



Tahoe City Public Utility District July 2020

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Service is one of the TCPUD's Core Values, and we have continued honoring our commitment to service throughout the COVID-19 crisis. Over the past few months, TCPUD staff have fixed water leaks, designed capital projects, cleared trails, conducted inspections, and created online recreation programming. Staff have worked hard to ensure your essential water and sewer services remain uninterrupted and have now safely reopened our parks and facilities. While our Administrative Office remains closed to the public, staff is available to serve you Monday-Friday, 8:00am to 4:30pm. You can reach us at 530-583-3796. For your convenience, you can make utility payments online [HERE](#)

We also want to remind customers that COVID-19 has not impacted the quality or supply of your tap water. As always, it is REFRESHING, RELIABLE, and REALLY GOOD! #drinktahoetap.

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As our community begins to recover and reopen, more residents and visitors will venture outside into public places to enjoy the trails, parks, and beaches in Lake Tahoe. In preparing for this reopening, the TCPUD has been working with a coalition of Lake Tahoe partners to implement a coordinated and consistent strategy for the safe and responsible opening of parks and facilities.

This includes messaging about social distancing and safety guidelines, which are now cornerstones of outdoor recreation in Lake Tahoe. We ask that you respect and follow all posted signage at open facilities to ensure the safety of our staff and guests. For additional information about TCPUD parks and facilities and the Protection Plans and guidelines in place, visit [TCPUD Parks and Facilities](#)



Please be kind and patient with each other when you are out in the community. We encourage you to embrace the local guidelines that were developed for use at all TCPUD outdoor parks and facilities. Following these guidelines will help keep our facilities open.

Additionally, you can *Know Before You Go* and learn about responsible traveling by visiting the [North Lake Tahoe Visitor Readiness Guide](#). This guide was developed to help travelers navigate the various restrictions across county and state lines.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

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Timberland Water System Distribution Improvements

Following the acquisition of the Timberland Water System in January 2018, the TCPUD immediately began the design and construction of a system-wide rehabilitation. Existing infrastructure was unmetered, undersized and disconnected from a reliable backup water source. The Project was designed in two phases, with Phase I completed in 2019 and Phase II anticipated to be completed in 2020. Complete system rehabilitation will include installation of meters, upsized water mains for increased fire flow, and improved hydrant spacing.

Tahoe City Golf Course Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Building

Construction of the M&O building is underway. This project will dramatically improve the storage of maintenance equipment and materials needed for efficient operations at the TCGC by replacing the existing cargo containers with a 2,820 square foot steel frame building. In addition to equipment storage, the building will include a workspace and restroom for staff, and additional site improvements. Please excuse the impact to parking in the upper parking lot and be aware of trucks and equipment.

West Shore Backup Power Projects

Two sewer capital infrastructure projects showcase our continued commitment to reliable service. These two projects will ensure a critical and permanent backup power source is in place to help us prepare for the threat from wildfire, extreme weather events, and public safety power shutoffs. The **Bay Vista Generator Installation Project** provides backup power to the sewer pump station serving customers in Meeks Bay, and the **Tahoma Generator Installation Project** provides backup power to the sewer pump station serving customers in Tahoma.

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This Project proposes to relocate and replace the existing Tahoe Cross Country Nordic Center to a new location in the Highlands neighborhood adjacent to the North Tahoe High School. The new lodge would be constructed by re-using and re-purposing the Schilling Residence, a historic structure from the west shore that has been disassembled and is currently placed in storage. The Project would improve operational deficiencies at the existing facility by addressing circulation and parking, storage, staff facilities, and community space, as well as better accommodating the existing and projected recreation demands.

The Project is currently undergoing the California Environmental Quality Act process, and the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) is now available for public review and comment. The Project website has been updated and the DEIR and all supporting documents can be found [HERE](#)

We encourage the public's participation in this process. All comments should be submitted on or before July 24, 2020. Written comments may be sent by postal or electronic mail to:

Tahoe City Public Utility District

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A Public Meeting has been scheduled for Friday July 17, 2020 at 9:00 am to allow individuals to provide oral comments on the DEIR. This meeting will occur during a regularly scheduled TCPUD Board meeting, and the agenda for this meeting will be posted the week prior to the meeting. Please refer to the meeting agenda found [HERE](#) for updated information on participation details.

WATCH THAT WATER CONSUMPTION



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Annual fluctuations in water use are normal, especially during the spring and summer months in Tahoe. In low snowpack years, early spring weather patterns can leave residential and commercial landscaping in need of water. The TCPUD's 2020 May water report indicates a 61% increase in water use compared with this same period last year. May water use typically varies widely, so these numbers are not overly concerning; however it's still a good reminder to understand and monitor your water use. Consciously practicing water conservation helps too.

Here are some easy tips to help reduce outdoor water use:

Conservation Measure

- Use mulch around trees
- Water during cool parts of the day
- Minimize watering lawns on windy days
- Set mower blades one notch higher
- Replace laws with drought tolerant plants

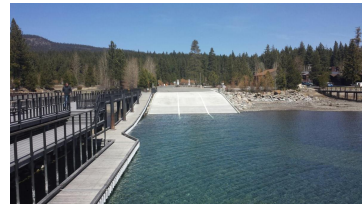
Water Savings

- 750 to 1,500 gallons/month
- 300 gallons/month
- 300 gallons/one watering
- 500 to 1,500 gallons/month
- 5,000 to 20,000 gallons/month

SPECIAL PROJECTS

TCPUD TAKES OWNERSHIP OF THE LAKE FOREST BOAT RAMP AND CAMPGROUND

The TCPUD has recently executed a land transfer with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to take ownership of both the Lake Forest Boat Ramp and Campground. While TCPUD has operated and maintained these facilities for many years, as a property owner, the TCPUD will now have a greater amount of flexibility to initiate future improvements and take advantage of unforeseen opportunities. Rest assured you will experience the same quality of service that is always provided by TCPUD when you visit these facilities.



The boat ramp and campground share an access road, parking, and restrooms with Pomin Park (and athletic field). While TCPUD also operates Pomin Park, that property is owned by California State Parks.

POLARIS CREEK AND WETLAND RESTORATION PROJECT **Small Creek. Big Opportunity.**

Pomin Park, located about 2 miles east of Tahoe City and adjacent to the Lake Forest Boat Ramp, is a vital recreation resource for the North Tahoe community. However, its construction re-aligned the Polaris Creek and constrained natural overflow into the wetland. Subsequently, the current youth athletic field experiences seasonal flooding and the normal function of the wetland has been compromised. This Project seeks a collaborative approach to protecting North Tahoe's environment and community resources.

In 2019, Project partners, including TCPUD, State Parks, Placer County, Tahoe Conservancy, and the Tahoe Resource Conservation District, embarked on a feasibility study to explore potential restoration of Polaris Creek and Wetland. Because of the Project's proximity to Pomin Park, the feasibility study also contemplates relocation or reconfiguration of the athletic field. Pomin Park is owned by State Parks and operated by TCPUD to ensure maintenance of the parking lot, playground, and youth-sized ball field.

The Feasibility Study, developed with community input, is now complete and available for public review. For more information about the Project and to view the full document, please visit the Tahoe Resource Conservation District [HERE](#)

Board Meeting Calendar

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