



TAHOE CITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

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Kevin Smith
Truckee Tahoe Airport District
10356 Truckee Airport Rd.
Truckee, CA 96161

Dear Mr. Smith,

Concluding our joint purchase of the Tahoe City Golf Course with Placer County, we conducted an extensive public outreach process. The public process revealed that ice skating was the highest priority new amenity the community wanted to see at the golf course site. In response to the community's interest, the Tahoe City Public Utility District (TCPUD) is proposing the purchase and construction of a seasonal ice rink at the course. We would like to ask you and your Board to consider a funding request of \$250,000 to help fund this amenity. As part of your consideration, we would like to offer the following about the project and your financial participation:

1. Providing Additional Recreation – At the time of acquiring the Tahoe City Golf Course, all purchasing partners were made aware that the community strongly requested additional recreation opportunities be made available, year-round at the facility. An ice skating amenity was specifically identified as a top priority by a majority of survey respondents in the community. This request is also consistent with that of Truckee Donner Parks and Recreation in regards to their aquatic facility.
2. Preserving Open Space - The pending deed restrictions will ensure preservation of the open space and recreation amenities by limiting future development options. This project will assist in making the golf course site financially self-sustaining year-round, thereby further protecting the open space and recreation amenities long term.
3. Residents of TTAD would receive the "resident rate" – Should your Board agree to this funding request, the TCPUD and its concessionaires would ensure a tiered rate structure, whereby all residents of the Truckee Tahoe Airport District would be granted the "resident" or "local" rate which would be lower than the standard rate.
4. Local Match – TCPUD will commit a 50% match (\$125,000) of local funding as a condition of this request being granted.
5. TTAD Recognition – As part of this funding, TCPUD will prominently recognize TTAD as a funding partner/sponsor. Options include but are not limited to; branding on dasher boards, signage, plaques, press releases, marketing materials, etc.

The TTAD has been an investment partner and involved in maximizing the value of the golf course property for both recreational and aeronautical uses from the beginning. The pending helipad for emergency helicopter service, the Winter Sports Park, and addition of bocce ball courts, are all excellent examples of measures that add value to the community and have been accomplished cooperatively. An ice rink at the Winter Sports Park would deliver on the additional desires of the community and provide a non-snow dependent, winter recreation activity within the Lake Tahoe area of TTAD. This project will contribute to a successful, year-round operation at the golf course facility, which will in turn, help protect it as a community asset and not be subject to other development. Lastly, the prominent support of a highly desired community project in a more distant region within the airport district boundaries would provide significant goodwill and recognition for the TTAD. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Cindy Gustafson
General Manager

