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TDPUD Recognized as a Reliable Public Power Provider (RP₃)[®]

American Public Power Associations awards TDPUD Highest RP₃ Award

Truckee, Calif. (March 24, 2021) – The Truckee Donner Public Utility District (TDPUD) has earned the highest Reliable Public Power Provider (RP₃)[®] designation from the American Public Power Association (APPA) for providing reliable and safe electric service. TDPUD was recognized by APPA for achieving the Diamond RP₃ level, representing the top 2% of public power utilities across the United States.

“I think over the last year or so, we’ve seen the vital importance of running a reliable and safe utility,” says Aaron Haderle, Chair of APPA’s RP₃ Review Panel and Manager of Transmission and Distribution Operations at Kissimmee Utility Authority, Florida. “The utilities receiving the RP₃ designation have proven that they are committed to running a top-notch public power utility by implementing industry best practices.”

The RP₃ designation, which lasts for three years, recognizes public power utilities that demonstrate proficiency in four key disciplines: reliability, safety, workforce development, and system improvement. Criteria include sound business practices and a utility-wide commitment to safe and reliable delivery of electricity. TDPUD joins more than 275 public power utilities nationwide that hold the RP₃ designation.

“We couldn’t be prouder to be honored with this designation which is the culmination of a lot of hard work from our dedicated staff from every department who really care about powering our community,” said Joe Horvath, TDPUD electric utility director and assistant general manager. “But this designation is not a final destination, we are committed to continuous improvement with operations and service to our community.”

APPA has offered the RP₃ designation for 15 years now. TDPUD achieved the next highest level, Platinum, in 2017 which represents the top 10% of public power utilities across the United States. Staff immediately set the goal of achieving the highest level, Diamond, representing the top 2% this year. APPA is the voice of not-for-profit,

community-owned utilities that power 49 million people in 2,000 towns and cities nationwide. More information on the RP₃ program is available at www.PublicPower.org/RP3

About Truckee Donner PUD:

TDPUD is a public utility district created in 1927 and overseen by a locally-elected board of directors. TDPUD is a not-for-profit entity that 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 TDPUD, call 530-587-3896 or visit tdpud.org.

About American Public Power Association:

APPA is the voice of not-for-profit, community-owned utilities that power 49 million people in 2,000 towns and cities nationwide. APPA advocates and advises on electricity policy, technology, trends, training, and operations. More information on APPA is available at www.PublicPower.org.

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