

STATEMENT  
of  
PURPOSE, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Tuolumne Utilities District

This statement describes and briefly explains the Tuolumne Utilities District's purpose, goals and objectives and the direction the Board of Directors may adopt to facilitate their implementation. Individual Directors of the District, District staff, and members of the public will be invited to contribute to their development and this statement will reflect the consideration and final consensus of the Board of Directors.

PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the Tuolumne Utilities District is to efficiently provide reliable, reasonably priced water, sewer, and other services authorized under the California State Water Code to customers within its service area and to protect and utilize the available water resources within Tuolumne County for both present and future beneficial uses by residents within the District's jurisdiction (shown on the attached map).

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goals and objectives stated herein are intended to provide direction to the District and meet responsibilities within its jurisdiction. They establish priorities for the use of financial and human resources both now and for the foreseeable future. The goals and objectives are not stated in order of importance or priority.

The goals and objectives of the Tuolumne Utilities District are:

1. SERVICE. Provide the highest level of safe, reliable, efficient, and cost effective service.
2. FINANCIAL. Maintain a sound financial condition adequate to provide the level of service described herein, provide for active protection and development of the water and wastewater resources within the District's jurisdiction for the benefit of its residents, and provide a stable basis for the acquisition of available state and federal loan and grants.
3. PUBLIC RELATIONS. Communicate policy, projects, and activities of the District to enhance understanding and involvement by the general public, and provide timely response to inquiries or communications.
4. WATER. To initiate and implement both short and long term plans to meet both present and future demands for water resources within the District's jurisdiction at a reasonable cost and with the least environmental impact, including but not limited to the following:
  - a. Water Supply. Development of surface and ground water resource projects to provide a viable, sufficient, cost-effective water supply. Both long and near term projects shall be provided by gravity where possible and include hydroelectric power generation where feasible to offset costs of development.
  - b. Reserved Supplies. Full development, transmission, and distribution of available water reserved in the Stanislaus River system to meet the need for beneficial domestic,

industrial, and agricultural uses.

- c. **Small Hydro.** Investigation and development of small hydroelectric power generation facilities to optimize the beneficial use of available water resources where economically and environmentally feasible.
  - d. **Consolidation of Water Systems.** Voluntary consolidation of water systems to increase operation and maintenance efficiencies, effectiveness, and reliability, to minimize operation and maintenance costs. It is not the intention of the District to acquire water systems without invitation and cooperation.
  - e. **Create New Water Service Areas.** Provide assistance to existing communities by constructing new water service facilities through Assessment or Improvement District formation/funding or by other available means.
  - f. **Water System Improvements.** Implementation of improvements to existing domestic water systems as needed to meet established state and federal water quality and reliability standards.
  - g. **Raw Water Transmission Improvements.** Provide efficient operation, maintenance and repair to the raw water ditch system, with consideration given to competing values.
  - h. **Use of Raw Water.** Promote the reduction of use of raw untreated water for domestic consumption but provide for agricultural and other non-drinking raw water uses.
  - i. **Service.** Provide water service wherever feasible within the District's jurisdiction in conformance with the Tuolumne County General Plan and TUD Rules and Regulations for Water Service.
  - j. **Cost of Service.** Assure the cost of providing water service to new customers and to developments is borne by the beneficiaries of that service and assure that new demand does not adversely affect service to existing customers.
  - k. **Conservation.** Promotion and encouragement of water conservation through education, demonstration, and assistance. Promote the principles of the Best Management Practices Memorandum of Understanding.
5. **WASTEWATER.** To initiate and implement both short and long term plans within the District's jurisdiction to meet present and future demands at a reasonable cost and with the least adverse environmental impact, including but not limited to the following:
- a. **Public Health Hazards.** Investigate and evaluate communities and areas that constitute potential public health hazards and potential for groundwater pollution and evaluate cost-effective alternatives for providing public sewer service.
  - b. **Infiltration and Inflow.** Continue to evaluate and reduce sources of infiltration and inflow that enter existing sewer collection systems that are connected to the Regional sewer system.
  - c. **Treatment.** Provide cost-effective, consistent, reliable treatment of the wastewater and septage wastes generated within Tuolumne County to the levels established by federal and state standards.

- d. Reclamation. Promote and expand the reuse of treated and disinfected wastewater to the highest beneficial use including, tertiary treatment of wastewater where appropriate.
  - e. Collection Systems. Provide a vehicle for existing communities to construct sewer collection systems where needed or desired through Assessment or Improvement District formation/funding or by other available means.
  - f. Operations. Optimize operation and maintenance efficiency.
  - g. Service. Provide sewer service wherever feasible within the District's jurisdiction in conformance with the Tuolumne County General Plan.
  - h. Cost. Assure that the cost of providing sewer service to new customers and developments is borne by the beneficiaries of that service and assure that the demand does not adversely affect service to existing customers.
6. PERSONNEL. Implement and maintain a personnel management system that:
- a. Assures the recruitment and hiring of qualified, motivated people into the District's work force when needed.
  - b. Promotes excellence in employee performance.
  - c. Provides an opportunity for employees to develop and advance to the extent their skills, interests, and productivity permit within the limits available to the District and attempts to compensate them fairly.
  - d. Assures that the work force is capable of meeting the demands of the District's workload.
  - e. Assures that employee performance meets high standards of quality and productivity.
  - f. Maintains a quality working environment for the employees.
7. PUBLIC INFORMATION. Implement and continually improve a District public information program that:
- a. Provides timely and easily understood information about District activities and its effects upon District customers, employees, and the public in general.
  - b. Projects a positive and accurate image of the District and its activities in the community.
  - c. Promotes and encourages water conservation.
  - d. Encourages public participation in District activities.