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### Tuolumne Utilities District Board Meeting Report of December 14, 2010

Tuesday night, December 14<sup>th</sup>, Tuolumne Utilities District Board of Directors voted 5-0, to approve a resolution supporting the Sierra Nevada Conservancy regarding the Sierra Nevada Forest and Community Initiative. The Sierra Nevada Conservancy is working with a variety of groups to raise awareness and take action relative revitalization of the sierra economy by encouraging business, public agencies, public land managers, environmental organizations and others to work together to capitalize on existing sierra attributes. The resolution represents a commitment on the part of signatories to work together to identify, initiate and support actions necessary to achieve the long-term environmental, economic and social well-being of the Sierra Nevada Region. The initiative will primarily focus on issues relating to public lands in the Region, while recognizing the importance of private lands in achieving the overall objectives.

Tom Scesa, TUD District Engineer made a presentation on operation of the Twain Harte Interceptor and potential hazards. The Twain Harte Interceptor was constructed in 1975 as a part of the Regional Sewer System. It was designed to transport only treated effluent from the Twain Harte Wastewater Treatment Plant to the Regional Plant in Sonora. The treatment plant treats sewage from the service area of the Twain Harte Community Services District which has an estimated 1,572 equivalent single family residences. The interceptor is 6.9 miles long from its beginning in Crystal Falls Unit 4 to the Sullivan Creek Bridge on Mono Way, where it connects to the East Sonora Interceptor. Over the years, the District and its predecessors have allowed residential connections to the interceptor. The interceptor has several "inverted siphons" where the pipeline is between high points and the sewage is under pressure and was not designed to carry solids. The consensus of the Board was to have District staff perform some additional investigations on the condition of the Twain Harte Interceptor and to develop options for repair or replacement of the interceptor in the future.

The Board of Directors also elected a Director Bob Behee for the office of Board President for the 2011 term and also elected Director Barbara Balen for the office of Board Vice President for the 2011 year.

The TUD Board meeting agenda and minutes can be viewed on TUD's website:  
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