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## **North Tahoe Public Utility District Partners with Tahoe Resource Conservation District on Milfoil Eradication at Tahoe Vista Recreation Area**

(Kings Beach, CA) – At their November 8, 2016 regular meeting, the Board of Directors were provided a brief overview from Utility Operations Coordinator Ken Fischer and Administrative Manager Loren Holt on the current state of the milfoil eradication tactics being discussed for the Tahoe Keys in South Lake Tahoe and for the District's Tahoe Vista Recreation Area in Tahoe Vista, CA. A more thorough presentation will be provided at the December Board meeting.

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 on tactics to eradicate the milfoil which will include placing mats over the submerged plants and hand removal. It is expected that the mats will be in place by 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.

District and Tahoe Water Suppliers Association staff have been following closely the plans for eradication at the Tahoe Keys in South Lake Tahoe. They are moving toward a combination of hand and mechanized removal that will most likely also require some

herbicide be used. Consultants for the Tahoe Keys are currently doing tests on various herbicides and barriers. A more thorough presentation will be provided to the Board at the December District board meeting.

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

- Approved an extension for water service relocation for six (6) property owners on Minnow and Salmon Avenues in Kings Beach until June 30, 2017. As the District moves forward with water line replacements in the Kings Beach grid, property owners are required to relocate the water services to the front yards where the new water lines are being installed. These property owners cited a variety of issues that did not allow them to meet the deadline of October 2016.

Once the new water lines are installed in the street, the District allows property owners two (2) construction seasons to relocate their services before the backyard lines are turned off. This allows the District to turn off these undersized and leaking backyard water mains that make access and repair extremely difficult and costly. In addition, these undersized lines do not provide adequate fire flow or allow for mid-block fire hydrants. The District has made water infrastructure for firefighting a priority component of this type of project.

In the coming years, the District will replace all the backyard mains throughout the Kings Beach grid. Residents in that area of Kings Beach are encouraged to start planning for the relocation of their water services.

- Administrative Manager Loren Holt informed the Board that Sierra Nevada College and one of their donors had donated a turf pusher that would allow the District to clear snow from the synthetic turf soccer field without damaging the turf. The college will also pay for the staff time anytime snow is removed from the field, along with field use fees. This new equipment will benefit not only the Sierra Nevada College teams that are now calling the North Tahoe Regional Park home, but also local youth teams that wish to use the field at times that haven't been available in the past.
- The Parks Needs Assessment survey was mailed out on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Those receiving the survey will be asked to return it within 30 days. A workshop will be held on December 8<sup>th</sup> to provide preliminary results to the Board and Recreation and Parks Commission.
- In follow up to past Board action, at their November 2015 meeting the Board of Directors adopted Ordinance 388 to make the change to "at large" elections for the November 2016 election and also include a binding question on the ballot asking voters if they are in favor of making the change permanent.

As of this writing, Measure E had 951 Yes votes to 246 No votes. While additional votes are still to be counted, it is unlikely there are enough votes uncounted for it to not be approved.

An announcement of the results of the director election is being withheld until Placer County Elections certifies the final count.

The next regular meeting of the NTPUD Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 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.

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. 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, November 16, 2016