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North Tahoe Public Utility District Residents Meet 28% Drought Consumption Reduction Target for August 2015

(Kings Beach, CA) Residents of the North Tahoe Public Utility District reduced residential water consumption in August 2015 by 28.7% compared to August 2013 usage. NTPUD Residents have reached the mandated targets in all months but July since the State mandated the target in April 2015. The reduction was 27.1% for July instead of the mandated 28%.

NTPUD August 2013 usage was 206.3 residential gallons per capita per day, 185 residential gallons per capita per day in 2014 and 147 residential gallons per capita per day in 2015.

“The North Tahoe Public Utility District would like to thank our residents that have been diligently working to reduce their water consumption,” said General Manager Duane Whitelaw. “Please make sure to prepare your irrigation and your property for winter to attempt to eliminate frozen and broken pipes that can cause the loss of large amounts of water during the winter.”

There are currently two different water conservation mandates in effect in the State of California. The recent drought related conservation mandate is based on the District’s residential per capita usage in 2013 of 161.3 residential gallons per capita per day (monthly production - monthly metered commercial use divided by the number of days in the month). This usage level has put the District and our customers at a 28% mandated reduction from 2013 levels. The focus of this mandated reduction is the months of June – September so the challenge will continue with the reduction during the irrigation months.

The second mandate is the 20% by 2020 reduction which requires all water producers to reduce their 2010 water production by 20% by the year 2020. The District is trending well in this area with a reduction of 34% from 2010 water production levels as compared to 2015 year to date usage.

Graphs with water production and usage numbers are available on the District's website at www.ntpud.org/conservation and clicking on "How are we doing?" at the top of the page. In looking at these reports, you may notice that the District's "percentage of reduction comparing 2015 to 2013" has changed with this month's printing of the reports. Due to a discrepancy between the way the District and the State defined "commercial" use the District has recalculated our percentages which resulted in even better reduction numbers for our District.

Approximately sixty (60) low flow toilet credit rebates remain for North Tahoe Public Utility District customers. If you still have old water hogging toilets; we encourage you to take advantage of this offer! Visit www.ntpud.org/howtoconserve and click on "Toilet Rebates" at the top of the page for more information and to download the application.

It's time to start thinking about preparing your yard and home for winter. Visit www.ntpud.org/winterization and download a copy of the District's "Winterization Checklist" which gives you a guide to things to check to reduce the chances of frozen and broken water pipes, irrigation and hose bibs. Not only could these cause damage to your home and property, these types of problems waste a significant amount of water and money!

If the irrigation at your property hasn't been turned off for the season, remember that watering is still limited to no more than three (3) days per week and is prohibited for 48 hours during and after measurable precipitation. Properties with street addresses that end in an even number, may irrigate only on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday. Properties with street addresses ending in an odd number may irrigate only on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. No outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf with potable water is allowed on Mondays and irrigation is not permitted between 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The complete list of prohibitions on outdoor water use is available on the District's website at www.ntpud.org/conservation

Information on NTPUD board meetings, including agendas and packets, may be obtained on the District's website, www.ntpud.org. For drought updates and water conservation information, see 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.

Approved By:  _____
Duane Whitelaw, General Manager

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