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At the District Office:

Friday, January 12th at 8:30
a.m.

Friday, February 9th at 8:30
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LONG RANGE MASTER PLAN

The District is in the process of preparing a Long Range Master Plan. The District hired the consulting firm of Lumos and Associates to prepare the plan at a cost of approximately \$42,000.00. The purpose of the Long Range Master Plan is to evaluate the condition of the existing water and sewer utility systems and provide recommendations for the necessary improvements. The District's water and sewer facilities are approximately 43 years old. There are approximately 130 lots which are un-built at the present time. Another 107 lots are proposed for development and are in various stages of approvals. One of the purposes of the Long Range Master Plan is to insure that the new developments pay their prorated share of the cost of improvements. Your input is requested -- there will be public hearings during the winter months as the Plan progresses. We will have more information on the Plan as time passes.

HOLIDAY GARBAGE SCHEDULE

Please note the following changes to garbage service schedules for the winter holidays as Christmas Day and New Years Day fall on a Monday this year: routes normally scheduled for collection on Christmas Day and New Years Day will be collected the following day. Routes will return to their normal Monday collection on January 8, 2007.

NO COLLECTION: Christmas Day, Monday 12/25/06
Route will be collected 12/26/06

NO COLLECTION: New Year's Day, Monday 01/01/07
Route will be collected 01/02/07

In the event of severe weather, routes will be completed at the earliest opportunity.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLE PROGRAM

Christmas tree recycling will begin on Monday, January 8, 2007. Christmas trees will be collected without charge on the customers' regular service days during the weeks of January 8th and 12th. Trees must be exposed to view, free of foreign matter (i.e., tinsel, garland, lights, stands, nails, flocking), and cut into three (3) foot segments to facilitate removal.

SANTA WILL BE MAKING HIS VISITS THIS YEAR

Santa will be making his annual visit to Alpine Meadows on Christmas Eve. If you would like to have a visit from Santa Claus this year or need more information, please contact Pam at the District office at 583-2342 x-11. It has been a tradition in Alpine Meadows to have Santa Claus arrive at your home and deliver gifts which you have purchased for your younger children. Santa will only make fifteen stops starting at 5:00 PM and 6:30 PM, so call now to be sure your children are not disappointed.

WINTER IS COMING! STEPS TO PREPARE YOUR HOME

Every year, some customers find themselves without water due to frozen water pipes. Here are a few steps that you can take to avoid problems this winter.

- (1) **Disconnect and drain outdoor hoses.** Disconnecting the hose allows water to drain from the supply line, which prevents an overnight freeze from bursting the faucet or the supply line.
- (2) **Cover air vents.** Close or cover all air vents in the foundation wall of your home to protect pipes in the crawl space from exposure to freezing air.
- (3) **Open cabinet doors.** Opening cabinet doors allows heat to get to uninsulated pipes near exterior walls.
- (4) **Insulate pipes in unheated areas.** A little known fact is that hot water pipes generally freeze before cold water pipes. The water pipes that tend to be most

susceptible to freezing are found in outer walls, crawl spaces, attics and garages. Exposed pipes should be insulated with items such as pipe wrap, heat tape or foam jackets. These insulating products are available at your local building supply or hardware store. Be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions when installing these products. Call a plumber if you have any questions.

- (5) **Winterize your vacant house.** If you leave your house for several days or months, help protect pipes from freezing by following these steps:
- a. Turn off your water using the main shut-off valve installed on the house side of the water meter. The District encourages ALL property owners to have a main shut off valve installed. **You may not turn off the water using the District's valve located in your meter box.** Damage caused by doing so is the owner's responsibility. Be aware that if you have a fire protection sprinkler system in your house, it will be deactivated if your shut off valve is located ahead of the fire service take off, when you shut off the water.
 - b. If you drain your water heater, be sure to turn off the electricity or gas source.
 - c. Open indoor and outdoor faucets to drain pipes.
 - d. Drain toilets by holding down the lever until the tank empties. Then turn off the water at the water supply located under the holding tank.
 - e. Leave your heat on at a minimum temperature of 55 degrees to help keep pipes from freezing in interior walls.

If your pipes do freeze, don't take chances. If your pipes do freeze and you turn on your faucets and nothing comes out, leave the faucet on and call a plumber. If you do determine that your pipes have frozen and burst, turn off the water at the main shut-off valve, not the District's valve, and leave the faucet on. Even the most cautious homeowner may eventually experience a frozen pipe. If this happens, don't panic. A freeze up at an exposed pipe or under a sink can generally be melted by applying heat with a hair dryer, heat lamp or even a light bulb. Light bulbs should always be protected by a cage and not be placed near flammable materials. Start warming the pipe as close to the faucet as possible. **CAUTION: NEVER TRY TO THAW A PIPE WITH A TORCH OR OTHER OPEN FLAME.** This may seem like a reasonable approach, but it is very dangerous. Thawing a line too rapidly with extreme heat can result in an explosion and may cause injury. Water damage is preferable to burning down your house.

Get to know your plumbing. Learn how to shut the water off and know where your pipes are located. If your pipes do freeze, time is of the essence. The quicker you can shut off the water, or direct your plumber to the problem, the better chance you have to prevent pipes from bursting.

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