



## Notice of Exemption

To: County Clerk  
County of Mono  
P.O. Box 237  
Bridgeport, CA 93517

From: Mammoth Community Water District  
P.O. Box 597  
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

**Project Title:** Center Street Monitoring Well (Project)

**Project Location:** The proposed Project will be located on the north-west corner of APN 035-010-020-000 (The Parcel) in Mammoth Lakes, Mono County, California. The Parcel is owned by the Town of Mammoth Lakes and the District will acquire an easement for the location, installation, and operation of a monitoring well. The Town of Mammoth Lake's General Plan and zoning designation of the parcel is RMF-1(AH). The Project will gain access via a vacant, disturbed lot at 161 Center Street. A map of the Project location is provided as Exhibit A.

### **Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The intent of the proposed Project is to develop a monitoring well to collect water quality samples to monitor potential effects of nearby geothermal energy production. The Casa Diablo IV Geothermal Development Project, which is located to the north and east of the shallow groundwater aquifer on which the Mammoth Community Water District (District) relies for its main water supply, has raised concerns about the potential impacts of this additional geothermal energy production on the District's groundwater supply. This monitoring well will permit the District to collect water quality data to monitor the effects of the additional geothermal energy production activities in order to evaluate the need for action should impacts occur.

The Project includes the drilling of a 5-inch monitoring well. The proposed Project site will be accessed from Center Street utilizing an existing graded driveway at 161 Center Street. Approximately, 0.4 acres will be utilized by the drilling equipment. A temporary drilling pad will be constructed on approximately 0.2 acres of The Parcel and best management practices will be installed and maintained to mitigate dust and water quality impacts. Trees will be removed only as needed to safely gain access for the well drilling equipment. All portions of the site not previously disturbed, or needed for access, will be revegetated with stockpiled topsoil from the site following completion of the well. Waste generated during drilling will be trucked off site.

The Project site is located in a mixed-use area. Residential units are located to the north and west and a commercial building is located to the east. A housing project is currently planned on portions of the proposed Project site. No impacts to the existing or proposed housing projects or commercial entities will result from this project. Other than the temporary drilling activities and well installation activities, which are expected to take approximately two months, there will not be any additional disturbance.

After the proposed monitoring well has been completed, data samples will be collected on a quarterly basis. These samples will be utilized consistent with the CD-IV Geothermal Development Project Groundwater Monitoring and Response Plan.

**Name of Public Agency Approving and Carrying Out the Project:**

The Mammoth Community Water District

**Exempt Status:**

Categorical Exemption Section 15306, Class 6.

**Reasons why the project is exempt:**

15306, Information Collection, Class 6 allows for basic data collection, research, experimental management and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:**

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Signature:

Mark Busby, General Manager

Date: May 20, 2021