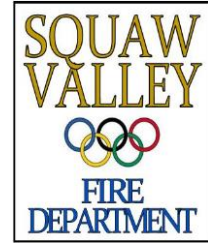




# SQUAW VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT



## ADMINISTRATION/OFFICE REPORT

**DATE:** April 24, 2018  
**TO:** District Board Members  
**FROM:** Kathryn Obayashi-Bartsch, Secretary to the Board  
**SUBJECT:** Monthly Report

**DISCUSSION:** Summer Newsletter Ideas

Staff will be preparing the summer newsletter and seeks ideas for articles or other information to include in this newsletter. Please contact staff with suggestions.

Chlorine Notifications

Staff assisted with the notification to customers of water system flushing and chlorine treatment by calling 19 customers that requested notification of this standard operating procedure.

Backflow Testing Notices

Backflow testing notices are being prepared and will be sent to 187 customers in early May. Many of the customers have multiple devices which must be tested. A second notice is scheduled for mailing in early June as needed.

Past Due Notices

Staff sent 21 past due notices for customer accounts that were due by August 31, 2017. Last year staff sent 30 notices. The total outstanding balance for these accounts is \$30,332.42, compared to last year at \$40,706.52. If these accounts remain unpaid, they will be submitted to Placer County for collection through property taxes against the property contingent on Board approval in June.

Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) Loss Prevention Allowance Funds

SDRMA members may submit a request for reimbursement to SDRMA for amounts spent on loss prevention efforts during the program year up to a maximum of \$1,000 per year. Thanks to Jessica Grunst, Account Clerk II/HR Specialist who read about this program and submitted a reimbursement request for recently acquired safety equipment, the District will be receiving a \$1,000 reimbursement check!

Drinking Water Tax – SB 623

Last year, the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) and more than 100 member agencies actively opposed SB 623 which proposes a tax on drinking water (paid by residential and business customers) as a means of funding drinking water solutions in some disadvantaged communities throughout California. The intent behind SB 623 is to fill gaps in funding for safe drinking water for such communities and residents. The ACWA and coalition of local water agencies believe there are other effective solutions and appropriate funding strategies to address this important public health issue.

A Lake Tahoe regional coalition of local water agencies including, Tahoe City PUD, South Tahoe PUD, North Tahoe PUD, Truckee Donner PUD, Northstar CSD, Squaw Valley PSD, and Alpine Springs County Water District strongly opposes a legislative proposal to tax Californian's drinking water and have prepared a press release for public distribution (attached). The press release was published in the *Truckee Sun* (formerly the *Sierra Sun*) on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Press Release: *Local Water Agencies Oppose Proposed Drinking Water Tax*

**DATE PREPARED:** April 13, 2018



**For Immediate Release**

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## **Local Water Agencies Oppose Proposed Drinking Water Tax**

**Lake Tahoe/Truckee, CA – April 2, 2018**

A Lake Tahoe regional coalition of local water agencies including, Tahoe City PUD, South Tahoe PUD, North Tahoe PUD, Truckee Donner PUD, Northstar CSD, Squaw Valley PSD, and Alpine Springs County Water District strongly opposes a legislative proposal to tax Californian's drinking water. Introduced in 2017 as Senate Bill 623, it is called the "Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fee" and is aimed at residential and business water customers. This statewide water tax is proposed as a way to address a lack of access to safe drinking water for some people who live in rural, disadvantaged communities. We believe there are other effective solutions and appropriate funding strategies to address this important public health and social issue.

Your local, public water agencies are committed to providing safe and reliable water and support the intent of the bill. We understand the severity of the problem and the need for solutions. However, taxing Californians' water is not the solution. The effect of the bill would essentially tax Californians for something that is essential to life, erode the affordability of water for local water users, turn hundreds of local water agencies into taxation entities that send money to Sacramento, impact families just above low-income thresholds, and would open the door to future taxes on water customers.

Most Californians have likely not heard of this proposed new tax. We believe our customers should be aware of this legislative proposal and our efforts to actively oppose it, unless amended to remove the water tax as a funding mechanism. Fortunately, we stand with a growing coalition of local water agencies across California who are pushing back against the proposed tax because it deprives them of local control and unfairly imposes a tax on a basic necessity of life, your drinking water.

For questions, contact your local water purveyor. Additional information can be found at <https://www.acwa.com/resources/no-water-tax-video/>.

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