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Upcoming Special Events:

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Board Meetings

Second Friday of the month at 8:30 a.m. at the District Offices
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FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES WORKSHOP

The Board of Directors will host a workshop at 2:00 p.m. on January 13, 2005, at the District offices. The Board and the Fire Committee will attend to discuss the Alpine Meadows Fire Department, the existing and desired level(s) of service provided to the Community and how to best achieve goals for improved service. Among the alternatives to be discussed will be annexation of the fire and emergency services functions of the District to another services provider. Your (public) input is hereby solicited. We want to hear from you on this issue. Please make plans to attend or otherwise make your opinions known.

COMMITTEE OPENINGS

The District has five standing Committees which meet on a regular basis. As a function of Policy Governance, the majority of the District policies are drafted in Committee and taken to the Board for consideration. These Committees include public members among their membership. These Committees are:

1. Administration & Personnel
2. Budget & Finance
3. Fire
4. Park, Recreation & Greenbelt
5. Long Range Planning

If you are interested in serving as a member of a Committee, please contact a Director or staff for details.

DISTRICT REVENUES TAKEN, AGAIN – AN UPDATE

The State of California again plans to shift property tax revenue from the District to the State to help balance the State's budget. Placer County has recently provided the District with the calculations of that tax shift (\$71,989.70) and the District is taking steps to offset the budgetary shortfall. As you can imagine, this will significantly affect the District's finances, as the District relies on property tax revenue from the State for approximately 50% of its operating budget.

The District has hired a consultant to analyze the District's rate methodology to, among other things, assist the District in developing strategies and tariff structures (the various charges to customers) to set a course for financial stability both in the short and long terms.

We will keep you apprised of the findings and recommendations.

THE DUMPSTERS

The dumpsters at the District office are among the last in the Tahoe area. Unfortunately, some persons are aware of this fact and use the dump site to get rid of their construction debris, unwanted home furnishings and hazardous wastes at no expense to themselves. Very recently, the District had to call on the services of the local Hazardous Material Response Team to collect and dispose of some unknown liquids left at the site. This ended up costing the District six hundred twenty dollars (\$620.00). Needless to say, if this continues, the Board will be forced to consider removing the dumpsters and ending this service to the community. Should you, in your visits to the dump site, observe anyone unloading prohibited materials (there is a sign at the dumpsters listing those material that are not acceptable), please take note of a license plate, time, date and description of the person(s) and materials being deposited and either call the Sheriff's office of the District office to let us know. As a

reminder, the dumpsters are for household garbage only. No dumping of liquids of any sort, hazardous waste, appliances, furniture, horticultural debris, construction debris, dirt, rocks, etc., is allowed. If in doubt, don't dump it.

REMEMBER THE BEARS!!! LATCH THE DUMPSTERS!!! Otherwise, our friendly, hungry, inquisitive, resident bears make a mess of things and get habituated to human garbage as a food source.

ADOPT A FIRE HYDRANT PROGRAM

There has been some interest voiced in resurrecting a past program in which residents of the Valley can "adopt" a fire hydrant. The adoption would require that the resident be willing and able to clear the hydrant of snow during the winter months. This, of course, would not include the occasional multi foot dumps. In those instances, District staff will assist. As a rule, the District staff clears only those hydrants that are most critical and leaves lesser hydrants for when time is available.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please let us know

The Alpine Springs County Water District wants your input, comments and suggestions.

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