

News Release

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MCWD Remains Diligent in Expanding Groundwater Resources

*As the community's water service provider,
MCWD is committed to ensuring adequate water resources for our customers.*

Mammoth Lakes, California – The Mammoth Community Water District (District) is committed to providing reliable water and wastewater services to our community. The District supplies surface water from Lake Mary, groundwater via nine wells and in turn, recycled water to the two golf courses. Currently, the District is working to expand groundwater volume with the addition of a new well, Well 32. This well, when brought on line, will help support the deliverance of groundwater, which is critical in dry years.

In 2018, the District began the process of acquiring the site for Well 32, adjacent to the Snowcreek Golf Course. This process required coordination and support from the local Ranches HOA and Snowcreek VI, for which the District is very grateful. Drilling of the well began in May of 2020. Unfortunately, the drilling has run into several problems related to drilling through the Mammoth Basin fractured aquifer system, which have significantly delayed the project's progress. The District remains committed to developing this important addition to our groundwater network.

"On behalf of the District, I want to thank the owners of the Ranches HOA and Snowcreek VI for their patience as this project continues to take longer than expected," stated Mark Busby, General Manager at the District. "Drilling this well has been more disruptive than anticipated and I think it's important for our community to recognize the commitment residents near the project have made to support this development that will benefit all of the District's customers."

"Expanding our groundwater resource is an important part of the District's Capital Improvement Program, and will build water resource resiliency" explains Garrett Higerd, District Engineer, "This is our first new production well in many years and is a key component for building redundancy into the District's water supply. Having multiple wells to draw water from during low water years is important in reducing aquifer draw down at each individual well site."

The District looks forward to updating our customers at the time of Well 32's completion and will continue to do everything in our power to move the project forward as efficiently and quickly as possible.

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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.