



## 2018 Brought Many Challenges and Changes



In stark contrast to 2017, the first two months of 2018 saw almost no appreciable snow. Although Kirkwood Mountain Resort had fewer groomed trails than in years past, it had more and better quality snow than other resorts in the greater Lake Tahoe area, resulting in strong skier interest in Kirkwood. Good visitor numbers combined with Vail's snow-making operations through February resulted in better than expected electricity and water sales for the District. Then, in the month of March, Kirkwood received 16 feet of snow, an accumulation that tested the District's and Vail's snow removal efforts.

Aging infrastructure across the District utilities is a very significant issue, one that will necessitate significant repair, rehabilitation, and replacement in the coming years to ensure our customers continue to enjoy safe, reliable utility services. To that end, this summer the District performed repair and rehabilitation of 12 critical manholes in the meadow to attempt to reduce the inflow and infiltration of stormwater and groundwater into the wastewater system, which contributes to the cost of operating the system and can lead to spills. Also, the District completed a Feasibility Study to investigate options for repair, rehabilitation and prolonging the life of our over 40 year old wastewater treatment plant. Projects have been identified for the upcoming fiscal year in water, wastewater, and propane to proactively deal with our aging infrastructure.

After four years, the District finally concluded negotiations with PG&E to resolve the cost of ownership of the 115kV overhead line at Bear River Reservoir. The Interconnection Agreement with PG&E provides KMPUD the option to build a 115kV line and deed it to PG&E or construct a point of interconnection (Switch Station) at Salt Springs Reservoir to isolate the PG&E electric system from the District's system. During negotiations with PG&E the parties concluded that a "one-time equivalent lump sum payment" in lieu of annual O&M payments and Federal ITCC tax was the least costly option and the facilities were transferred October 2018.

Also this year, after much public input, the District implemented new snow removal protocols to ensure equity between all the Homeowner Associations and private driveway customers. The system will continue to be reviewed and revised as the season continues and will be re-evaluated this year so as to produce the most efficient, cost effective snow removal operation that is fair to all customers.

Overall, the District is proud of its accomplishments in 2018 and I thank all of the residents who have made my first year at KMPUD so exciting. I look forward to working with all of you to tackle the challenges in 2019. As always, please let us know your thoughts and concerns at [info@kmpud.com](mailto:info@kmpud.com) or via our website at [www.kmpud.com](http://www.kmpud.com).

Follow this link to view the KMPUD Annual Report: <https://www.kmpud.com/wp-content/uploads/KMPUD-Annual-Report-2017-2018.pdf>

Happy New Year!

## Season-to-Date Snowfall

Christmas Eve into Christmas Day a small storm delivered 7 inches of wet snow to the base of Kirkwood, bringing the District's snowfall measurement to 83 inches so far this season. Measurements are taken at the Community Service Building on Loop Road. Along with snowfall, the District has also measured just over 5 inches of rain since the beginning of October 2018. As you can see on the graph at right comparing the last 4 years season-to-date snowfall, we have received 52 more inches of snow than this time last year. Precipitation has been steady since mid-November with several storms delivering a few inches up to a foot of snow each storm. After a good start to the season we look forward to see what the rest of the season will bring.



## Winter Parking

When parking in Kirkwood during the winter months please be mindful of snow removal operations. Here's everything you need to know:

- Avoid parking on the street; park in your driveway or paved parking pads. When you **MUST** park on the street overnight because there is no space for you in your driveway or in a parking pad, plan on moving your vehicle as soon as possible the following morning.
- If you **MUST** park on the street during a storm, stake the four corners of your vehicle with orange snow stakes. Stakes are for sale at the District main office; these will be easiest for the operator to see in the dark in a blizzard.
- When you park on a paved parking pad, be sure to pull in so that your entire vehicle is past the snow stake line. This is an imaginary line passing between the snow stakes that District staff has placed on the sides of your street to guide the snow removal operators.
- Please dig your vehicle out and move it within 24-hours after a storm so that operators can clear your driveway and the parking pads.



**Properly staked vehicle in parking pad.**

If you have questions, call the District main office at (209) 258-4444.

### **Snow Removal Equipment**

Snow Removal Equipment is dangerous, please stay away! Do not approach an Operator during snow removal operations. If you need to communicate with an Operator use your phone, call the District main office at (209) 258-4444.

## Recycling in Kirkwood



Orange bags for disposing of your recyclables are provided by ACES Waste Services and can be picked up at the District office, located on Loop Road, Monday through Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm. Place all of your recyclables in these Orange Bags then dispose with your regular garbage. The orange bags are then sorted out at the ACES Waste Services facility in Lone, CA and sent to a large recycling center. This method of recycling allows a mix of recyclables in one bag and significantly increases the recovery of recyclable materials in a cost-effective manner. Each year, California exports about one third of the recyclable material it collects to be processed and manufactured into new products. Global recycling markets are changing and new, strict regulations on exports and imports of recyclable materials have been implemented, which has led to materials piling up at recycling facilities and declining market values of recyclables. These changes are a significant challenge for the recycling industry. You can help by keeping food waste, plastic bags, single use plastics and trash out of your recycling bags.

### Acceptable Items

Paper & Cardboard  
Aluminum & Tin Cans  
Glass Jars & Bottles  
Plastic Bottles  
Plastic Containers  
Gift Wrap

### Unacceptable Items

Broken Windows & Mirrors  
Styrofoam  
Food Waste  
Waxed Cardboard  
Hazardous Waste  
Single Use Plastics (plastic bags, straws, food packaging)



**Bales of recycling await export.**

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