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## Water and Wastewater Services Will Not Be Interrupted Due to COVID19 (Coronavirus)

The Mammoth Community Water District assures customers that the established infrastructure and trained staff are prepared and able to provide water and wastewater service to the community of Mammoth Lakes amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mammoth Lakes, California – March 12, 2020 – The Mammoth Community Water District's (District) mission is to supply water and wastewater services to the community of Mammoth Lakes while meeting health and safety needs. District staff is staying actively informed on the fluctuating status of the COVID-19 and its potential impacts to the District's operation. The District recognizes the necessity of water and wastewater service, and has infrastructure and knowledgeable, well trained staff in place to ensure uninterrupted service.

"The District is staying abreast of Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) recommendations for water utility's response to the COVID-19," reports Mark Busby, General Manager. "At this time, the District's conventional water and wastewater treatment procedures are being reported as effective in removing or inactivating the virus. Additionally, our wastewater staff is trained and properly equipped to prevent contact with untreated wastewater."

To adequately prepare, District management has participated in a water utility specific COVID-19 update webinar, established the ability for remote work for staff and reviewed employee sick leave policies. Many of the District's essential operations can be administered remotely and District facilities have been set up to operate with a skeleton staff should it become necessary.

The District wants to assure our customers that we are committed to providing top quality water and wastewater services during this difficult time. 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.