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Donner Summit PUD Wastewater Facilities Plan Presented to Board and Is Now Available for Public View

SODA SPRINGS, Calif. — June 9, 2010 — The Donner Summit Public Utility District (DSPUD) Wastewater Facilities Plan is now available for the public to view at www.DSPUD.com. The public is invited to two informational meetings to meet with project staff and learn about proposed upgrades to the DSPUD Wastewater Treatment Plant:

Joint Wastewater Facilities Committee Meeting
Monday, June 21, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.
Judah Lodge, Sugar Bowl

Joint Board Meeting (DSPUD & Sierra Lakes County Water District)
Saturday, July 10, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.
Judah Lodge, Sugar Bowl

The Facilities Plan defines the recommended treatment options and upgrades for the DSPUD Wastewater Treatment Plant that are necessary due to a new discharge permit issued by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region. The new permit, going into effect in April 2014, requires a higher level of treatment before effluent discharge into the Yuba River. Maintaining the health and pristine nature of the Yuba River has been a primary factor influencing suggested upgrades to the treatment plant. These upgrades will be extensive and will result in higher fees to rate payers.

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The Facilities Plan has been reviewed by the Joint Wastewater Facilities Committee, which includes board members from DSPUD and Sierra Lakes County Water District. The Committee has voted to recommend the May 2010 Facilities Plan which includes tertiary MBR or “membrane bioreactors” treatment of the wastewater effluent. MBR treatment allows the plant to be configured to maximize nitrate and ammonia removal. Details about all treatment options including MBR, increasing the flow equalization storage, dealing with extreme temperature fluctuations, effluent storage options to mitigate biostimulation and irrigation options are some of the many topics covered in the 414-page Facilities Plan.

The two public meetings have been scheduled to receive comments and discuss the contents of the Facilities Plan with the DSPUD staff and board members as well as the engineers, finance experts and biologists who are working on the project.

Visit www.DSPUD.com to download the plan for free or to order a copy on CD for a nominal fee.

About the Donner Summit Public Utility District:

The Donner Summit Public Utility District (DSPUD) provides water and wastewater treatment for the Donner Summit area (Placer and Nevada counties) in the Sierra Nevada Mountains in California. The DSPUD strives to serve and treat water to the benefit of our environment including the human, animal and plant life within our watershed and beyond. For more information, visit www.dspud.com.

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