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North Tahoe Public Utility District Board of Directors Takes First Step In Redeveloping the District Facilities

Kings Beach, CA – At the November 9, 2010 Board of Directors meeting the Board authorized the General Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Acumen Engineering in the amount of \$20,000 for Work Assignment Number 1, Base Facilities Site Design Services. This initial phase will include preparation of three (3) alternative site plans and preliminary cost estimates for the Development and Planning Committee and Board of Directors to review.

This is the first phase in the planning and development process to redevelop the District's aged facilities. These facilities were all constructed prior to 1978 and do not meet current specifications for work place standards or fully comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The current Operations and Engineering building was the original sewage treatment plant in operation until passage of the 1972 Porter Cologne Act and the creation of the Regional Sewage Treatment Plant. The existing buildings do not include infrastructure for modern computer hardware or wiring, HVAC deficiencies and have a number of other defects such as crumbling walls and leaking foundations. Financial analysis has determined that any redevelopment can be done without impact to the District's ratepayers. Financing the new facilities will spread the costs over 30 years, in the same way that most people pay for their own homes.

Discussions regarding this project will take place during regular Board of Director's meetings in the coming months.

Other Actions:

- Recognized Sebastian Ramirez, Utility Operations Maintenance Worker for 20 Years of Service to the District.
- Authorized the General Manager to execute a lease agreement with the North Tahoe Business Association for Office Space in the North Tahoe Event Center.
- The Planning and Engineering Department presented a progress report regarding SCADA, District's Base Maps and Geographic Information Systems. This included developing a SCADA Master Plan for system upgrades and orderly system replacements.

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 District owns, manages and maintains the North Tahoe Regional Park in Tahoe Vista which provides recreation opportunities to residents and visitors. In addition, the District owns and/or maintains all of the public beaches in the District including Kings Beach State Recreation Area, Tahoe Vista Recreation Area, and Secline Beach to name just a few. The North Tahoe Event Center in downtown Kings Beach is also owned and managed by the District.

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Approved By:



Curtis Aaron, General Manger/CEO