



**MINUTES**

**NORTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT  
TAHOE CITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT**



**Boards of Directors Special Joint Meeting  
held at the North Tahoe Event Center  
and via teleconference (Zoom)**

**Wednesday, January 31, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH QUORUM**

The North Tahoe Public Utility District and Tahoe City Public Utility District’s Boards of Directors’ special joint meeting was held on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. NTPUD District Staff in attendance included General Manager Johnson, Recreation, Parks, and Facilities Manager Oberacker, Public Information Officer Broglio, Recreation and Community Event Supervisor Visnyei, Engineering and Operations Manager Pomroy, Engineering Manager Chorey and Administrative Liaison Moga. NTPUD Recreation & Parks Commissioners Rudloff, Williams, and Heggen were also present. TCPUD District Staff in attendance included General Manager Barclay, Recreation & Parks Director Murnane, Communication Specialist Springsteel, and Executive Assistant/District Clerk Viehmann. Consultants present included Charles Heath with Team CivX, and Tim McLarney with TrueNorth Research (Zoom). Legal Counsel Nelson was present via Zoom. There were 40 people in attendance and 28 additional attendees via Zoom. The pledge of allegiance was recited. There were no changes to the agenda.

<p>NTPUD Board of Directors in attendance:          Director Hughes (arrived at 11:17 a.m.)          Director Daniels          Director Mourelatos          President Coolidge          Director Thompson</p>	<p>TCPUD Board of Directors in attendance:          Director Wilkins          Director Beals          Director Pang          Director Scoville          Director Friedman</p>
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**PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS (11:00 A.M.) –**

Debbie Spohr provided a public comment in favor of the project.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- **Accept the North Lake Tahoe Active Recreation Facilities Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study Final Report** – NTPUD GM Johnson introduced the item. He noted typographical issues in the appendix that will be corrected prior to posting.

**NTPUD MOTION: Director Daniels moved to Accept the North Lake Tahoe Active Recreation Facilities Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study Final Report. Director Thompson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously in favor.**

**TCPUD MOTION: Director Friedmann moved to Accept the North Lake Tahoe Active Recreation Facilities Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study Final Report with corrections. Director Scoville seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously in favor.**

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Receive a Presentation on the Results of the Voter Opinion Survey for a Tax Measure to Fund a Recreation & Aquatics Center in North Lake Tahoe and Take Action to Provide Direction to Staff** – Valli Murnane, TCPUD Parks & Recreation Director, introduced the item. Ms. Murnane, Ms. Oberacker, Consultant Heath, and McLarney provided a PowerPoint slideshow. NTPUD GM Johnson and TCPUD GM Barclay were available to answer questions.

Consultant Heath addressed Director Friedman’s inquiry about the ACA-1 measure pass/fail scenario and the possibility of the ballot measure to support the capital.

The Board and Staff discussed securing a future land use commitment of the Firestone property with Placer County. Consultant Charles Heath addressed questions regarding the statistically valid polling and sample size. He added that updated polling would need to be conducted in the future. Consultant Heath also addressed questions regarding the tax rates for all property types. He added the proposed tax rate would change depending on whether eastern Placer County geographical areas were included or if it would just be the two Districts. Consultant Heath discussed ballot measure scenarios for operating and capital based on the voter threshold requirements. GM Johnson spoke about a citizen-led ballot initiative to address operating funding ,as an option if ACA-1 doesn’t pass.

GM Johnson spoke about near-term staff-time work that has to be done prior to November such as land use commitment with Placer County, the Joint Powers Authority between the two Districts, and the California Tahoe Conservancy’s (CTC) deed restriction of the Firestone property.

The Directors expressed their desires to move forward and support staff’s time to address near-term questions.

### Public comment:

Kristen Pepin, Tahoe Vista resident, inquired about alternative funding. She requested that free access or memberships be addressed. She inquired about continued Boys & Girls support in the future if this is built. GM Johnson addressed Ms. Pepin’s questions. He noted available grant dollars aren’t foundational but could help close the gap, and donors are welcome to support. He noted operational costs assume a 50% cost-recovery, requiring an operation subsidy. He noted residents would receive a discounted membership, and guests would pay a higher amount. He noted that if the operating component could not be funded to support the operation, the district would have to look at other revenues.

Chris Kozar expressed concerns about the location and details of the use agreement. She shared that we pay to build it and then pay to use it. We are adding more hardscape to the

environment. She stated she is concerned about traffic and development. She wants to know more about how many people it will serve. It will diminish the natural environment.

Charles Teran, Tahoe Vista resident, inquired why there wouldn't be a sunset on the bond measure. He noted that if someone knew there would be a sunset, they would be in favor. Consultant Heath addressed the question about the sunset.

Monty White, West Shore resident, stated that we need recreation facilities for all people. He inquired about the schools-recreation joint use agreement to help support the funding. He wondered if Truckee's Recreation Center was built after the town was incorporated. GM Barclay addressed Mr. White's question. He noted the school is interested. We currently have a joint-use agreement with the school district. RPF Manager Oberacker noted that Truckee Recreation was built after the incorporation but not with the Town's tax dollars. GM Johnson spoke about the IVGID facilities in Incline Village.

Mark Sura, Kings Beach resident, coach, referee, and umpire in youth sports in the area. He shared that when our local youth compete in spring sports, we get schooled due to a lack of practice space. He added the project needs to be scaled down unless we can get some donors, and it was disappointing that the field house was removed from the proposal. He shared that our constituents do outdoor fitness and the weight room is not necessary.

Ruben Flores, Kings Beach resident, stated he is disappointed to hear it would be located on Dollar Hill instead of Tahoe Vista as there are more kids in Tahoe Vista. He suggested charging more for more profit.

Nancy Williams, Tahoe Vista resident, and Recreation & Parks Commissioner noted the report showed that the outlying areas were the least supportive; however, those areas have homes with higher square footage and would pay more despite their lack of support. Maybe there could be different levels of participation to try to get more support.

Rob Olson, an Alpine Meadows resident, and a property owner in both districts, noted a lot of us support it but need clearer information. He recommended having a community group. No projects are perfect, but housing should be part of it. He asked how it would be operated. He recommended increasing the scope to include a field house and maybe not a weight room. He added he wants to support kids' activities. He stated that we are privileged to live here.

Katie Biggers, North Tahoe Lacrosse coach, stated we need a safe space to recreate, and a field house would be an opportunity and could be used as general community space. These could be money-makers. She added she is part of the Tahoe City Downtown Association.

Public comment via Zoom:

Kylie Bigelow, Tahoe City, encouraged the boards to keep moving this forward. She stated she speaks with other families, and a weight room might not be needed, support local gyms instead. She asked if this moves forward, will the districts merge? GM Barclay addressed her question and noted there is no intent to merge – we would create a joint powers authority.

Jessica Asher, NTPUD resident and mom, stated she would appreciate having these services in our local area and not having to drive to Truckee.

Carolyn Pretzer, a Tahoe Vista resident, stated she supports this for families but don't forget the seniors. Seniors don't need a weight room, but instead, we need low-intensity exercises. Modify the weight room into a community space.

There were no further requests for public comment.

In response to the public comments, GM Barclay provided context about the field house removal from this plan. In response to President Coolidge's inquiry, asking if it's possible the field house could be added back into the plan, GM Barclay stated yes. He added we have done a program, not a building design yet. After November, we can look at the weight room and field house options.

President Coolidge requested the NTPUD board provide direction. Director Hughes stated she appreciated the comments and priorities from the public.

**NTPUD Motion: Director Hughes moved to continue. Director Daniels seconded the motion to continue. The Board held a brief discussion about supporting staff time to secure Placer County's land use agreement prior to the November 2024 ACA-1 decision. The motion carried unanimously in favor.**

**TCPUD Motion: Director Friedman moved to proceed with the next steps dependent on the outcome of the November 2024 ACA-1 ballot measure. Director Wilkins seconded the motion. The Board held a brief discussion about the previous efforts, and possibly downsizing this proposal. They recommended conducting more surveys and securing approval of land. Consultant Heath addressed a question about conducting a Benefit Assessment. The board discussed the options of sunseting. Director Pang asked staff to contact Reno and South Lake Tahoe to gather information and insight about the new pools being constructed there. The motion was carried unanimously in favor.**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS –**

Lelia Johnson, Truckee Swim Coach, stated she would love a pool here and doesn't want to keep driving to Truckee. In response to her inquiry about presidential versus non-presidential election years, Consultant Heath spoke about higher participation during presidential elections; however, we learned during polling that there would be a marginal difference.

DeeDee Driller, Tahoe Truckee Unified District, we have the same community and are aware of this effort. She added TTUSD is listening.

Ms. Murnane noted that we did invite Placer County, TTUSD, and CTC. Representatives were in attendance today. There were no further requests for public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT** – The board members thanked the public members, staff, and consultants for attending. There being no further business to come before the Boards, the meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.