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Tuolumne Utilities District Board Meeting Report of October 25, 2011

Tuesday night, October 25th, Tuolumne Utilities District (TUD) Board of Directors voted 4-0 (Director Retherford absent) to approve a standard license agreement for the Mt. Elizabeth site to enhance communication efficiencies with the Tri-Dam Project. TUD is in need of improving their SCADA communications and entered into the agreement with Tri-Dam in order to place an antenna on their tower at the Mt. Elizabeth site. TUD will pay Tri-Dam an annual sum of \$750.00 to use the Mt. Elizabeth site for their SCADA communication enhancements.

The Board of Directors also approved a fee collection and disbursement agreement for participation in the Statewide Community Infrastructure Program (SCIP) with the California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA) and the County of Tuolumne. In a continued effort to spark growth and investment in the local economy, the City of Sonora and County of Tuolumne, over the past year, have evaluated and approved participating in a statewide program which provides up-front cash to the public entity to cover the cost of project mitigation/impact fees. The financing is provided, on behalf of the project developer, through the formation of an assessment district. The assessments are paid by the developer at such time as the project is completed and sells or begins to operate and generate revenue. TUD has been asked by Tuolumne County and the City of Sonora to approve such a program at TUD for our connection / capacity fees. TUD will have the funds "passed through" the County to TUD pursuant to the approved agreement. The SCIP is a program available through the CSCDA. CSCDA is a joint powers authority which was created at the request of the League of California Cities and California State Association of Counties and to which the County of Tuolumne is already a member. In short, the SCIP program allows for the creation and use of special assessment district to raise capital for specific projects through the issuance of tax exempt bonds that are repaid by property tax assessments over time (up to 30 years).

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