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Donner Summit PUD Initiates Construction on Water Treatment Plant

SODA SPRINGS, Calif. — August 24, 2016 — Donner Summit Public Utility District (DSPUD) (DSPUD.com) has hired a contractor to complete necessary upgrades to its water treatment plant. Over the last several years, water tested at the water treatment plant has not consistently met turbidity level requirements. The current plant is not designed to filter such high levels of turbidity caused by algae in DSPUD's raw water source, Lake Angela. While a change in turbidity level does not affect water safety, it does change the appearance of the water.

The existing gravity fed system cannot adequately filter out the existing algae in Lake Angela. The upgraded plant will include two clarification/filtration treatment basins and improvements to the existing clearwell, which will improve chlorine contact time. The chemical feed facilities will be replaced as needed.

The current water treatment plant provides service to over 275 customers and is built to process about 0.50 MGD per day. The upgraded plant will increase capacity to 1.0 MG to fulfill the state mandated redundancy to have two basins with the capacity to treat 0.5 MGD of water daily. The two basin system serves as a back up in the event one basin becomes unusable for any length of time and during normal maintenance.

Manito Construction Inc., located in Pleasanton, was selected through a competitive bid process and awarded the \$2.4 million contract. Eighty percent of the cost will be paid through a grant received from the California Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. The remaining 20 percent will be financed through a zero interest loan over 30 years. Contractors are onsite and have begun construction, which will be complete in February 2017.

Visit DSPUD.com for more information about the district and its services.

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. 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. DSPUD.com

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