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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

To: Office of Planning and Research

Date: October 4, 2005

From: Gary Sisson

Telephone: (760) 934-2596 ext. 238

Subject: Arsenic removal at Mammoth Community Water District Groundwater Treatment Plants #1 and #2 to meet the new federal drinking water standard

Location: Mammoth Community Water District Groundwater Treatment Plant #1, located off Old Mammoth Road near the intersection of Old Mammoth Road and Waterford Lane, and Groundwater Treatment Plant #2, located at the corner of Meridian Boulevard and Majestic Pines Drive.

Owner: Mammoth Community Water District

Project Description: The Mammoth Community Water District (District) is proposing to modify the water treatment process at both of its groundwater treatment plants to include arsenic removal utilizing the proven technology of ferric chloride treatment. This project will involve the installation of chemical feed equipment at both treatment plants to inject ferric chloride to the water treatment process. The arsenic will precipitate out of the well water, be removed on existing iron and manganese filters, and will eventually be sent to the wastewater collection system through the filter backwash process. Precipitated arsenic will eventually be disposed of at the Benton Crossing Landfill with the wastewater treatment solids, or sludge.

Enclosed please find information regarding the above referenced project. Applicable site plans and environmental information are included for your review.

Please submit any comments, concerns, suggested revisions, and mitigation measures, which your agency finds relevant to this project, to the Mammoth Community Water District, Post Office Box 597, Mammoth Lakes, California 93546. Comments can be received during the public review period, beginning on October 7, 2005 and commencing on November 5, 2005. If no comments have been received, we will assume that your agency has no comments or contributions to the analysis of this project.

Environmental Review: The Mammoth Community Water District has evaluated the project and expects to prepare a Negative Declaration unless evidence is provided which identifies potential adverse significant environmental impacts.

Mammoth Community Water District Board of Directors: This project will be scheduled for discussion and potential action at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mammoth Community Water District on November 17, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. at the District offices. The meeting will be held in the conference room at the District offices located at 2315 Meridian Boulevard in Mammoth Lakes, California.

(Proposed)

**MAMMOTH COMMUNITY WATER DISTRICT
NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and CEQA Guidelines, the Board of Directors of the Mammoth Community Water District hereby adopts this negative declaration for the following project:

1. Name of Project: Arsenic removal at Mammoth Community Water District Groundwater Treatment Plants #1 and #2 to meet the new federal drinking water standard (“Project”).

2. Project Sponsor: Mammoth Community Water District, P.O. Box 597, Mammoth Lakes, California 93546. Contact person: District General Manager Gary Sisson.

3. Project Description: The Mammoth Community Water District (District) is proposing to modify the water treatment process at both of its groundwater treatment plants to include arsenic removal utilizing the proven technology of ferric chloride treatment. This project will involve the installation of chemical feed equipment at both treatment plants to inject ferric chloride to the water treatment process. The arsenic will precipitate out of the well water, be removed on existing iron and manganese filters, and will eventually be sent to the wastewater collection system through the filter backwash process. Precipitated arsenic will eventually be disposed of at the Benton Crossing Landfill with the wastewater treatment solids, or sludge.

4. Project Location: Mammoth Community Water District Groundwater Treatment Plant #1, located off Old Mammoth Road near the intersection of Old Mammoth Road and Waterford Lane, and Groundwater Treatment Plant #2, located at the corner of Meridian Boulevard and Majestic Pines Drive.

5. Environmental Finding: The Board of Directors has reviewed the proposed Project, initial study, comments received on the proposal to adopt this negative declaration, and other documents and information from District staff, and on the basis of this information, hereby finds and determines as follows: (a) there is no substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before the District, that the Project may have a significant effect on the environment; (b) an initial study has been conducted by the District so as to evaluate the potential for adverse environmental impacts; (c) when considering the record as a whole, there is no evidence before the District that the proposed Project will have the potential for an adverse effect on wildlife resources or the habitat upon which the wildlife depends; (d) none of the presumptions of adverse environmental impacts at 14 California Code of Regulations section 753.5(d) apply to this Project; (e) the initial study and negative declaration reflect the District’s independent judgment and analysis.

6. Project Approval: The Board of Directors hereby approves this negative declaration and the Project as described in the initial study for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act and CEQA guidelines.

7. Location of Background Documents: The initial study, proposal to adopt negative declaration, comments on the proposal and initial study, and other documents concerning this Project are on file and available for public review at the District offices at 2315 Meridian Boulevard in Mammoth Lakes, California.

8. Filing: The Board of Directors hereby authorizes and directs the General Manager to prepare, sign, and file the CEQA notice of determination with the Mono County Clerk and State Clearinghouse, and the California Department of Fish and Game Certificate of Fee Exemption with the County Clerk within 5 working days from the date of this negative declaration.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Mammoth Community Water District on the 17th day of November 2005, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

By: _____
President, Board of Directors

Attest:

By: _____
Secretary, Board of Directors