on temporary generator power to run the National Avenue Water Treatment Plant and pump water throughout the District. Water tanks are full and water quality remains safe and complies with all State and Federal requirements.

The most recent updated from Liberty Utilities at 12:00 AM on January 11, 2017 indicates that the majority of customers along the North Shore, West Shore and continuing through Truckee to Portola are without power due to a mudslide and falling trees that have damaged all three energy sources to the region.

Residents are encouraged to follow the North Tahoe Public Utility District on Facebook for updates, and to sign up for email updates via the District website at 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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