

TAHOE CITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT RESIDENTIAL WATER METER IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

To ensure sufficient water supplies and to protect environmental resources, the State of California has been moving toward requiring water meters. Beginning in 1992, the State required water meters be installed for all new construction. The State did not require that these meters be used for billing, just that they be installed. Because of this requirement, and other local efforts, approximately 30% of TCPUD's single family residential customers currently have water meters. These customers are spread randomly throughout TCPUD.

Beginning January 1, 2010, the State is requiring that water customers with meters be billed on their consumption, and that by 2025 all water users be billed on consumption. This requirement would create significant implementation issues and inequity within neighborhoods. In addition, water usage within TCPUD is escalating rapidly. Without conservation, construction of expensive new sources and storage facilities may be needed. Both factors motivated the decision to expedite TCPUD's residential meter implementation plan.

While water metering is new for TCPUD, it is a common and long standing practice in many areas of California, including the neighboring communities of North Tahoe PUD and Squaw Valley Public Service District. Some communities have reduced the demand for water by as much as 20%, thus saving public dollars that would be needed for new sources and storage.

During the next two years, TCPUD will install and implement consumption (metered) billing for its residential customers. Meters will be installed during the construction season and metered amounts will begin appearing on the corresponding billing statements as consumer information. Consumption billing will begin January 1, 2009 giving property owners time to prepare and adjust their usage to control their bills.

<u>CONSTRUCTION</u>	<u>SUBDIVISION/AREA</u>	<u>BILLING</u>
Completed	Tahoe Forest Tract	Consumption billing begins 7/1/07
Completed	Dollar Point Subdivision Highlands Subdivision	Consumption billing begins 1/01/09
Completed	Panorama Estates Lake Park Terrace and Hog Pen Hollow Former Tamarack Mutual water customers Fairway Bunker Tahoe City Bittencourt Tract (Jackpine, Grove, Red Cedar, Pioneer)	Consumption billing begins 1/01/09
Summer 2008	Upper & Lower Rubicon McKinney/Chambers Subdivisions Alpine Peaks Cathedral Forest Comstock Meeks Bay Vista Moana Circle Tahoe Tavern Heights	Consumption billing begins 1/1/09

* *This is the anticipated plan. The phasing of specific subdivisions for 2008 may be changed due to coordination issues. Check back for updates.*

It is important to note that condominiums in all areas of the District are excluded from the above schedule. Their common area water is either already metered or will be soon. Future planning efforts will address the complications of meter installation within condominiums. Check for updates.