

# MINUTES

Thursday, January 18, 2018  
Mammoth Community Water District  
Regular Board Meeting

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*The Board of Directors convened in session at the hour of 5:41 p.m. No recess was taken and the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.*

Prepared by:



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ATTEST:



Patrick A. Hayes  
General Manager

**THE REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Directors of the Mammoth Community Water District held on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 5:41 p.m.

**A. ROLL CALL**

**Board Present**

Director: Tom Cage  
Director: Eric Kaufman  
Director: Tom Smith  
Director: Robert Creasy  
Director: Dennis Domaille

**Board Absent**

None

**Staff Present**

General Manager: Pat Hayes  
District Engineer: John Pedersen  
Operations Superintendent: Clay Murray  
Maintenance Superintendent: Mark Busby  
Finance Manager: Jeff Beatty (*via telephone*)  
Public Relations / Environmental Specialist Manager: Irene Yamashita  
Information Services Manager: Justin Mulbay  
Human Resources Manager: Kay Hartman  
Executive Assistant: Stephanie Hake  
District Counsel: Joshua Horowitz

**Guests Present**

Pam Bold: High Sierra Energy Foundation  
Gil Campos: Science Teacher, Mammoth Middle School

***Some items were taken out of order to facilitate the meeting***

**B. PUBLIC FORUM**

*President Smith opened the public forum at 5:41 p.m.*

*No one addressed the Board.*

*President Smith closed the public forum at 5:42 p.m.*

**C. CONSENT AGENDA**

**C-1 Approval of December 2017 Check Disbursements (Springbrook #'s 54029 – 54154)**

**C-2 Approval of Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Held December 21, 2017**

*Directors Domaille and Creasy noted that they would abstain from the vote due to having been absent for the December meeting.*

*Director Kaufman made a motion.*

**BOARD ACTION – To approve the Consent Agenda items C-1 and C-2**

MOVED BY: Director Kaufman  
SECONDED BY: Director Cage  
AYES: Directors Cage, Kaufman, and Smith  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: Directors Creasy and Domaille

**D. CURRENT BUSINESS**

**D-1 Election of Board President, Vice President, and Assignment of Committee Members for 2018**

*There was no discussion. Director Kaufman made a motion for President followed by Director Creasy making a motion for Vice President.*

**BOARD ACTION – For Director Smith to remain as President for the coming year**

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

**BOARD ACTION – For Director Cage to remain as Vice President for the coming year**

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

***Following the votes, President Smith requested the existing committee assignments remain for 2018:***

<b><u>Committee</u></b>	<b><u>Members</u></b>	<b><u>Alternate</u></b>
Finance Committee:	Directors: Cage and Creasy	Director Smith
Technical Services Committee:	Directors: Domaille and Kaufman	Director Creasy
Investment Committee:	Directors: Cage and Creasy	Director Smith
Long Range Planning Committee:	Directors: Domaille and Creasy	Director Cage
Liaison Committee:	Directors: Smith and Kaufman	
IRWMP Committee:	Directors: Smith and Creasy	

**D-2 Discussion and Possible Adoption of Resolution No. 01-18-18-01 Appointing a Member of the Board of Directors as Trustee to the Mammoth Community Water District's Money Purchase Pension Plan for 2018 "The trustee shall be determined by the Board of Directors at the first Board of Directors' meeting held in January of each calendar year." (Chapter 2; Section 4.07 (3) District Code)**

*There was no discussion. President Smith called for a motion.*

**BOARD ACTION – For Director Cage to remain as the Board Member Trustee to the Mammoth Community Water District's Money Purchase Pension Plan, and adopt Resolution No. 01-18-18-01**

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

**D-3 Discussion and Possible Approval of Sponsorship Funding the High Sierra Energy Foundation's (HSEF) Living Wise Program in the Amount of \$4,500**

*Director Creasy declared a conflict of interest as he is on the Board of Directors of the High Sierra Energy Foundation; therefore he recused himself from the discussion and vote. Director Creasy left the room.*

*Pam Bold addressed the Board and briefly described the success of the HSEF's Living Wise Program and its impact within the community over the past 12 years.*

*There was no discussion and President Smith called for a motion.*

**BOARD ACTION – To approve 2018 sponsorship funding for the HSEF's Living Wise Program in the amount of \$4,500**

MOVED BY: Director Cage  
SECONDED BY: Director Kaufman  
AYES: Directors Cage, Domaille, Kaufman, and Smith  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: Director Creasy

**D-4 Quarterly Water Supply Update**

*Clay Murray described the status of the District's current water supply, noting that it is mainly provided by surface water. He indicated that the supply is sufficient for the next 120 days.*

*In light of the unusually low snowpack to date and with spring approaching, Irene Yamashita provided a review of the process for the Board to declare a threatened water shortage situation if the season continues on this track.*

*Direction was given for staff to come back at the next Board meeting with a resolution enabling the Board to consider declaring a threatened water shortage. If the resolution is adopted it would enable staff to ramp up conservation messaging to the public.*

**BOARD ACTION – None, information only**

**D-5 Discussion and Possible Approval of Task Order No. 4 with Wildermuth Environmental, Inc. (WEI) Relating to the CD IV Project**

*John Pedersen described that the technical support WEI provides is key to the strategy of protecting the District’s vital resource.*

*There was no discussion, Director Creasy made a motion.*

**BOARD ACTION – To approve Task Order No. 4 with Wildermuth Environmental, Inc. in the amount of \$75,000**

- MOVED BY: Director Creasy
- SECONDED BY: Director Cage
- AYES: Directors Cage, Creasy, Domaille, Kaufman, and Smith
- NAYS: None
- ABSTAIN: None

**E. CONSENT AGENDA NO. 2 – MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

- E-1 Operations Superintendent’s Report**
- E-2 Maintenance Superintendent’s Report**
- E-3 Finance Manager’s Report**
- E-4 District Engineer’s Report**
- E-5 Information Services Manager’s Report**
- E-6 Human Resources Manager’s Report**
- E-7 Public Relations / Environmental Specialist’s Report**
- E-8 General Manager’s Report**

*There was no discussion.*

*President Smith called for a motion.*

**BOARD ACTION – To approve the Consent Agenda No. 2**

- MOVED BY: Director Kaufman
- SECONDED BY: Director Cage
- AYES: Directors Cage, Creasy, Domaille, Kaufman, and Smith
- NAYS: None
- ABSTAIN: None

**Meetings Held During the Month**

Investment Committee – January 18, 2018  
Tom Cage  
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Robert Creasy

Finance Committee – January 18, 2018

Tom Cage

Robert Creasy

Technical Services Committee – January 17, 2018

Eric Kaufman

Dennis Domaille

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*Finance Committee: Director Cage reported that the Finance Committee primarily discussed the proposed task order with WEI and the FY19 budget process. Director Cage also noted that there is an unusual amount of cash on hand due to the postponement of some of the budgeted capital projects.*

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*Investment Committee: Director Cage reported that Jeff Beatty is currently taking continuing education courses in the area of managing financial investments for Special Districts.*

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*Technical Services Committee: Director Kaufman reported that staff member, Rob Motley has been awarded the Electrical Instrumentation Technician of the Year from California Water Environment Association (CWEA). Also noted the Aquifer Storage and Recovery feasibility study is moving forward and the Information Systems network vulnerability audit was discussed.*

*Director Domaille added that there was a brief discussion regarding the status of the water supply and power in the Lakes Basin.*

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*There were no other committee meetings held during the month.*

## **H. ATTORNEY REPORT**

*Attorney Horowitz reported that the legislature is back in session and bill SB 623, a vehicle for a potential water tax carried over from the previous session, is still being discussed. Also being watched is the series of bills pertaining to long-term water conservation that will come up in this current legislative session. ACWA is following all of these very closely and will be actively lobbying on behalf of water agencies.*

*The Board members went into closed session at 6:12 p.m.*

## **H. CLOSED SESSION**

### **H-1 Conference with Legal Counsel**

Existing Litigation – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) Case: Mammoth Community Water District vs. United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management; Mammoth Community Water District v. United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service

**H-2 Conference with Legal Counsel**

Existing Litigation – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) Case: Mammoth Community Water District vs. Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District with ORNI 50, LLC as a Real Party in Interest – Mono County Superior Court

**H-3 Conference with Real Property Negotiators**

Involving the Acquisition of Easements on Ranch Road, Woodcrest Trail and Adjacent Common Areas Adjacent to the Site of Proposed District Well 32, Town of Mammoth Lakes; Pat Hayes and John Pedersen, District Negotiators, will negotiate with Representatives of The Ranch at Snowcreek Owners' Association. Instructions by the Board to the District's Negotiators may include Price, Terms of Payment, or both. (See Government Code sections 54954.5(b) and 54956.8.)

*The Board returned to open session at 7:04 p.m. and there was nothing to report out.*

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

*President Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.*