

News Release

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MCWD Awarded Risk Control Grant

The Mammoth Community Water District used the grant to purchase equipment for verifying buried utility lines.

Mammoth Lakes, California – Mammoth Community Water District has received a grant in the amount of \$6,735.30 to help verify buried utility lines prior to performing excavation work. MCWD is one of 12 statewide recipients of the grant offered annually by the Association of CA Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA JPIA). The Risk Control Grant Program’s purpose is to “promote the implementation of best practices that will prevent or mitigate losses in the JPIA’s programs.”

MCWD staff identified the need for detecting underground lines due to occasionally encountering unmarked electrical and cable lines. The grant allowed for the purchase of locating equipment, which will be utilized in conjunction with Underground Service Alert (USA) North 811 procedures required prior to digging. USA is an organization that connects the excavation community with the owners of underground utility lines. California Division of Occupational Safety and Health Administration requires contractors or property owners to contact USA prior to digging. Using a locating device, combined with USA procedures and regularly meeting with utility agencies, the District is able to reduce the risk of striking an unmarked utility line. This ensures safe excavation work to protect workers and eliminates potential interruption of the community’s utility services.

MCWD proudly accepts this grant and is looking forward to the extra level of caution and increased confidence it will provide for MCWD workers prior to excavation, instead of entirely relying upon USA markings.

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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.