

MINUTES

Tuesday, March 23, 2021
Mammoth Community Water District
Special Board Meeting

The Board of Directors convened in session at the hour of 11:05 a.m. No recess was taken and the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 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 23, 2021 at 11:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Present *

Director: Tom Cage
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
Administrative Analyst: Betty Hylton
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 the United States Geologic Survey under Permit from the Bureau of Land Management

Mark Busby briefly described that the BLM has been unable to secure funding for the drilling of the planned monitoring well, BLM3, in Shady Rest Park. He said that the USFS agreed to extend the window to allow for drilling activities until the end of May 2021 and that the USGS drilling equipment and crew could be available to be on site April 1.

A discussion followed with board members expressing concern for the potential of cost overruns on the project and that unforeseen issues could arise preventing the project from being completed by the end of May. The Board also said that if the well is drilled by someone other than the USGS that there should be a neutral, third party inspector while the drilling is occurring.

At the end of the discussion, the Board declined to take action and directed the General Manager to attend a previously scheduled meeting with staff from the BLM and ORMAT to discuss cost sharing and expedited drilling options; as well as convey the Board's desire for a solution that is in the best interest of all parties. The Board agreed to meet at a later date to hear the results of the discussion and reconsider the request for a budget amendment at that time.

ADJOURNMENT

President Smith called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

BOARD ACTION – To adjourn the Special Board Meeting

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

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.