

STPUD connection fees not going up



Connection fees will not increase for residents and businesses serviced by South Tahoe Public Utility District.

The board's unanimous postponement of the proposed 36 percent increase in water capacity charges and 16 percent increase in sewer capacity charges was "in order to provide the incentive to encourage construction projects to move forward," according to a press release.

The cap on the fees is good through June 30. The board will reassess the fee structure in a few months.

In 2006 for water and 2008 for sewer, the district undertook formal rate studies to determine appropriate capacity charges. The studies indicated the need for significant increases, according to a press release. The board's plan was to phase the increases in over a five-year period.