

News Release

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Center Street Geothermal Monitoring Well Drilling Activities

Construction of a geothermal monitoring well in the Center Street area on the Northwest corner of the Town of Mammoth Lake's Parcel Development Area

Mammoth Lakes, California – June 24, 2021 – Working for the Mammoth Community Water District (MCWD), the United States Geological Survey (USGS) will start drilling a groundwater monitoring well, Center St. Monitoring Well, on the Northwest corner of the TOML's Parcel development area next week. Completion of the Center Street Monitoring Well is the final piece of infrastructure needed to provide our community with adequate groundwater monitoring prior to the Casa Diablo IV Expansion Project (CD IV), which is currently under construction and expected to come on line at the end of 2021. Since the proposal of the CD IV Expansion Project by ORMAT Technologies in 2012, local agencies, including MCWD, BLM, USGS, TOML, and USFS have been coordinating with ORMAT to allow for geothermal energy expansion. The goal of this coordinated effort is to ensure adequate protection of the Mammoth Lakes community water supply through groundwater monitoring. The MCWD is grateful for the support from these local agencies in completing the monitoring well network to safeguard our community's water supply.

Also "On behalf of the District, I want to thank the Voss Family for providing access to the drill site through their privately owned lot. I think it's important for our community to recognize the commitment the Voss's have made to support this project and in protecting the community's groundwater supply," stated Mark Busby, General Manager at MCWD.

During construction, locals and visitors to Mammoth Lakes may notice increased activity near the well site. However, drilling activities are not anticipated to interfere with the public's access to the area.

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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.