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## **North Tahoe Public Utility District Board of Directors Continues Strategic Planning Adopt Recreation Funding Plan**

(Kings Beach, CA) At their December 8, 2015 meeting the North Tahoe Public Utility District Board of Directors continued their discussions related to strategic planning with discussions this month focusing on strategic objectives, staffing and recreation funding.

Directors reviewed the Mission, Vision and Core Values statements that were proposed based on the review and input at the October 27, 2015 meeting. These statements define the organization and will drive the strategic objectives and the outcomes necessary to meet those objectives. The updated Mission, Vision and Core Values will be brought to the January Board of Directors meeting for final discussion and possible adoption.

In addition, a draft of the proposed strategic objectives that also came from the initial October 27, 2015 kick off meeting were presented to the Board. These objectives outline the District's priorities, outline steps to completion and identify the leader of the project. Discussion of these objectives will be the focus of the January 5, 2016 Board workshop facilitated by Katy Simon-Holland of Next Generation Consulting.

A key objective of the strategic planning process was determining a plan to address recreation funding shortfalls. The Board adopted Options C and A of the proposal presented on how to fund recreation. Adoption of Option C funds recreation for the next 19 months while the District puts together plans for a vote by the people which was Option A.

Finally, the Board adopted an updated organization chart that addresses staffing shortfalls in Recruitment for the Administrative Manager position is currently underway. All job descriptions will be posted on the District's website once applications are being accepted.

The next meeting is a January 5, 2015 Workshop that will be facilitated by Katy Simon-Holland that will revisit the foundational elements of the PUD including Mission, Vision, Core Values and strategic objectives. The public is strongly encouraged to attend and to provide input.

More information and details on the on the District's Strategic Planning process and the adopted recreation funding plan can be found at [www.ntpud.org/strategicplan](http://www.ntpud.org/strategicplan)

- Provided direction to the General Manager on the next steps related to the discussion related to the possible consolidation of local public utility districts. General Manager Whitelaw was directed to meet with Tahoe City Public Utility District's General Manager Cindy Gustafson for initial discussions. The General Manager's will do a SWOT assessment and the potential for fatal flaws that could cause an unforeseen halt to the investigation and bring that information back to the Board. At that time, a Committee of two (2) Board members from each District may be appointed to meet prior to scheduling a joint Board meeting of the two (2) Districts to discuss next steps.
- Authorized the General Manager to finalize terms and execute a site access agreement with Placer County for use of the former Tahoe Vista Animal Shelter. This no cost agreement will allow District use of the facility for parks maintenance needs and the County will have access to a small area of District property adjacent to the site for seasonal snow storage. The costs associated by the use of each site such as utilities, cleanup, permitting, etc. will be the responsibility of the user.

This agreement will allow for money that was originally budgeted to be used for the new Park Maintenance Building in the North Tahoe Regional Park will be put into reserves for higher priority recreation capital asset replacement projects. The upcoming building season includes plans for replacing the two (2) bathrooms in the North Tahoe Regional Park, complete the ADA path to the dog park, and revamping the upper parking lot at the

North Tahoe Regional Park for bike trail staging with grant funding received from Placer County Park Dedication funds.

- Adopted Resolution 2015-17 confirming commitment to Placer County Dedication fees program for the construction and maintenance of park improvements.
- Held a public hearing to establish September 1, 2017 as the deadline for property owner paid private service relocations on Brook and Trout as part of the Brook and Trout Water Service relocation project. The seven (7) property owners have been notified. More information related to service relocations that may be required due to water or sewer line relocations are available on the District's website at [www.ntpud.org/servicerelocations](http://www.ntpud.org/servicerelocations)
- Voted in favor of retaining the existing Board Officers for 2016: John Bergmann, President; Sue Daniels, Vice-President; and Phil Thompson, Secretary. The current officers have been in place since July 2015.

A strategic planning workshop is scheduled for January 5, 2016. The next regular meeting of the NTPUD Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 beginning at 2:00 pm at the North Tahoe Event Center in Kings Beach. NTPUD board meetings are open to the public and all are invited to attend.

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. For drought updates and water conservation information, see [www.ntpud.org/conservation](http://www.ntpud.org/conservation).

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, 12/18/15