

News Release

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Cross Connection Survey Inspectors in Mammoth Lakes July 2020

Inspectors will access premises to look for potential water contamination hazards

Mammoth Lakes, California – In early July, the Mammoth Community Water District (District/MCWD) will commence a State required Cross Connection Control survey to look for hazards that the State has identified as potential contamination sources of the District's potable water supply. The survey will be conducted by inspectors from Backflow Solutions, Inc. (BSI) and will require these inspectors to access properties, residential and commercial, serviced by the District. BSI will evaluate properties for hazards and identify if those hazards have adequate infrastructure in place to protect the community's water supply. Surveys will be sent out prior to physical inspection, if you receive a mail survey, please return it promptly to BSI to facilitate an efficient inspection.

The inspectors and their vehicles will carry the BSI identification logo, pictured below. For residential customers, the surveys will take place outside of buildings only. For multi-family and commercial properties, BSI employees may need to enter buildings during an inspection. BSI will contact property owners prior to entering any buildings.

The District operates under a State issued permit to deliver water to the community. The permit requires that the District administer a Cross Connection Control program. A requirement of the program is to conduct a District-wide survey every five years. The survey is conducted to evaluate the District's efforts to protect the potable water from contamination by backflow into the water distribution system. Backflow can occur when pressures in MCWD's drinking water system drop significantly or when a customer's system operates at high pressure. Water pressure in the distribution system can drop when a fire hydrant is used or a water line breaks. Higher pressure on the customer side can occur when commercial boilers or steam heating systems are in use. The survey will also include looking for hazardous conditions such as adjacent non-approved auxiliary water sources or harmful substances on the premises.

Please contact the District with any questions or concerns.



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MCWD provides water and wastewater utility service to the Town of Mammoth Lakes and surrounding areas. MCWD strives to provide reliable, affordable utility service to our customers and to conduct our operations in a manner reflecting our stewardship role. We encourage our customers to practice responsible use of our limited water resources, and to take advantage of the information and services available to support this goal.