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Truckee Donner PUD lighting program helps school district save money



Jason Shueh/Sierra Sun Kirsten Livak, TTUSD board president and Scott Terrell, Truckee Donner PUD conservation administrator hold a \$18,736 check, payable to the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District.

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TRUCKEE — A partnership with the Truckee Donner Public Utility District (TDPUD) paid big for the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District (TTUSD) as the district received \$18,736 from the TDPUD at its regular board meeting. The rebate was part of the TDPUD's Commercial Lighting Rebate Program and the school district's investment in high-efficiency lighting will save money for years to come.

The school district worked with the TDPUD and contractors in 2010 to define the most cost-effective projects using energy-saving fluorescent and LED lighting. The TDPUD then contributed one third of the project cost via rebate. Participating schools included Truckee High,

Truckee Elementary and Alder Creek Middle School. The lighting projects will save the schools an estimated \$10,000 per year and offer an approximately five-year simple payback.

“TDPUD has been instrumental in helping the school district identify and achieve several conservation measures,” said Anna Klovstad, TTUSD project manager. “The success of our energy conservation program is largely attributed to their resources and rebates.”

The TDPUD has helped local businesses and agencies invest in cost-effective lighting projects by providing more than \$80,000 in rebates in the last two years. The lighting program is one of several energy and water savings programs the TDPUD offers its commercial and business customers.

“The TDPUD works closely with business customers to help reduce usage and save money,” said Jeff Bender, president of the TDPUD board of directors. “This partnership with the school district is just one example of the many energy and water savings programs that we have available that can really help an organization’s bottom line.”

For more information about Truckee Donner Public Utility District energy and water savings programs, call 530-582-3931 or visit www.tdpud.org.

About TDPUD

The Truckee Donner Public Utility District is a nonprofit, publicly owned utility founded in 1927 and overseen by a locally elected board of directors. TDPUD provides the greater Truckee area with reliable and high quality water and power services while guiding the community to conserve resources. For more information about the TDPUD, call 530-587-3896 or visit www.TDPUD.org.