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TCPUD Rolls Back Water Rate Increases

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At the December 2011 Board meeting, the Tahoe City Public Utility District (TCPUD) Board of Directors voted unanimously to roll back the water and sewer rates for 2012 from the Proposition 218 adopted rates. The good news for customers is that based on the operational savings achieved by the District, the increase in water rates will be far less than originally approved with Proposition 218.

While TCPUD's water and sewer revenues have been less than projected, the District staff, under the direction of the Board and management, have aggressively pursued various cost savings measures while at the same time securing Federal grant funding for infrastructure projects. The District has been successful in lowering operational costs and is passing on the savings to the customers so that effective April 1, 2012, both residential and commercial monthly rates will be reduced from those previously adopted for 2012.

"Thanks to the diligence and commitment of our staff, our operating costs are down. The District is able to take these savings in operations and pass them down directly to our customers," commented Ramona Cruz, TCPUD's Director of Accounting/Treasurer.

TCPUD remains committed to the long term objective of rebuilding water and sewer infrastructure with an overall goal of raising \$1.4 million from rates in water and \$1.8 million in sewer for the replacement of long-term capital infrastructure.

Board President Ron Treabess added, "The financial savings in operations allows us to reach our overall objective with less of a water rate increase and less impact on the customer. In sewer we can extend the time for reaching the recommended goal without negatively impacting our progress of the rehabilitation of the 40+ year-old infrastructure. This will allow for more gradual and predictable increases for the customers. Everyone benefits from operational savings."