

# MINUTES

Thursday, April 16, 2020  
Mammoth Community Water District  
Special Board Meeting

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*The Board of Directors convened in session at the hour of 5:53 p.m. No recess was taken and the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 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 Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 5:53 p.m.

**ROLL CALL\***

**Board Present**

Director: Tom Cage  
Director: Robert Creasy  
Director: Dennis Domaille (*left @ 6:44 p.m.*)  
Director: Tom Smith  
Director: Gary Thompson

**Board Absent**

None

**Staff Present**

General Manager: Mark Busby  
District Engineer: John Pedersen  
Operations Superintendent: Clay Murray  
Maintenance Superintendent: Jerry Baker  
Information Services Manager: Justin Mulbay  
Finance Manager: Jeff Beatty  
Administrative Analyst: Betty Hylton  
Administrative Analyst: Chris Weibert  
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.***

**CURRENT BUSINESS**

**C-1 Discussion and Direction Regarding the District's Response to the USFS Lake Mary Dam Hazard Analysis Report**

*Mark Busby summarized a recent meeting between staff and USFS representatives regarding the Dam Breach Hazard Analysis Report for Lake Mary that had been conducted on behalf of MCWD in 2014 and a new hazard analysis report prepared by USFS consultants. He went on to say that the primary discussion with the USFS was*

*whether the dam should be classified as “low hazard”, as rated in the 2014 report or as “high hazard” as presented in the new hazard analysis recently conducted by the USFS.*

*A discussion between staff and Board members followed regarding the District’s responsibilities for funding of the studies, maintenance, and improvements of the Lake Mary Dam, as well as the dams on both Lake Mamie and Twin Lakes.*

*Following the discussion, direction was given to staff to respond to the USFS with the following: 1) as a mitigation measure, the District would be willing to upgrade the aged radial arm gate at the Lake Mary Dam with a remotely-operated gate; 2) the District would be willing to discuss cost sharing on a project to harden the Lake Mary Dam, but the project would need to be fully scoped with options and closer to “shovel-ready” for the Board to consider weighing in on this option; 3) the District will not participate in a project to study or retrofit the dams at either Lake Mamie or Twin Lakes as the District’s operations are strictly limited to Lake Mary; and 4) the District will not pay for an additional hazard analysis for Lake Mamie and Twin Lakes facilities.*

**BOARD ACTION – None, direction only**

**C-2 Discussion and Direction Regarding Sending a Letter to the Mono County Board of Supervisors in Support of the Tioga Community Housing Project**

*Director Domaille declared a conflict of interest, recused himself and left the meeting.*

*President Smith initiated the conversation, noting a tremendous shortfall of workforce housing in the Eastern Sierra.*

*Following a brief discussion, President Smith gave direction for staff to prepare a letter of support to be sent to the Mono County Board of Supervisors.*

**BOARD ACTION – None, direction only**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*President Smith called for a motion to adjourn the Special Board meeting.*

**BOARD ACTION – To adjourn the Special Board meeting**

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

*President Smith adjourned the special meeting at 6:54 p.m.*