

**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:** Groundwater Management Plan ("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 adopt a Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP). As part of the plan, the District is proposing to expand its surface and groundwater monitoring capabilities, as well as establishing a groundwater modeling program. Monitoring devices will be placed in several locations in and around the Town of Mammoth Lakes to expand the current system. These devices will be situated to ensure a more complete monitoring of total surface flow entering the Mammoth Basin and groundwater flow throughout the Basin.

**4. Project Location:** Seven monitor wells are proposed to be located at multiple locations within the Town of Mammoth Lakes and on US Forest Service land on the eastern edge of the Town. In addition, water level sensors will be placed on the eight existing District production wells, all of which are located within the Town of Mammoth Lakes. Surface water monitoring devices, or flumes, will be placed in three locations to measure water entering the Mammoth Basin. Flumes will be placed on two springs on Valentine Reserve and on Bodle Ditch as it flows to the Old Mammoth meadow.

**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 22nd day of February 2005, by the following vote:

AYES: Barker, Cage, Domaille, Henderson and Smith  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

By:   
President, Board of Directors

Attest:

By:   
Secretary, Board of Directors