



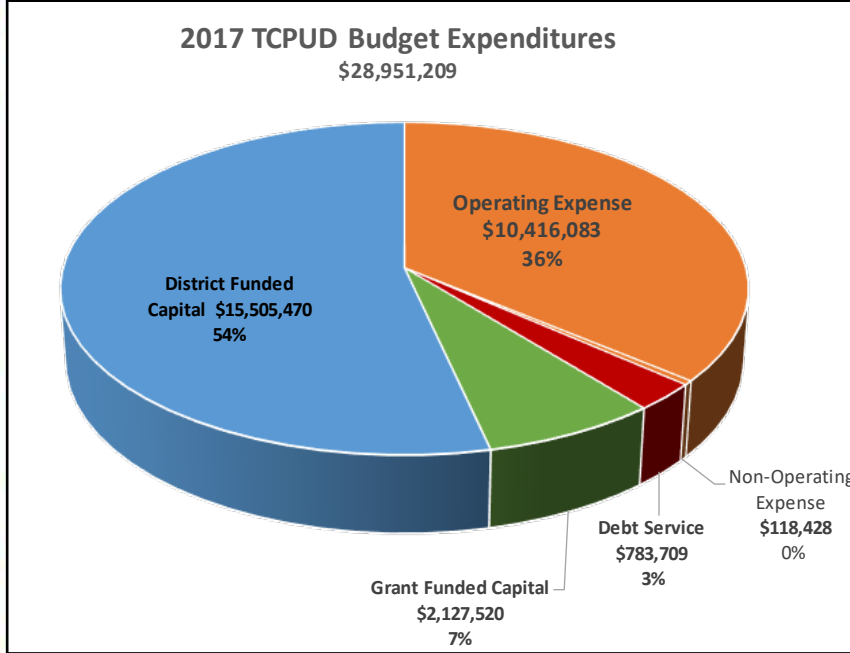
# TCPUD QUARTERLY NEWS JAN-17



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## TCPUD BOARD ADOPTS 2017 BUDGET AND NEW RATES

At the November 18, 2016 board meeting, the TCPUD Board of Directors unanimously approved the 2017 annual budget. Budget highlights include: a total operating budget for 2017 of \$10.4 million, a capital budget for new infrastructure projects of \$17.6 million, of which \$2.1 million is to come from grant funding. Additionally, the District will pay debt service of \$783,709, which includes the retirement of a \$2M Zions First National Bank loan from 2007. These funds were used for past water and sewer capital projects.



The Board also approved new water and sewer rates, which included keeping sewer rates below 2016 approved proposition 218 levels and adopting the proposed proposition 218 water rates for 2017. In 2017, a standard residential customer (¾ inch service meter) will see an increase of just \$3.75 for their water service base rate (additional increases in water costs are based on consumption) and \$1.54 for sewer service per month. As always, direction from the Board is for TCPUD staff to continue to keep operating costs as low as possible.

## EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



Congratulations to Joe Mason, the TCPUD 2016 Employee of the Year! As the fleet mechanic and Utilities employee, Joe Mason has one of the most unique jobs in the District providing customer

service to all of the Districts' water and sewer customers as well as every department in the District with fleet maintenance. Joe coordinates his responsibilities extremely well, adapting to changes daily with ease and enthusiasm, while always providing exceptional customer service with a great attitude and extreme pride in his work. Joe is an excellent communicator and always keeps his customers and supervisors informed of issues. Joe continually takes on additional responsibilities and looks for ways to improve the efficiency of his work as well as other District operations. Congratulations to Joe Mason on a well-deserved TCPUD Employee of the Year Award.

## GENERAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR

The District's own, Cindy Gustafson, was named General Manager of the Year by the California Special District Association (CSDA) at their annual conference in October. Nominations for this award were submitted by special district board members/trustees or district management staff. The CSDA accepted nominations throughout California and considered candidates based on experience, leadership, and effectiveness.

Cindy stood out in all three categories with a quantifiable track record of success in each during her 25 year tenure with the District. Her working relationships with local, regional, State and Federal agencies have allowed the District to secure over \$35 million in capital grant funding, \$14.5 million of which since her appointment to General Manager. These funds have made possible the completion of numerous projects at a significant savings to rate and tax payers. Her commitment to Tahoe City and the local community is truly unrivaled. Congratulations Cindy!



## NEW HIRES AT THE DISTRICT

**John Scherfenberg** joined the District in June as Utilities Ops Specialist I. He came to TCPUD from the Army Corps of Engineers at Martis Creek where he was a dam operator and maintenance worker. Prior to his time with the Army Corps John worked for Pacific Built for over 15 years building piers and floating docks on Lake Tahoe. He grew up here in Tahoe City and now enjoys the area with his wife and 2 boys.

**Kyle Mead** is the newest member of the Parks Department and has assumed the new position of Senior Golf Operations Specialist and will be responsible for maintaining and improving golf course conditions in the summer and assisting the parks crew during the winter months. Kyle is from Reno, NV and studied mechanical engineering at UNR before transferring and graduating from Rutgers in golf course management. He has 16 years of golf course management experience and was most recently the golf course superintendent for Duncan Golf Management at Wolf Run. Kyle is a class A golf course superintendent. Kyle is married with a full house consisting of 3 kids and two golden retrievers.



### MOVING ON

**Bob Bolton**, Director of Parks and Recreation will be retiring in January after a long and successful career with the District. Bob began his employment with TCPUD in 1988 as a seasonal parks maintenance employee. Over the next 11 years Bob worked his way up to Parks and Rec Superintendent before being hired away to Truckee/Donner Recreation and Parks District in 1999. Bob returned to TCPUD in 2005 as Director of Parks and Recreation and has led the department ever since. Bob has been instrumental in leading millions of dollars in parks and program projects including the Commons Beach remodel, Lakeside Trail, Kilner Park Tennis Courts, and the Tahoe City Ice Rink to name just a few. Bob will surely be missed, particularly at the concerts at Commons Beach, and we wish him all the best in his retirement.

**Erik Henrikson**, chose not to run again for director this year, ending over two decades of service to the District and the community. Director Henrikson's tenure began in December 1991 after winning the election by a single vote and he has served in that role ever since. Erik has also represented TCPUD on the Tahoe Truckee Sanitation Agency Board of Directors since 1998. Director Henrikson has contributed much to the District during his 25 years including a focus on a regimented replacement schedule for sewer and water infrastructure and vehicles. As a legacy of his leadership, Erik's often tenacious focus on necessary infrastructure reinvestment has resulted in the development of water, sewer, and parks projects that will serve the community for many, many decades to come. We thank Erik for his service and wish him well.

## NEW! ICE RINK AND FOOD & BEVERAGE AT THE WINTER SPORTS PARK!

This year the Tahoe City Winter Sports Park boasts a brand new seasonal ice rink. The ice rink is 50' x 80' (4,000 square feet), approximately the same size as a basketball court. The new ice skating facility features real ice, skating aids, and a complete skate rental inventory. The rink opened on December 10th and will operate through March, weather and conditions permitting. Residents can purchase Winter Sports Park season passes for only \$95 for adults 13 and older and \$65 for kids 12 and under. Ice skating season passes are only \$49 for adults and \$39 for kids. Season passes can be purchased at [register.tahoexc.org](http://register.tahoexc.org). If all-season access isn't what you are looking for, day rates for ice skating start at only \$5. The ice rink and winter sports park is a great option when the ski conditions aren't optimal at the resorts or just for a change of pace.

Also new is Café Zenon, the park's food and beverage operation. Café Zenon is owned and operated by Suzanne Nguyen, owner of Zia Lina in Tahoe City. Café Zenon will be

serving breakfast on weekends, lunch, dinner and operating a full bar. Come in and check out the excellent new menu!

In addition to the ice rink, the park will continue to offer the sledding hill, 4 km of dog friendly cross country ski trails, groomed daily for skate or traditional cross country

skiing, as well as a snowshoe loop (fat bikes allowed). All day park passes are available so come try out the new and improved winter sports park this winter!! Additional details about the Sports Park and Café Zenon can be found at [www.wintersportspark.com](http://www.wintersportspark.com).



## MID-SIERRA UTILITIES

After months of public outreach, presentations, and discussions the customers of Mid-Sierra Utilities made it clear that their preference, if current ownership was no longer an option, was local control of their water system. Currently, TCPUD and the Mid-Sierra ownership are negotiating terms and hope to enter into escrow in early 2017.

## STAY UP-TO-DATE!

For emergency, construction, recreation, general public information or announcements sign up for our E-notices by sending us a request to [info@tcpud.org](mailto:info@tcpud.org).

### View Board Meetings Online

Interested in attending the Board Meetings but can't make it in person? No problem! All TCPUD Board of Directors meetings can be viewed online via live web streaming or watch the recorded meeting anytime by visiting [www.tcpud.org](http://www.tcpud.org).



The Tahoe City Winter Sports Park is entering its 5th season. In addition to the new ice skating rink, the park will continue to offer sledding, XC skiing, snowshoeing, and fat biking (bike rentals not available on site).



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