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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## from the Tuolumne Utilities District

### regarding a proposed

# Wastewater Property Assessment for the Brentwood Park Subdivision

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### What is T.U.D.?

The Tuolumne Utilities District ("TUD") is a public agency that operates the County's largest wastewater treatment system and oversees water delivery and water treatment for most Tuolumne County communities. Formed in 1992, TUD is governed by an elected board of local residents.

### Why Did You Receive This Information?

Last summer a petition was circulated to Brentwood Park property-owners requesting TUD to consider the formation of a benefit assessment district to fund the construction of a new wastewater system to connect 276 Brentwood Park properties on individual septic systems to TUD's wastewater collection and treatment system.

This project was envisioned in the 1980's by one of TUD's predecessor agencies to address concerns about water quality in the Sullivan Creek drainage. It was reactivated when TUD was approached by some concerned residents of Brentwood Park. A wastewater system in the area would improve water quality in the Sullivan Creek drainage, which is the drinking water for a majority of TUD's customers. Additionally, it will allow greater lot usage and flexibility to the existing residents of Brentwood Park.

The results of the petition were presented to the Tuolumne Utilities District Board of Directors in February 2008. Based on the results of the petition, TUD is further considering the feasibility and property-owner interest in the project and associated property assessment.

### How much is the proposed project and associated property assessment?

For the project to move forward, a weighted majority of Brentwood Park property owners would have to support a benefit assessment to fund the project. The wastewater assessment could be paid up front by each property owner or financed annually over the next 20 years and collected with your property taxes. At this time, the estimated assessment amounts are as follows:

- ◆ One-time property assessment of approximately **\$24,000 per home**  
- OR -
- ◆ Financed annual property assessment of **\$1,800 to \$2,000 per home for 20 years**

### How do we vote on this?

At this time, the Tuolumne Utilities District is only considering the property-owner interest and support for the proposed project and assessment. An official survey from TUD will be mailed to all Brentwood Park property owners this Fall. The Tuolumne Utilities District Board of Directors will consider the results of the official survey; take public input from Brentwood property owners; and then decide whether to proceed with a Proposition 218 Assessment Ballot Proceeding to fund the project.

If the TUD Board decided to conduct the ballot proceeding, the wastewater assessment would not be imposed if weighted ballots submitted in opposition to the assessment exceed the weighted ballots submitted in favor of the assessment. If a majority of weighted ballots returned are in support, the TUD Board may authorize the levy of the assessment to fund the project.

### Next Steps - Tentative Timeline

#### September / October 2008

Outreach to Brentwood Park Property-Owners regarding proposed wastewater assessment.

#### September / October 2008

Mail official survey and info sheet regarding proposed wastewater assessment to all Brentwood park property-owners.

#### December 9th Board Meeting

Official survey results presented to T.U.D. Board of Directors.

T.U.D. Board of Directors to hear public comment on proposed wastewater assessment.

TBD - T.U.D. Board of Directors to consider whether to proceed with wastewater assessment ballot proceeding for Brentwood Park property-owners.

### For More Information

For more information about the Tuolumne Utilities District or its wastewater services, please contact Lisa Westbrook or Pete Kampa at (209) 532-5536.

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