

**ROUND HILL GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
NEWSLETTER  
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**NEW 500,000 GALLON STORAGE TANK**

Construction of the new 500,000 gallon water storage tank at the District offices is well underway and will be completed in the spring. As the tank construction progressed through the fall months, it became apparent that the project would not be finished in 2011. So, the construction process was suspended for the winter months. Work will re-commence in the spring and the tank is currently scheduled to come on line by July 1, 2012.

**UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE GRANT**

Born out of the aftermath of the Angora fire, the creation of the Lake Tahoe Fire Protection Partnership enabled the District to secure a portion of \$11,000,000 of grant money from the U.S. Forest Service. The partnership consists of water utilities located within the basin. Each utility was allocated a percentage of the available funds based on the number of customers served by the utility. The grant proceeds needed to be used for projects that would improve the fire-fighting capabilities of the water purveyors that received the funds. RHGID received \$153,575 that we used to offset the costs of the construction of the new tank. The new tank qualified as it increased the District's overall water storage volumes. The District would like to thank the Forest Service for the grant and we would also like to thank South Tahoe Public Utilities District for administering the grant process.

**HERBICIDE AND PESTICIDE USE IN LAKE TAHOE**

The Lahontan Water Quality Board (LWQB) has proposed a basin plan amendment that includes guidelines for the use of pesticides and herbicides within their jurisdiction, which includes Lake Tahoe. The Tahoe Water Suppliers' Association (TWSA) is fundamentally opposed to the use of any chemical additives in Lake Tahoe. TWSA testified against the use of pesticides and herbicides in Lake Tahoe. Ultimately, the LWQB approved their basin plan amendment with the stipulation that any permit applicant notify water utilities in the basin of their intent to apply herbicides or pesticides. The TWSA and RHGID will continue to monitor the progress of this basin plan amendment and oppose it as appropriate as it comes before the California Water Quality Board and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The District encourages all Round Hill residents that are interested to participate in the approval process as it moves forward.

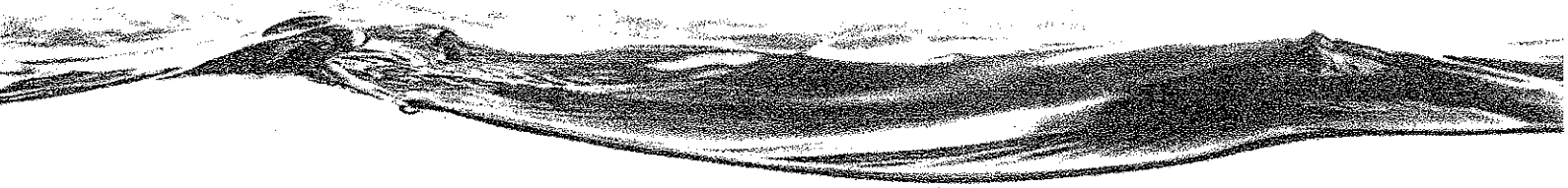
**FIRE SAFE COUNCIL**

The Round Hill chapter of the Nevada Fire Safe Council has announced that they have received another round of grant funding. The chapter has received another \$40,000 over the next two years to assist in the pine needle pick up and the creation of a defensible space. Please contact your Chapter representative for additional information.

**BOARD MEETINGS**

The Round Hill General Improvement District staff and Trustees wish the very best of New Years for all of Round Hill's residents. The RHGID Board of Trustees meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Meetings are usually held at the Fire Station at 193 Elks Point Road. Round Hill residents are always encouraged to attend to provide the Board and staff with your feedback.

# Only Tap Water Delivers



We don't often pause to consider the incredible value of a safe, reliable water supply — and the water system that delivers it — in our everyday lives. But consider that tap water does that no other water can.

## **Only Tap Water Delivers ...**

... public health protection.

In a world where an estimated 3 million people die every year from preventable waterborne disease, our water systems allow us to drink from virtually any public tap with a high assurance of safety. Each community water supply meets rigorous federal and state health-protective standards.

... fire protection.

A well-maintained water system is critical in protecting our communities from the ever-present threat of fire. A system that provides reliable water at an adequate pressure can be the difference between a small fire and an urban inferno. The ability to suppress fires also influences new home construction, business location decisions and insurance rates.

... support for the economy.

Businesses and housing developments cannot succeed without a safe and sustainable water supply. Tap water is critical to businesses' day-to-day operations and is often a primary ingredient in the products they create. The incredible value of water is magnified when populations expand or face drought conditions.

... the overall quality of life we enjoy.

Any measure of a successful society — low mortality rates, economic diversity, productivity, and public safety — is in some way related to access to safe water. In North America, we take for granted that safe water is always accessible to drink, to wash our clothes, to water our lawns and for a myriad of other purposes. When water service is interrupted, we're all reminded of the extraordinary value our water service provides.



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