

## Solid Waste

A Public Hearing to discuss and receive public comment regarding possible solid waste rate changes will occur February 1, 2020 at 8:00am. If you cannot attend this meeting, it will broadcast at [kmpud.com](http://kmpud.com). If you would like to make a comment while watching the meeting remotely, email [echristeson@kmpud.com](mailto:echristeson@kmpud.com). If you would like to make a comment or ask a question in advance of the meeting, please send an email to the address above or via mail to:

Kirkwood Meadows Public Utility District  
Re: Solid Waste Rate Study  
P.O. Box 247  
Kirkwood, CA 95646

On November 1, 1995, the District began a one year solid waste pilot program with Sun Meadows 1, 3 & 4, Base Camp, Edelweiss, The Meadows, and Kirkwood Meadows Association participating. In 1998, the District adopted regulations and ordinances to provide voluntary solid waste services to all homeowner associations and property contained therein. By 2001, all HOAs had opted-in to the voluntary solid waste program.

The District has partnered with ACES Waste Services, Inc. ('ACES') since 1998 for solid waste services and they have provided exceptional service all these years, including donation of free waste bins for homeowners' use during the Summer Festival and the Chili Cook-Off. Additionally, when the Carson Spur is closed, ACES Waste drives around via Highways 50 and 89 when the Carson Pass is open to provide service to Kirkwood.

As the current ACES contract expired in December 31, 2019, in mid-2019 the District solicited proposals from the only haulers able to service Kirkwood, namely ACES and South Tahoe Refuse ('STR'). The STR proposal was 323% of the current ACES rate and the ACES proposal was 207% of their current rate, which had not increased since 2013. ACES has shared that the reasons for the increase are fuel and labor prices, but predominantly recycling costs. Prior to July 1, 2019, ACES was paid \$33.00 per ton for every ton every ton of recyclables ACES sent to the processing facility, but since July 1, 2019 ACES is now charged \$147.00 per ton. Further, over the last 4 years, the Solid Waste department has not been self-sufficient, and relies on Property Tax revenue to operate without a deficit. Therefore, the District recommends increasing solid waste rates over the next 5 years to reflect 1) ACES new rates, 2) actual costs incurred by the District in terms of staffing and overhead, and 3) to eliminate the deficit currently experienced in the Solid Waste department.



## Kirkwood Volunteer Fire Department Use of Donations



Since 2017 the Kirkwood Volunteer Fire Department (KVFD), with generous support from the Community, focused the fire department's fundraising goal towards the purchase of new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus' (SCBAs). Fortunately, in 2018 KVFD received an Assistance to Firefighters grant from the Department of Homeland Security to purchase SCBAs and ten new SCBAs were purchased with the grant money in 2019, resulting in a little more than \$104,000 of unassigned donations from the Kirkwood Community for the fire department. However, there is still a need for the fire department to fill the SCBA bottles locally. The current practice to fill the SCBA bottles is to shuttle the bottles to the Eastern Alpine Fire Station in Woodfords, CA and fill them using an air compressor fill station. This 53-mile roundtrip journey is not ideal in an emergency and sometimes impossible during storms. At the December 13 Board of Directors meeting the Board directed

Chief Ansel to purchase a two-bottle SCBA fill station with the unassigned donations. KVFD will now have state of the art safety equipment and be able to respond to emergencies in Kirkwood with greater efficiency. Thank you to everyone who has come out to KVFD's fundraising events over the last few years and generously donated to your fire department.

## Kirkwood Community Playground

Please plan to attend (kids and adults) and take part in the Kirkwood Community Playground event on **Saturday, January 18 from 4:00 – 5:00 pm** in the Club space in Red Cliffs Lodge (above the General Store). Light refreshments for kids and adults will be provided.



### Topics:

- Results from the recent Kirkwood Community Playground survey will be shared;
- View photos of play structures under consideration, and
- Discuss the playground funding and implementation timeline.

Thank you for your support in shaping the future of the Kirkwood Community Playground. If you have questions, please email Cheryl Stern at [cheryl.stern49@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl.stern49@gmail.com)

## Snow Removal Residency Notification

Every morning a Residency List is generated and distributed to snow removal operators between 4:00 and 7:00 AM. In order to be included on the Residency List and receive priority snow removal the next time you or your guests are in residence at your Kirkwood home, follow these instructions:

1. Log into your account on [www.kmpud.com](http://www.kmpud.com)
2. Click My Account on the right side of the screen.
3. At the bottom of the menu that appears, click Manage Snow Removal
4. Under Residency Notification set your arrival and departure dates in the drop-down menus.
5. Click Set Notification

All notifications must be logged through your account on [www.kmpud.com](http://www.kmpud.com). The District requests at least 48 hours advance notice of your arrival in order to be placed on the next day's residency list.

## Board and Committee Member Changes

On December 13, 2019 returning Board Member Standish O'Grady and new Board Member Bertrand Perroud officially took office and received their certificates of appointment for four-year terms. Geoff Smith marked the end of his four-year term and retired from the Board of Directors. Thank you to Director Smith for his dedicated service to the Kirkwood Community and congratulations and good luck to Director O'Grady and Director Perroud. At the same Board of Directors meeting, the Board elected a new slate of Board officers for a two-year term:

<b>President:</b>	Eric Richert
<b>Vice-President:</b>	Bob Epstein
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Standish O'Grady
<b>Secretary:</b>	Peter Dornbrook
<b>Asst. Secretary:</b>	Bertrand Perroud

The Board also selected the District Committees they will serve on:

<b>Finance:</b>	Standish O'Grady, Chair; Bob Epstein, Director Member
<b>Planning:</b>	Bertrand Perroud, Chair; Peter Dornbrook, Director Member
<b>Operations:</b>	Peter Dornbrook, Chair; Eric Richert, Director Member
<b>Communications:</b>	Bob Epstein, Chair; Bertrand Perroud, Director Member
<b>Personnel:</b>	Eric Richert, Chair; Standish O'Grady, Director Member

There are openings for Community Members on the Finance, Planning, and Communications Committees! These Standing Committees were established by the Board of Directors to study issues within an assigned area and provide expertise and advice to the Board and Management. Each Committee Charter calls for membership to consist of two Board Members and up to five Community Members for a term of two years. The District is actively seeking Kirkwood residents, property owners, and District ratepayers to provide perspective and expertise otherwise not readily available to the Board. The Committees meet once monthly at the District offices and participation by teleconference is acceptable. If you are interested in helping shape the District's future and can commit a minimum of 2-3 hours per month, we would like to hear from you. Please send a letter of interest and statement of qualifications to Erik Christeson at [echristeson@kmpud.com](mailto:echristeson@kmpud.com).

### **KMPUD Board of Directors:**

**Eric Richert - President; Bob Epstein - Vice President;**

**Standish O'Grady -Treasurer; Peter Dornbrook - Secretary; Bertrand Perroud - Assistant Secretary**

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