



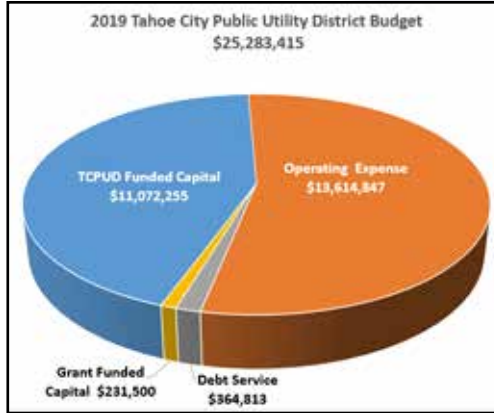
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BUDGET

TCPUD QUARTERLY NEWS JAN-19



TCPUD BOARD ADOPTS 2019 BUDGET, SEWER AND WATER RATES



At the November 16, 2018 board meeting, the TCPUD Board of Directors unanimously approved Resolution 18-21 Adopting the Operating and Capital Budgets. 2019 budget highlights include: a total operating expense budget of \$13.6 million, TCPUD funded capital budget of \$11.1 million, grant funded capital of \$231,500 and debt service payments of \$364,813. By the end of 2019, TCPUD debt outstanding will be \$1.2 million.

The Board also adopted new sewer and water rates for 2019. Sewer rates were rolled back from the approved Proposition 218 rates for the fourth year in a row. This year rates were rolled back 1.5 years from the approved 2019 rate under Proposition 218 representing a 2.8% increase over last year's

rates. TCPUD water rates were adopted at the approved 2019 rate under Proposition 218, and represent a 6.8% increase over last year's rates. Water rates for the Tahoe Cedars, Madden Creek and Timberland water systems increased by 10%, in line with a verbal commitment made during the acquisition of these systems by the District. Rates for these systems will continue to increase until they catch up with TCPUD water rates. The new rates for sewer and water take effect on January 1st, 2019. Water and sewer rate revenues are used solely for operating expenses for the water and sewer systems and water and sewer infrastructure improvements. More detailed information on the budget can be found in the annual budget book, which will be published on the TCPUD website in early 2019.

CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

Truckee River Trail: Originally constructed in 1980, the Truckee River Trail is one of the most popular and heavily used trails in the North Lake Tahoe region. However, as a result of age, wear, and natural weathering, the condition of the trail had deteriorated. This year about 4 miles of trail was reconstructed to create an improved surface. The project also improved erosion control and drainage features. After being closed for several weeks, the Truckee River Trail was re-opened to the public in October and will continue to be enjoyed by many residents and visitors for years to come. This project was primarily funded through a Tourism Occupancy Tax grant.

Bunker Water Tank: The new Bunker Water Tank was officially connected to the Tahoe City water system in November. This significant water infrastructure project replaced a 0.5 million gallon redwood tank built in 1960, with a new 1.2 million gallon steel tank. The new tank increases storage capacity; corrects seismic deficiencies; improves inefficiencies such as leaks and aging pumps, and will provide robust fire protection infrastructure in emergency situations. This infrastructure improvement project was funded primarily with water rate revenue, along with some federal fire protection funds.

Tahoe Cedars Water System Interconnection:

The 2018 acquisition of the Mid Sierra Utilities water company included two water systems, Tahoe Cedars and Madden Creek. Following this acquisition, the TCPUD constructed an interconnection between the Tahoe Cedars water system and the McKinney Quail water system to provide a backup source of water for the Tahoe Cedars system, as that system was operating on one groundwater well. The interconnection also provides access to additional water storage and enhances fire protection through increased flow capacity. This infrastructure improvement project was funded primarily with water rate revenue, along with some El Dorado Water Agency planning and design grant funds.

DIRECTOR RON TREABESS TO RETIRE

Ron Treabess recently announced his retirement from the TCPUD Board of Directors, effective January 3rd, 2019, after 32 years of dedicated service to the TCPUD and the North Lake Tahoe Community. Ron was originally elected to the Board in 1987 and was successfully re-elected to seven consecutive terms. Throughout his tenure on the Board, Ron has provided experienced, enthusiastic leadership and guided the Board through some very challenging times for the community. Ron has been a steadfast supporter of recreation for the community and supported significant improvements including bike trails, playgrounds, athletic fields, Commons Beach renovation, purchase of the Tahoe City Golf Course and a new ice rink (among many others!). Ron's passionate service and dedication have made this District stronger and this community a better place. Please join us in thanking Ron and wishing him well in his next adventures!





NEW BOARD MEMBER

Gail Scoville, a Tahoe City local since 1973, was elected in November to serve a 4-year term on the Board of Directors. Gail raised her twins here in Tahoe City, and is now a grandmother to a total of five (including two more sets of twins), all of them Tahoe City locals! Gail retired from Bank of America after 39 years and continues to serve our community on the SnowFest Board, North Lake Kiwanis Board, Lake Tahoe Ski Club Foundation, TCDA Board, and Tahoe City Recreation Association. Gail is excited to serve her community in this broader capacity as a publicly elected Director of the TCPUD Board. Welcome Gail!



NEW HIRE AT THE DISTRICT

Wes Pyatt- Wes joined the TCPUD team full-time as a Parks Operations Specialist I in July. Wes has worked seasonally for the District since 2008 in the Parks Department, and for the past few summers he also oversaw the setup and breakdown of the Sunday Commons Beach Concerts. Since 2007, Wes has been the Head Coach of the Alpine/Squaw Valley Snowboard Team, sharing his passion for the sport and helping the youth in the Tahoe region.

Out of the office, Wes enjoys backpacking, snowboarding, split boarding, and all the year-round outdoor activities that Tahoe has to offer. Welcome to the team Wes!

WINTER SPORTS PARK IS OPEN!

The Tahoe City Winter Sports Park is back for its third year offering ice skating, sledding and 4km of dog friendly cross country and skate skiing trails. The ice skating facility will operate daily from 10:00 am – 8:00 pm from November through March 17th, weather, and conditions permitting. For rate and pass information please visit our website at www.wintersportspark.com



Come join us for a great time at the Winter Sports Park this season! Also back for their third winter is Café Zenon, the Park's food and beverage operator. Café Zenon is a hidden gem, serving eclectic food and cocktails. Café Zenon is open 10 am-8 pm weekdays and 9 am-8 pm weekends. Café Zenon is closed Tuesdays excluding holidays. For more information please visit the website at www.cafezenon.com.



TCPUD 2018 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR MIKE ABARNO

The Employee of the Year Award is chosen by peer nominations and goes to the employee who has exemplified their commitment to the District's core values. Mike originally began his District career as a seasonal hire in 1995. He returned to work seasonally in 1996 and 1997 and in 2007, Mike was brought on full-time as a Parks Operations Specialist Lead. In June of 2018, Mike was promoted to a Senior Parks Operations Specialist. He is responsible for many aspects of the Parks operations, and has most recently expanded his skills in his work at the Tahoe City Golf Course and Tahoe City Winter Sports Park. Mike works in all aspects of golf grounds keeping and has been an important member of our winter operations team, ensuring our facilities are in excellent condition for our visitors.



Mike's ability, knowledge, and experience in both parks and recreation are a great asset to the District, particularly in the operation of the Tahoe City Winter Sports Park Ice Rink. Mike's strong background and knowledge of ice hockey was put to good use this past season when Mike stepped up to coach our very successful first season of the TCPUD Junior Hockey Skills Program. Mike consistently finds ways to help his co-workers. His willingness to assist others and his commitment to the District is outstanding. Earlier this year, Mike obtained his National Recreation and Parks Association Professional Certification and has been a Department leader with the implementation of the automated work order system. It's these qualities that led Mike to be promoted to Senior Parks Operations Specialist.

Mike is always pleasant to work with, an extraordinary role model, and enthusiastically helpful to all departments and the public. Mike's exceptional initiative, positive attitude and calm, kind and respectful demeanor, along with doing whatever it takes to get the job done is the definition of a good team member. Congratulations Mike!

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View Board Meetings Online

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Did you know? If you have a sewer back up, call TCPUD first at 530-580-6278. We will respond and help determine the cause at no cost.



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