

South Tahoe Public  
Utility District

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# District Digest

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## November 3 Election for STPUD Board of Directors

The South Tahoe Public Utility District is a California special district formed on September 28, 1950 that provides drinking water and wastewater services for the community of South Tahoe. Special districts are an integral part of the local government framework and are considered by many as the most responsive form of local government, as they are formed by local voters to provide specific and focused services. Every day, Californians are served by special districts. The water for your morning shower and the sewer system that carries it to the wastewater treatment plant, the parks our children enjoy, the street lights and fire protection we depend on, mosquito abatement that makes an evening BBQ pleasant, the libraries that enrich our knowledge, and many other daily services are often provided by special districts.

So, what's so special about special districts? The answer: **focused service**. *Focused* because they provide one or two services, allowing them to concentrate on those core activities, in the District's case, water and wastewater. *Service* because special districts deliver services that their constituents want. Cities and counties must provide a wide variety of services, many of them unfunded mandates by the federal and state governments. Special districts provide only the public services that the public wants.

The South Tahoe Public Utility District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors who are elected to staggered four year terms. Since the Directors answer to only the electorate residing in the District, a self-governed district is able to have a significant amount of autonomy in representing the interests of the community they serve. In order for the District to remain proactive and responsive to the community it must rely on strong local leadership drawn from within its service area.

The District's Directors are elected by seat and this November three seats will be up for election. They are Seat #1 (currently held by Ernie Claudio), Seat #2 (currently held by James R. Jones), and Seat #5 (currently held by Eric W. Schafer).

The nomination period begins on July 13, 2009 and ends on August 7, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. This is the period when interested individuals must declare their intention of running for a seat by filing a Declaration of Candidacy with El Dorado County. If the incumbent for their term **fails to file by the last day of the nomination period, the time will be extended for five (5) days (August 12, 2009)**. The incumbent may not file after August 7, 2009. At this point, all three incumbents have voiced their intent to run for their respective board seats. Therefore, any interested individuals should file by the August 7 deadline to ensure their opportunity to run for office. Candidates must be a registered voter and live within the District's service area.

All Declarations of Candidacy papers are issued from the Elections Department in Placerville located at 2850 Fairlane Court (M-F 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.) and/or the Recorder's-Clerk's office located at 3368 Lake Tahoe Boulevard, Suite 108, in South Lake Tahoe. Please note the Recorder-Clerks office in South Lake Tahoe is open M-F 8-5, however they are closed from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.. Should you have any questions regarding the process of running for the South Tahoe Public Utility District's Board of Directors, please feel free to call the El Dorado County Voters Office at 530.621.7480 or visit their website at [www.co.el-dorado.ca.us/elections](http://www.co.el-dorado.ca.us/elections) for additional information.

Contact Kathy Sharp, Clerk of the Board, at 530.543.6208, with specific Board of Directors or District related questions. The District looks forward to your participation.



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### DON'T FORGET....

The District's ongoing Water Conservation Program is currently in effect and it is critical to observe the correct days when irrigating your landscaping. They are:

Even-numbered street addresses: MONDAY—WEDNESDAY—FRIDAY

Odd-numbered street addresses: SUNDAY—TUESDAY—THURSDAY

#### NO LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION ON SATURDAY

- Hand watering (with automatic shut-off nozzle) OK at any time
- Car washing (with automatic shut-off nozzle) OK at any time
- Drip irrigation and other low-flow irrigation are exempt from designated irrigation days.
- Exemptions are available for newly planted lawns and other vegetation. However, you must call the District's Water Conservation Specialist, Shelly Barnes, at 543.6268 to receive this exemption.
- Remember, there is never enough water to waste!

## Major Water Infrastructure Projects—2009

### Ski Run Boulevard Waterline Replacement Project

This project is located on Ski Run Boulevard from the intersection of U.S. Highway 50 to Aspen Avenue. The work to be performed consists of construction of approximately 3,500 lineal feet of new 12-inch PVC waterline, services, fire hydrants, interties and associated work, including paving striping, erosion control and traffic control.

**Estimated project cost: \$300,000**

### Al Tahoe Waterline Replacement Project

This project is located on various streets in the Los Angeles Avenue area. The work to be performed consists of approximately 6,000 lineal feet of new 8-inch PVC waterline, services, fire hydrants, interties and associated work, including paving, striping, erosion control and traffic control.

**Estimated project cost: \$1.2 million**

### Sonora Avenue Waterline Replacement Project

The site of the work is located on various streets in the Sonora Avenue area. The work to be performed consists of approximately 6,000 lineal feet of new 8-inch PVC waterline, meter vaults, fire hydrants, interties and associated work including paving, striping, erosion control and traffic control.

**Estimated project cost: \$1.2 million**

### Angora Water Storage Tank Replacement Project

This project is at the tank site located in Angora Highlands near Aberdeen Ct. This portion is the first year of a two-year project and consists of construction of a new access road and associated site work in preparation for demolition and replacement of the old water storage tank. The new tank will roughly quadruple the water storage capability.

**Estimated Phase I Cost: \$600,000 Estimated Total Project Cost \$1.1 million**

### Project Benefits

All these projects will provide better water quality, quantity, pressures and fire suppression capability.