

MINUTES

Tuesday, March 30, 2021
Mammoth Community Water District
Special Board Meeting

The Board of Directors convened in session at the hour of 3:07 p.m. No recess was taken and the meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Prepared by:



Stephanie Hake
Executive Assistant

ATTEST:



Mark Busby
Board Secretary

THE SPECIAL MEETING of the Board of Directors of the Mammoth Community Water District held on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 3:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Present *

Director: Tom Cage (*arrived at 3:11*)
Director: Robert Creasy
Director: Dennis Domaille
Director: Tom Smith
Director: Gary Thompson

Board Absent

None

Staff Present *

General Manager: Mark Busby
District Engineer: Garrett Higerd
Operations Superintendent: Clay Murray
Maintenance Superintendent: Jerry Baker
Finance Manager: Jeff Beatty
Executive Assistant: Stephanie Hake
District Counsel: Joshua Horowitz

Guests Present *

None

** As a result of the threat of COVID-19, the Governor issued Executive Order N-25-20 dated March 12, 2020 allowing for Directors, staff, and members of the public to attend this public meeting via teleconference without strict compliance with the Brown Act's teleconferencing requirements. To maximize public participation, comply with Brown Act requirements, and provide a clear record of the meeting, public comment was made available for each agenda item and all action items were voted on by roll call.*

Business

1. Discussion and Possible Direction to Staff to Amend either the Fiscal Year 2021 or the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget, Depending on Timing of Release of Funds, to Allow for the Drilling of Monitoring Well BLM 3 by a Third Party under Permit from the Bureau of Land Management

Mark Busby provided the Board with an update regarding recent conversations with staff from BLM, Ormat, and the USGS. Highlights were that the USGS is available to mobilize its drilling equipment immediately for this project, but needs a confirmation of funding by the following day, March 31. Ormat indicated it is willing to share in the costs for the project, but no formal commitment has been made at this time. Additionally, the BLM said it is still exploring funding options and suggested that it should be paying for the ongoing monitoring of the wells.

Board members expressed their concerns for the incomplete details at this time, but made note of how critical timely completion of the project is to the District and the community for the protection of the water supply.

It was determined that the USGS is the only entity available to accomplish the drilling within the very tight timeline, but that it would need confirmation of funding by the following day, March 31. Following some discussion, Director Creasy made a motion and it was seconded by Director Thompson. A request was added that the motion include language that details of the verbal agreements being discussed be memorialized in writing as soon as possible.

BOARD ACTION – To amend the FY22 budget by \$1.2m to allow for the USGS to drill monitoring well BLM 3 and direct staff to initiate a memorandum of understanding with all involved parties following commencement of drilling

MOVED BY: Director Creasy
SECONDED BY: Director Thompson
AYES: Directors Cage, Creasy, Domaille, Smith, and Thompson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

ADJOURNMENT

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m.