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PHOTO: MARK McMAHAN

MHS skiers and snowboarders reclaimed their rightful combined title crown at last month's CNISSF championships. Above: Addison Koenig on the move. More coverage p. 12.

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NO MORE ... BLINKING ... LIGHTS

Never Be Another!

By Fisher

Editor's introduction: As soon as I started reading Fisher's story, an '80s McCartney ballad, a true earworm, came to mind. Instead of No More Lonely Nights, no more blinking lights. See if you can't get that out of your head now.

Roundabout, rotary, traffic circle – no matter what you call it, you can expect one to come to Mammoth soon.

On Wednesday, The Mammoth Town Council voted to award a contract to design a roundabout at the intersection between Minaret Road and Meridian Boulevard. The traffic signals at the intersection are currently set to a permanent flashing red because they are too expensive to fix.

"Though the traffic levels at the intersection are generally acceptable, it still presents safety concerns," Amy Callanan, Mammoth Engineering Manager, wrote in a staff report.

Public Works Director Haislip Hayes said the construction is part of a more significant grant funding request anticipated in coming years.

He brought up the roundabout concept during a CIP update in a Council meeting last month. The approved budget allocated \$220,000 to the project.

Those dollars go towards getting the project "shovel ready" so that Hayes can apply for \$180,000 in grant funding from the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to complete it.

STIP funding is awarded biannually in even-numbered years, so the next funding cycle concludes in 2026. A couple of years ago, Hayes did

a public service report that got the project lined up for funding, he said.

At the last meeting, Andy Morris, the Mammoth Town Attorney, chimed in on the discussion as a Truckee resident. Truckee has 12 roundabouts, and Morris is a fan of the idea.

"They work because people come into them, and if they don't know how they work, they slow down," Morris said.

That prompted hesitation from Councilmember

Amanda Rice, who questioned whether Bay Area drivers are better or worse than Southern California drivers. Morris responded, "You can't break a roundabout with a car," whereas an errant driver can take out a traffic light.

This roundabout is not to be confused with the one envisioned in the Snowcreek VIII master plan, which, if constructed, would mediate the intersection between Old Mammoth Road and Minaret.

HOW GREEN IS MY VALLEY?

Can ESCH salvage Valley Apartments?

By Fisher

Just as one of Bishop's two affordable housing projects – Valley Apartments, a 1950s motel turned senior and disabled living – seemed headed for the drain, affordable housing nonprofit Eastern Sierra Community Housing (ESCH) secured a grant to fix it up.

But now, Patricia Robertson, ESCH Executive Director, said the project is the organization's most "complicated" and "controversial" undertaking.

A grant, secured in December through the State's Portfolio

Reinvestment Program, gives ESCH \$4.8 million to fix the old building, which has numerous infrastructure problems.

Additionally, in the time it takes to develop and remodel the complex, the current residents will likely be temporarily or permanently relocated.

ESCH plans to close escrow on the property by December 2025. The grant includes a stipulation declaring the units affordable for 55 years.

"I'm hoping [the grant money] is going to be enough," she said. "But it needs a lot of work."

She's concerned about three main things in the 65+ year-old building: lead and asbestos remediation, an outdated foundation, and relocation costs.

The Valley Apartments currently house people who make 30% of the area median income (AMI), mainly seniors and people on disability who make less than \$1,000/month. The rent payments are under \$400 and include utilities.

The current plan is to relocate the tenants on a rolling basis, but that may not be possible depending on feasibility.

ESCH is hiring a relocation consultant to find appropriate housing for the current tenants. ESCH will also have to store the residents' belongings and pay them to live elsewhere while they renovate the building. Robertson estimates the total relocation cost to be between \$300,000 and \$400,000.

"Some [residents] will probably move on," Robertson said. "Some may pass away."

ESCH may relocate the current residents from the building for a year or longer. When they return, they'll probably not see rents as low as before.

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JOE BRONCO



Bishop's Joseph Lent tossing the discus Wednesday at a home track & field meet. More meet photos p. 13.

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MARTYR!

I recently rented the 1966 film version of Ray Bradbury’s “Fahrenheit 451,” - could only find it one place, on some service called Fandango, for \$9.99. And you couldn’t rent it. You had to buy it.

*Note to IRS. I’m definitely taking this deduction. Not that there’s anyone left employed there to check/care.

Anyway, for those unfamiliar with the story, Bradbury’s sci-fi tale, originally published in 1953, imagines a world in which books are banned and there are special book-burning crews who put out books much like a fire crew would put out fires. They respond to calls, tear homes apart, make a pile of the books they find, and then torch them with a flamethrower.

It’s a pretty clever concept, though quaint.

Because you don’t have to ban books these days. No one reads books. Hell, people view anyone who reads with suspicion if not contempt. When I suggest a book to my daughter, she looks at me like I’m crazy. She’s got TikTok and Instagram. They’re much more compelling. And they feed her exactly what she wants.

It’s funny, because no one reads books and yet everyone similarly has a quaint notion that they can write a really good one and that other people, who don’t normally read, will a.) suddenly decide to read that one particular book out of the zillions that exist and b.) lionize them for their literary triumph.

A few weeks back, in a group text, I received a photoshopped photograph of President Trump pulling a kiddie plastic car, and a photo of Ukrainian President Zelenskyy’s face was superimposed on the toddler in the car.

I have to admit I’m not sure why I’m on the group text. I don’t recognize a lot of the numbers.

But I see the image and against my better judgment (because I typically ignore this type of noise), I write back and say, in what I believe to be an understated tone, “Ummm, shouldn’t the roles be reversed here?”

And then my phone starts blowing up.

Because people are pissed! that politics has been introduced on this group text, particularly a political opinion that is not universally shared.

Three or four people demand to be removed from the text chain.

I write this as backdrop just because ... the book “Martyr!” by Kaveh Akbar was recommended to me. So I opened it and started reading - and I purposefully don’t like to know what a book is about before I start. At least a work of fiction.

This one is about a gay, recovering alcoholic, Iranian-American writer/intellectual who is writing a book about martyrdom. Typically, this is not a checklist which interests me. But it’s important to expand one’s horizons, right? Ha. Quaint-squared.

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-Alan Greenspan

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The twist on the tale is that the reason he is Iranian-American is because he was born in Iran but in 1988 the U.S. military accidentally shot down a commercial flight that his mother was on (this incident actually happened, by the way.) In the aftermath, he and his father emigrate to the U.S.

There are so many philosophical nuggets in this book. Things I maybe knew but only subconsciously. Because facing one’s complicity is no fun.

Example: Absence of active bad doesn’t equal good.

“It’s simple to cut things out of a life. You break up with a shitty partner, quit eating bread, delete the Twitter app. You cut it out, and the shape of what’s actually killing you clarifies a little. The whole Abrahamic world invests itself in this promise: Don’t lie, don’t cheat, don’t fuck or steal or kill, and you’ll be a good person. Eight of the ten commandments are about what thou shalt not. But you can live a whole life not doing any of that stuff and still avoid doing any good. That’s the whole crisis. The rot at the root of everything. The belief that goodness is built on a constructed absence, not-doing. That belief corrupts everything, has everyone with any power sitting on their hands. A rich man goes a whole day without killing a single homeless person and so goes to sleep content in his goodness. In another world, he’s buying crates of socks and Clif bars and tents, distributing them in city centers. But for him, abstinence reigns.”

Another part that I liked was his reference to a Sufi prayer that in its entirety, reads, “Lord, increase my bewilderment.”

Which is juxtaposed by another passage which reads,

“The only people who speak in certainties are zealots and tyrants.”

Never mind that people who speak in certainties are so fucking tiresome.

I loved this next passage. I feel like it speaks to exactly where we’re heading

“I am going to buy the biggest Cadillac door I can find so when the world ends and it’s just us left to fend for ourselves, I can roll down the window when it gets hot.”

Perhaps I should place a Cadillac door in my front yard. An art piece. Who wants to sell me a door?

Let’s give Steve Jolly of Truckee the final word to a disjointed editorial which I’m not sure I follow or understand:

“For those who oppose President Trump’s tariff policy, ask yourself about Mammoth’s 15% tourism tax. #MakeMammothanHOAagain”

Late-breaking news on Thursday. Third Mono County Hanta death reported. Please follow the protocols outlined on page seven.

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Thoughts on Uribe

Dear Editor,

I have some thoughts to share about Jesús Corona Uribe, and about events that led up to his death.

To his wife and children and all his other family: I am sorry for your loss.

I did not know Jesús Corona Uribe well, but in the course of my work in the local courts I spoke with him on numerous occasions over the past six or seven years. My job as Spanish/English interpreter and translator for the Mono County Superior Court brought me into contact with him each time he got cited or arrested. I interpreted for him during his court proceedings and in all conversations between he and his public defenders, either at the jail or in the courthouse.

Jesús Corona had a terrible drug addiction. Methamphetamine had on several occasions suffocated the good in him and replaced it with a mean, aggressive, deranged version of himself. That was the version that MLPD officers faced on March 4th. I never had to face that version, since most of my encounters with him occurred while he was in custody, after several days of withdrawal or several months of forced abstinence. Under those circumstances he was always courteous and respectful in the courtroom, always polite towards me and his public defender. On more than one occasion I broke

role (and violated the court interpreter's rules of ethics) when I argued with him in an attempt to convince him to accept a deal where he would go to residential treatment. He would always say he was ready to start fresh and stay clean, but that he wasn't convinced about rehab. I felt certain that without recourse to residential treatment his monster addiction would again derail him. He always made the same counter argument: he wanted to get back to work as soon as possible because his wife and kids needed his support. So, he chose a shorter jail sentence instead of a longer stay in rehab.

The events of March 4th, when two MLPD officers fatally shot him, have raised serious, urgent questions about professional obligation and accountability, and more than that, questions about personal and communal responsibility. Jesús Corona Uribe failed himself in not seriously confronting his progressive addiction and committing to the kind of treatment and recovery that might have saved his life. I say this not as any moral judgement against him. I have no reason to believe he was not essentially a good, decent person.

Jesús, me da tristeza que te tocó tan agonizante fin. Que estés con Dios.

What could his closest friends and family have done to steer him towards recovery? I never noticed any family members at his numerous court appearances over the years. We have seen the powerful effects that family mem-

bers can have during such proceedings, especially when they stand and express support for a loved one in the courtroom, and publicly urge that person to do the right thing.

Did anyone among his intimates – friends, co-workers, family – knowing what meth did to him, ever confront the individuals supplying him with that poison? Or report those individuals to law enforcement? Anyone close to Jesús Corona would have known where he was getting it, although they might deny this. There is an insidious code of passivity among many – perhaps not all, but many – in the Hispanic immigrant community that deters people from denouncing those who distribute meth and other addictive poisons that take such a toll among the entire community. Where is a concern for the common good? People's silence in this regard amounts to a malignant, self-imposed, cultural apartheid. Some people will be resentful towards me for saying those things, but as the son of Mexican immigrants who were honorable people and not afraid to speak truths, I am giving myself permission to say them.

The final questions of accountability are connected to what happened on March 4th. I have thought hard about whether I have a right to share my thoughts. What I have to say is not in judgment of the officers who shot him – I was not in their shoes that day – but it is an earnest expression of what I

hope I would have the courage to do in that or a similar situation. I am giving myself permission to say these things because my life experience includes a period of several years during which it was not uncommon for me to have to make a decision in which two basic factors were pressing: on the one hand, my obligation to assist someone in urgent need, and on the other, my personal safety. Better stated, the decision was made early on, and after that it was something reflexive, already decided. Something unspoken between myself and my co-workers.

From 1977 to 1990 I was a paramedic with San Francisco's Emergency Medical Services. We were the 911 responders. Early on in my rookie year, not long after getting certified and going out on the streets, we were dispatched to a residence where someone was reported to be in a psychotic state. A young girl had called, terrified, because her mother was yelling and striking her own head against the wall and threatening anyone who tried to help. We arrived at the scene and saw the woman out on the exterior staircase of the building, pitching objects down towards people who had attempted to climb to the 2nd floor apartment. China dinner plates were exploding on the pavement. We could hear kids crying up there, from inside the apartment. Police had not yet arrived.

Still inside the ambulance, I turned

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and asked my partner, a much older guy, a Korean War veteran who had been years with the E.M.S., "Do we wait for the police?"

He looked at me and said, "Did you think you were signing up for a risk-free job?"

"No."

"Then grab your kit and let's go."

Our patient saw us coming and went inside. We were halfway up the staircase when a large turntable-record player came flying past us and bounced down the stairs. Like a cartoon we spun and ran back down to the pavement, both of us laughing as we went. I am sorry we laughed, we shouldn't have. It was disrespectful, but it helped relieve the tension. While we waited below a box speaker came down and splintered on the pavement. Then another speaker. We waited a couple of minutes. My partner, still smiling, says, "I'm betting there's only two speakers and she's out of dinner plates. Let's go" We went back up and in. By then the woman had hid under the bed. Her tortured screams were to me scarier than the shit she had been throwing. We asked a neighbor to take the kids. Police arrived. We were enough hands now to restrain her, carry her down, strap her onto the gurney, and off to S.F. General. We later learned she had a long and painful psych history.

Not often, but there were a number of calls when things were thrown

at us or we faced the possibility that something would be thrown at us. I don't recall rocks, but I do recall beer bottles, a food blender, family photos framed in glass, other stuff. On some occasions we had the cops beside us. No one ever got shot, for which I was glad. And there were not a few occasions when we arrived at a less than hospitable situation before the police got there. Domestic violence, victim reports perpetrator still inside... Shots fired, multiple injuries, shooter still at large... Street fight, knife wounds reported, police on the way... On and on. I cannot recall a single time when we waited for the police before doing our job. It was what we had signed up for.

Maybe I was lucky, but the only injuries I recall during those years were a broken rib, a scalp wound, wrenched back muscles, a broken nose and a dislocated thumb - only two were gifts from an aggressive person, the rest were due to my own carelessness.

The point is this: there were numerous occasions during those 13½ years where two questions I might have asked myself as a fresh rookie did not need to be asked anymore. They had already been answered and the answers had long been internalized. Did I sign up for this?...Yes. Did I expect my job to be always safe?...No.

There is obviously nothing original about what I am saying. Every one of our local first responders in the Eastern Sierra has asked him- or herself

those questions.

Maybe I and my fellow paramedics were foolish and reckless back then, those forty-odd years ago. I don't know. In this present age, where "risk management" and "personal safety" merit the creation of departments and entire bureaucracies and generate manuals of strict protocols, those two questions may not have the same meaning anymore.

I regret if this reads like a self-righteous sermon to anyone. I am not making judgements. What happened on March 4th has raised burning questions for many of us, and it is important to talk about it, but I don't do social media, nor do I trust it. I confess, there is also a selfish intention here: I just can't stop thinking of Jesús Corona Uribe and what his hopes and best intentions were, and whether things might have been resolved differently, and talking about all this helps me move on and concentrate on my work again.

Jesús, I am sorry you did not make it. I am sorry you were so mule-headed about things, but mostly, I am sorry you did not make it.

Gerardo Ramos
Bishop



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LOCAL NEWS

ROCK ON

By Fisher

Mammoth’s Town Council unanimously approved all Measure U and R allocations recommended by their respective recommending bodies, including the \$350,000 rock wall that made the Sheet’s front page on March 22.

The climbing rock is the centerpiece of an \$850,000 plan to build Mammoth Creek Park as a Town Recreation Hub. In 2023, the Council approved \$500,000 of the Town’s General Fund monies for the project, including the rock’s cost.

However, the cost of building the boulder has increased since then, hence the \$350,000 Measure R request.

David Talsky, who owns the Monkey Bar indoor climbing gym in the industrial park, said no one approached him about partnering on a rock wall project.

He said he could have built the most bitching wall ever for half the money and it could have been open year-round.

The Council also approved reallocating \$8,000 to Community Recreation Center (CRC) “programming amenities,” including gymnastics equipment, an inflatable batting cage, and mountain bike ramps. These funds come from a surplus in funding for the CRC’s volleyball court renovation.

Lastly, Chris Benchetler of Wind Drift

Studios appeared to thank the Town for approving \$25,000 to fund the purchase and installation of audiovisual equipment in his new, proposed art studio/Arcteryx retail space/community art space. The Council seconded the allocation.

The Measure U Allocations committee initially turned down Wind Drift Studios’ request because the proponents were unable to attend the pitch, and the proposal lacked clarity. But alas, Mammoth Lakes Recreation, the recommending body and, now, Council, yielded the request upon reconsideration.

Snowcreek

The Council unanimously approved the penultimate consideration of amending the Snowcreek Development Agreement, concluding a series of public hearings on the long-storied controversy.

The Town Council will read the agreement again in May, wherein, if approved, it will become effective 30 days later.

The amended contract supposedly benefits the Town by promising to maintain the golf course, and deed-restrict a certain number of afford-

able housing units—the same proposed benefits as in the original 2010 document, but with more anticipated completion stipulations.

Developer Chuck Lande said he didn’t get everything he wanted in the agreement but that he is comfortable moving forward.

“This has been a long process, but I do feel that if everyone is a little unhappy, then it’s probably a reasonable negotiation,” Mayor Chris Bubser said.

Chamber gets a boost

The Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce asked for and received an 8% increase in its contract agreement with the Town for the next four years, a \$24,000 bump from their prior contract amount of \$300,000.

The source of funds is the General Fund and is a portion of Measure A allocation of Transient Occupancy Tax related to tourism-based expenditures.

The raise request is to “diversify revenue streams” for the Chamber beyond membership fees and keep up with business demands. The Chamber’s total annual budget is around \$500,000.



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The state bumped the Valley Apartments income restriction from 30% to 60% AMI to make the project feasible for ESCH, but that has implications for a higher rent demand.

“If we raise the rents, which I assume we will, we will have to look for subsidies for [the current residents],” Robertson said. “We are going to have to take that on.”

The subsidies could be hundreds of dollars every month per person.

“There are some programs we can finagle, but we’d have to spend all that time coordinating that,” Robertson said.

One more catch: the property comes with an approximate \$2 million debt.

The story and the debt begin with the Inyo-Mono Advocates for Community Action (IMACA), a local nonprofit that provides social services to the community.

In the 1980s, IMACA obtained the property through a 30-year loan from California’s Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

IMACA and its board assumed the loan would be forgiven. But it wasn’t, and by the time the contract expired, the state wanted its money back — plus interest.

Jeff Griffiths, current Inyo County Supervisor, served on the IMACA board in 2011 when the deal went awry.

“There was nothing we could find forensically [saying the HCD would forgive the loan] written into the loan agreement,” he said.

Robertson explained that these debts are common in low-income housing projects, and the funds aren’t usually forgiven because they’re traditionally refinanced and kept as affordable housing.

“The concept is that you’re not ever going to pay it back because you can’t afford to pay it back because you’re not making any money,” she said. “But they can’t just give it to you because that would be a gift of public funds.”

The incentive to re-signing the loan is that it would be kept as affordable housing, not turned into a commercial

project or torn down, Robertson said.

The HCD did try to negotiate a new deal with IMACA, which would refinance the building into a new \$1.2 million loan with annual monitoring fees.

However, IMACA isn’t primarily focused on housing projects, and its lenders weren’t used to seeing or understanding these debts. So, after running the complex at a deficit for decades, IMACA didn’t want to make another commitment to losing money and didn’t take the new loan.

For a decade, IMACA continued to fight the HCD for loan forgiveness. Then, in January 2021, the HCD put the loan into default.

“That became critically important because it made IMACA’s books look really, really bad,” Griffiths said. The default was detrimental to IMACA’s grant funding, and it couldn’t secure a line of credit. IMACA declared a “fiscal crisis” and sought local funding to allow the organization to continue providing needed public services to economically vulnerable community members.

Soon thereafter, it backed out of the affordable housing market and handed off its projects to ESCH.

ESCH went into escrow on the Valley apartments years ago but hesitated to purchase them because it didn’t have the funds to renovate them. Robertson applied for the grant two separate times before the state awarded it.

ESCH will take on the debt as part of the purchasing price, and the \$4.8 million in the grant won’t contribute to the debt. Still, ESCH isn’t as concerned about carrying the debt as IMACA was — the renovation is enough of a challenge in its own right.



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THIRD TIME'S A CHARM?

It's all over but the shouting. The April 1 snowpack report officially sticks a fork in the winter of 2024-25.

The Eastern Sierra average snowpack came in at 91% of normal to date on April 1, according to the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's "weighted average" snow pillow readings. The snowpack toyed with the 100% of average mark in late March, but dropped a tad before the April 1 reading, which is traditionally used to estimate runoff for the coming year. But even 91% is close enough of a full load of snow to mark the unusual occurrence of three straight years of darn near average or above average snowpack and runoff in the Eastern Sierra, which will lead to the aforementioned "shouting" by the area's water watchers. More about that in a bit.

The statewide Sierra snowpack also was on a three-year "average" streak and came in at 96% of April 1 averages, according to the state Department of Water Resources. The last time California's snowpack hit or came within a snowball toss of 100% of average or higher for three consecutive years was 1998 to 2000, and before that, from 1978 to 1980, according to the Central Sierra

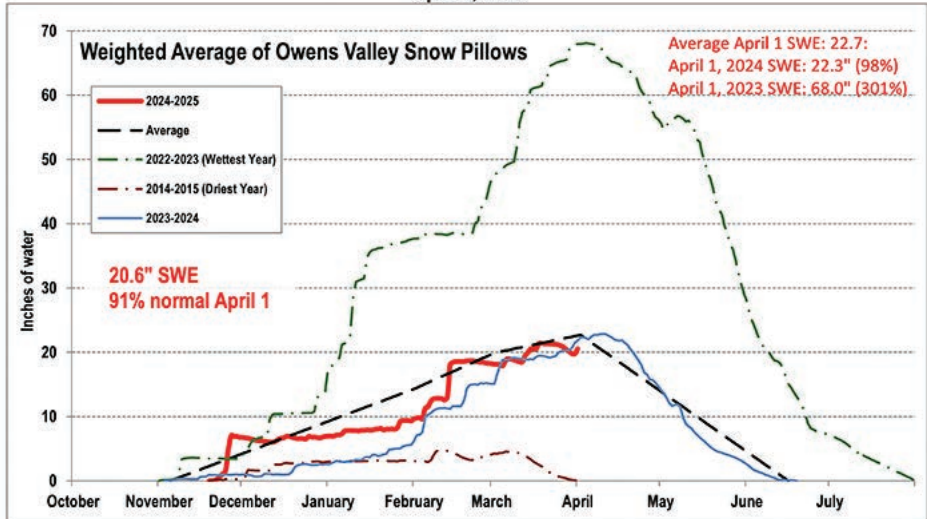
Snow Laboratory.

This year being "average" for snow and precipitation feels sort of surprising. The winter felt rather tame. Especially in the Owens Valley lowlands. A couple of good storms, sort of, with maybe one or two that dropped snow on the valley floor. But not much. The "storms" created the need for just minimal snow shoveling undertaken by the neurotics who just couldn't wait for the afternoon sun to burn through and banish the thin layer of white stuff on lawns and sidewalks. Storms did induce plenty of chain control days on US 395 north of Bishop through Mono County. But no extended highway closures due to massive piles of snow.

Pretty much a yawner. Which is always enjoyable.

A few more storms delivered nice, extended rains that perked up the shrubbery. But not big drama. More often than not, the promised storms only delivered two feet of wind. The rainstorms were even mellow. No flooded streets, minimal stream flows out of the Sierra high country. The LADWP data confirms it was a weak year for rainfall. Rainfall only reached the mid-50% of Oct. 1 normal at Cain Ranch, Long Valley and Bishop, with Independence at

EASTERN SIERRA
CURRENT PRECIPITATION CONDITIONS
April 1, 2025



67% and South Haiwee lagging at 37%. Only Big Pine got slightly soggy with 89%.

Cottonwood Lakes was the only snowpack reading topping 100%, with just 107% of average, followed by Mammoth Pass at 95%. Gem Pass, Rock Creek, Sawmill and Big Pine were in the 72% to 85% range.

The lack of drama didn't harm Mammoth Mountain, though. The mountain recorded a tidy 273 inches of snow as of April 1, thanks to March storms that delivered 93 inches of the white stuff. Solid snows in November set up the Christmas skiing holidays, which were mostly clear and storm-free. (Sierra snowpack on Jan. 1 was just 61% of normal, and a slight 27% of the April 1 average.) The big storms hit in February and March, when about half the mountain's snow load arrived.

While the 273 inches of white stuff was plenty for skiing, it was the lowest amount in the last three years. The mountain's 2023-24 snow total was 367 inches, with a whooping, record-breaking 715 inches of snow in 2022-23. The Eastern Sierra snowpack mimicked the mountain, with 2023-24 hitting 109% of April 1 average and the big kahuna of 2022-24 hitting 301% of April 1 averages.

Which brings us back to the shouting about what to do with this year's runoff, since it's the third year there will be ample supplies for Los Angeles Department of Water and Power exports through the LA Aqueduct and also moisten its land holdings in Inyo and Mono counties stretching from Long Valley to Lone Pine.

The last two years saw spirited public comments from tribes, citizens and nonprofit groups urging LADWP to make some dramatic shifts in its water gathering and exporting plans. The Friends of the Inyo, the Big Pine Tribe and others said the department should dramatically limit exports to LA, even to the point of not sending any water down the aqueduct because of full reservoirs and ample supplies from the state and federal water projects. But LADWP continued to export water in both years. The Big Year saw LA get about 85% of its

water from the Eastern Sierra, and last year the exports provided 66% of the city's water (about 286,000 acre feet).

Next up was the strong suggestion that LADWP should keep more water in the Owens Valley to supply irrigation and "spread" water in areas where it is known to replenish aquifers. LADWP noted after the big snow year when it put water in every ditch and creek in the Eastern Sierra, groundwater levels increased significantly. A little more "spreading" was provided last year.

With soggy conditions in year three, there will likely be additional pressure to keep more water in Mono and Inyo to keep aquifers rising.

The big snow years were good to Mono Lake. But not as good as they could have been, according to the Mono Lake Committee. With the lake rising several feet and a vigorous lobbying campaign in LA, LADWP planned to take just 4,500 acre feet of water from the streams feeding Mono Lake. But dry conditions over the winter prompted LADWP to go ahead and keep diverting, eventually taking about 10,000 acre feet of water, which was still less than the 16,000 acre feet allowed by various legal stipulations.

On April 1, LADWP and the Mono Lake Committee announced the lake was at 6,383 feet above sea level, which means up to 16,000 a.f. could be diverted this year.

The good snow year and diversions less than the legal limit last year will assuredly get the committee back on the campaign trail as it seeks to limit exports to keep lake levels going up.

April 1 is when LADWP completes its Draft Operations Plan and takes public comment (see shouting, above), and comments from Inyo County before adopting its 2025-26 operation plan.

Stay tuned.

Jon Klusmire of Bishop enjoys watching the water watchers wince when watching LADWP whittle away at wetter and wilder wishes. Whew.

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EFFECTS & DEFECTS

Sierra Classic Theatre's production of "The Effect" opens Wednesday

By Lunch

I don't even know if I should write this review, because I think it might be fun for prospective audiences to be similarly blindsided.

I guess that's what happens when you don't read the research materials in advance.

Because as I was watching this production on Wednesday evening (the set still a work in progress), I was struck by how good the lead actress (Emma Mumford) was - particularly how engaged she remained when it wasn't her line.

And then this morning, I read the bio that the play's director, Allison Page, had provided.

Emma Mumford (*Connie Hall*) graduated from NYU and The William Esper Studio before moving to the beautiful Eastern Sierra and is ecstatic to be a part of this production. Winner of the National Youth Arts Award for Best Actress, Best Actor at the Apex Film Festival.

So yes, Page found a ringer. Like Walter Matthau's Buttermaker getting Tatum O'Neal to pitch.

The plot of *The Effect* focuses upon a drug trial for an anti-depressant.

Problem is, what the drug is supposed to promote is the same chemical reaction one might achieve when falling in love.

So it's a chicken-and-egg game, this love and happiness, as Mumford and Drew Heenan (*Tristan Frey*) begin their romantic dance. Heenan, who previously and memorably appeared on the local boards as the butler in Mammoth Lakes Rep's "Clue," is excellent opposite Mumford.

The doctors in charge of the experiment have also had their own past romantic entanglement, so that relationship between *Dr. Lorna James* (played by Camille Miller) and *Dr. Toby Sealey*

(played by Phillip Allen Ganoung) serves as a mirror, a counterpoint, a glimpse of the future.

They are also quite convincing as repressed medical professionals.

We eventually learn one of the test subjects is on a placebo - I decided it had to be the guy, because men are forever dopamine'd up and hopeful where women are concerned.

I guess I shouldn't tell you whether or not I was right or wrong.

One of the great paradoxes of the experiment is that the trial medication encourages poor decision-making and rash behavior, and yet the doctors then reprimand the test subjects for the exact same.

The trial medication could just as well be marijuana, alcohol and speed.

And that's another one of the philosophical questions considered in the play - creation always comes with side effects. And it's all a balancing act as to which side effects are worth it, and which aren't

The play premiered at the Royal National Theatre's Cottesloe Theatre in London in November 2012, and starred Billie Piper and Jonjo O'Neill.

The original won Critics' Circle Theatre Award for Best New Play



Miller and Ganoung



Heenan and Mumford

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FEELING TREMORS

Or, inside the world of Inyo Film Commissioner Jesse Steele

By Fisher

A man is planning to travel from Japan to Inyo County, driven by his passion for the 1990 horror/comedy classic *Tremors*. He's eager to visit the locations where the movie was filmed, a testament to the film's enduring cult status.

Inyo County Film Commissioner Jesse Steele reported this news to the County Supervisors on March 25.

This report prompted Lunch and me to:

Discuss *Tremors*, a film I had never seen but was subsequently assigned to watch. A week later, I still can't shake the image of those giant, man-eating underground worms.

Wonder what a County Film Commissioner does.

To find out, I arranged to meet Jesse Steele for coffee.

With 25 years of experience in film production, Steele stepped into the role a few years ago. Inyo County had long wanted to engage with the film industry but lacked someone with the right expertise.

"We are a destination for every car commercial," he noted. "So many movies are shot here, but we didn't have knowledgeable staff."

By being well-connected in town and in the industry, Steele benefits the local community while maximizing the filmmakers' capabilities.

"My job is to assist production companies with anything they need," Steele explained. Whether sourcing a vintage Ford truck for a climbing video or casting local talent, he serves as a bridge between filmmakers and the resources of Inyo County.

County.

On average, Steele receives two to three inquiries a week from various productions interested in filming in the area. Keeping talent, props, and permits within the County helps strengthen the local economy.

Recently, Tesla called Steele about filming a commercial in Inyo County. The production company wanted shots of people paddle boarding with dogs to show off a new feature on the car. So, Steele helped arrange a shoot on Diaz Lake with local actors—a mother and a daughter. It was a freezing, windy, cold day, and the production team didn't know about paddle boarding, so Steele and the locals had to help them figure it out.

Tesla had an easier time shooting, the actors made extra cash, and the County made some money in permitting.

Plus, it lined up well for Steele to pitch another idea to Tesla—a commercial in Death Valley. The National Park hadn't been open to commercial film permitting for years but started allowing it again over the last couple of years to generate more revenue.

"The weirdest place in the world is Death Valley, and the weirdest truck on the road is the cyber truck," he said. "So you need to put those together."

Tesla is planning to go through with it.

By pitching ideas like this to significant businesses and filmmakers, Steele can introduce different kinds of production companies to the area. Inyo County has a long history of Western filmmaking,

but what if it was also a hub for romantic comedies or action movies?

The less siloed the area is, the more popular it becomes as a film spot.

It's also helpful for production companies to have a liaison, especially when it comes to permitting – getting permission to film can be a painful process in the film industry.

For example, if a producer wanted to film on land in Bishop, they'd have to go to the city of Bishop for a permit. Then, if they wanted to film on BLM land the

next day, they'd have to fill out a different form. And if they wanted to fly a drone on that same land, they'd have to fill out a third.

To avoid this, Steele has made it a goal to organize and consolidate the forms so they are simpler to understand and easier to obtain.

Ultimately, the easier it is to film here, the more often people will film here. And the more often people film here, the more likely we will get movies like *Tremors*.

100 WOMEN WHO CARE



Bishop, CA — 100 Women Who Care – Eastern Sierra (100 WWCES) was honored to tour Inyo County Search and Rescue (SAR) and see firsthand the lifesaving impact of our recent \$7,000 donation. ICSAR's dedicated volunteers provide critical search and rescue services across Inyo County, assisting those in distress in some of the most remote and rugged areas.

As an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit, SAR partners with the Inyo County Sheriff's Office to respond to emergencies and even lends support to search and rescue teams in other counties when needed. Their work is vital to the safety of residents and visitors exploring the Eastern Sierra.

"We are thrilled to support SAR and the volunteers who dedicate their time and expertise to saving lives," said Darlene Schuetz, Chairperson at 100 WWCES. "Their commitment to our community is extraordinary, and we are grateful for their service." To learn more, visit <https://www.100wwces.org/>



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LOCAL BRIEFS

Chamber Names Interim Director

Mammoth Lakes, CA – The Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce has named David Mason Eichman as Interim Director while President & CEO Brianna Goico is on maternity leave from April 12 through July 2025.

“David has a wealth of experience and knowledge of the Chamber of Commerce industry,” states President & CEO, Brianna Goico. “I am confident in his leadership during my brief absence.”

David brings decades of leadership, legal expertise, and community service to the role. A graduate of Dartmouth College and Northwestern University School of Law, David began his career at a major law firm before launching his own practice focused on real estate, business formation, and contracts. He served as Chair of the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, served on its Board of Directors for many years, and remains on its honorary Board of Governors. He also spent 27 years on the West Hollywood Transportation & Mobility Commission and has held leadership roles in several alumni and LGBTQ+ organizations.

David lives with his husband, Richard Mehlman, and their dog, Ali, in the Laurel Canyon area of Los Angeles. Since 2020, they’ve spent a significant amount of time in Mammoth Lakes, where they have a second home.

He will begin working at the Chamber on Monday April 7, 2025.



David Mason Eichman

Math Attack!

On February 19th, the JV Bishop Mathlete team made the long journey to Silver Valley and took home the first place trophy, over 10 points ahead of the second place team, Rosamond. They finished their season with more than twice as many points as the 3rd, 4th and 5th place teams!

This season’s JV team was incredible as they took half of the positions in the top ten overall. These Mathletes were Santi Lopez, Clare Haverstock, Bram Crall, Granite Puhvel, and Ruby Vandehoven who took third, fourth, fifth, seventh, and eighth respectively.

The other Mathletes who fiercely fought for the coveted top ten places were Adan Perez, Scarlett Buchholz,

Reagan Dermody, Sydney Garcia, Amaya Hays, Tatum Swanson, Wayland Schultz, Alexis Solorio, and Kevin Rivas.

Congratulations to all of the JV Mathletes on their victory!

SPELLING CHAMPS!



34 students from local elementary and middle schools participated in the 2024-25 countywide Spelling Bee at Jill Kinmont Boothe School on March 18, 2025. Above, Junior High Spelling Bee winners (left to right): 1st place winner Aidan Pagenkopp of Big Pine, 3rd place winner Kayla Bentley of Home Street Middle School and 2nd place winner Jordan Hasty of Owens Valley High School



Elementary Spelling Bee winners (left to right) 3rd place winner Blaise Berry from Lo-Inyo Elementary, 2nd place winner Sean O'Connor from Bishop Elementary and 1st place winner from Round Valley Elementary, Kaiden Miller.

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HUSKY SKI & SNOWBOARD TEAMS CLAIM STATE TITLE

Mammoth's Ski and Snowboard Team became California/Nevada State Champions recently at the CNISSF Championships at Sierra @ Tahoe where over 300 student athletes competed from over 30 schools from the state on March 2-5. This is the first time they have won the Overall Combined title since 2022.

"This was a big win where everyone from our team contributed in their own way from the very beginning of the season," said MHS Team Director, Connie Moyer and Snowboard Team Coach Erick Sugimura. "Everyone had a special role to win it all from our fastest racers to those who worked as gatekeepers and binding technicians. In other words, everyone counted to become Champions! Some had to sacrifice not racing 100% (like our three snowboard men's team of Rylen Nash, Grayson Hodges and Aiden Brocia) in order to finish and give us our complete team points.

"In the end at the awards, we did not know if we won and the excitement brought me to tears because this was such a team hard fought effort!" Moyer said.

Here are all of the team's accomplishments at States:

- *CNISSF State Overall Combined Ski and Snowboard Team Champions
- *CNISSF State Ski Combined Men & Women Champions
- *CNISSF State Women's Ski Championships
- *CNISSF State Combined Men & Women Snowboard Runner-Up
- *CNISSF State Women's Snowboard Team Runner-Up
- *CNISSF State Men Ski Team Third Place
- *CNISSF South 2 Division Champions

Highlighted individual results from the team results that led the Huskies to their State Title included: Elcee Mahler and Logan Leggette who dominated the women's snowboard field, often beating all the men in both the qualifiers and the very competitive State Championships. Leggette won state overall championships (after winning the GS event by over seven seconds!) and Mahler placed third overall (after winning the snowboard SL event). Rylen Nash placed 10th on the combined all-state team with his 10th in the GS and 13th in the SL. Our men senior skiers, Tommy Lackey and Tanner Knott also dominated our South 2 Qualifiers and State Championships with Knott plac-



ing second overall (2nd in the GS and 3rd in the SL) and Lackey placing fourth overall (2nd in the SL and 7th in the GS). Addison Koenig tied to become the all state champion (with her first place in SL and third place in the GS). Sophie McMahan placed fourth overall (with a second in the Slalom and fourth place in the GS).

For more results and information about the CNISSF Championships please go to this website: <https://sites.google.com/view/cnissf/cnissf-championship-info>

After the CNISSF State Championships at Sierra @ Tahoe, seven of our

MHS Ski Team Members were selected to compete at the US High School Western Region Championships. This all-star type event held at Grand Targhee, WY, was a competition against nine other states in the Western part of the country.

More members from the Mammoth Ski Team Members were selected to represent the CA State team than any other high school in the league that included: Addison Koenig, Norah Hinson, Sophie McMahan, Aspen Wight, Rowan Monte, Tommy Lackey and Tanner Knott.



Clockwise from top left: Leggette, McMahan and Knott.

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By Lunch



Bishop Union High School Track & Field hosted Mammoth and Kern Valley at a meet on Wednesday. Leah Taylor anchored Bishop’s winning 4x100 meter relay team, powering through the hail. Nik Calderon (below) anchored Bishop’s 4x100 relay team and later participated in the high jump. We’ll print results next week.



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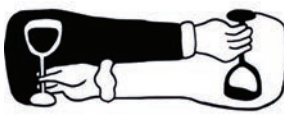
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Outlaw Saloon Happy Hour Monday through Friday from 4-6 p.m. *More info: See ad p. 8*
The Mogul happy hour 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the bar. Food and drink specials.
Lakanuki happy hour 3-6 p.m. daily AND karaoke every Sunday, starting at 8:30 p.m.
Main Street Pizza - *See ad page 17 for details.*
Distant Brewing happy hour Monday-Thursday from 3-5pm. \$1/off beer/wine/cider/seltzer/kombucha

April 4-5/
Tracorum plays Liberty as part of the Road to Jam Fest series. Cosmic Gospel Thunder Funk. Music starts 9:30 p.m. *More info: See ad p. 9*
Weekend Apres Ski parties @ Canyon Lodge. Starts 2 p.m. DJ WLDCT & ACRAZE perform.
Honky Tonk on the Hill (live country music) @ The Mill. Time: 12:30-3:30 p.m.

April 4-6/
Sunset Sips and Slides @ Woolly's Adventure Summit. Happy hour 3-5 p.m. *More info: See ad p. 10*

Sunday, April 6/
Cassie Dunn plays Distant Brewing. Starts 7 p.m. No cover.

Wednesday, April 9/
Weekly Pool Tournament @ Distant Brewing. Hosted by Eastern Sierra Pool from 4:30-9 p.m.

TOWN STUFF

Saturday, April 5/
Tahoe Adventure Film Festival Road Tour stops in Mammoth at the USFS Welcome Center Auditorium thanks to Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theater. Time: 7 p.m. Free (donations welcome). *More info: See ad p. 4*
Sierra Forever-sponsored Alabama Hills Geology Walk with staffer Ashley. Time: 11 a.m. 'til noon. Meet @ the Mobius Arch trailhead.
UCANR Master Food Preserver workshop on pressure canning salmon and other fish. Location: Tallman Bldg. at the Tri-County Fairgrounds. Time: 10 a.m., 'til 1 p.m. Cost: \$25. Info: 760.873.7854
Political rallies in opposition to Trump/Musk. 11 a.m. 'til noon on the sidealk in front of the Mountain Rambler in Bishop and 3 p.m. at the corner of Old Mammoth and Main in Mammoth.

April 5-6/
Community-wide yard sale in Chalfant/White Mountain Estates. Time: 8 a.m. 'til 4 p.m. both days. *Info: See ad p. 6*

Tuesday, April 8/
Inyo County Supervisors meet. Time: 10 a.m. Location: Board Chambers @ 224 N. Edwards in Independence or online via inyocounty.us.
"Gold Exploration in the Bodie Hills" presentation by Sierra Nevada Alliance. Time: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Location: Bridgeport Memorial Hall, 73 N. School St.

TOWN STUFF

Mono County Supervisors meet. Time: 9 a.m. Location: Board Chambers inside the Bridgeport Courthouse or online via monocounty.ca.gov.

Wednesday, April 9/
Sierra Classic Theatre's production of Lucy Prebble's "The Effect" opens and runs through April 20. Showtimes are 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays and 4 p.m. Sunday matinees. *For more, see ad p. 5 and review p. 9.*
Mammoth's Planning and Economic Development Commission meets. Time: 9 a.m. Location: Suite Z, Minaret Mall or online via townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

Thursday, April 10/
The Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care is creating a Strategic Plan to tackle homelessness in the region by evaluating service gaps, clarifying community goals, and identifying effective strategies. Thurmond Consulting is hosting a virtual meeting to pinpoint opportunities for service improvement. Location: Zoom. Time: 4-6 p.m. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83395296170?pwd=q2lYHUlfj4vvdY5v8T0gBBg0HPfNbt.1>

Friday, April 11/
Bishop Union HS Softball and Baseball teams host Boron. Time: 3:15 p.m.



UPCOMING

April 11-13: Owens Lake Bird Festival. Join Friends of the Inyo for birding and informational tours on and around Owens Lake. *More info at friendsoftheinyo.org*
April 11-13: Carson and Colorado Railway Open House weekend @ the Eastern California Museum in Independence. *More info @ Carsoncolorado.com or call 760.878.0278.*

ONGOING

ONGOING: Free tax help! The AARP Foundation Tax Aide programs in Bishop and Mammoth using IRS-certified volunteers prepare federal and state tax returns online without charge to low- and moderate-income residents. Call for an appt./more info

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Journeyman Plumber

-Mammoth \$30-45

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-Bishop \$68-92K annual

Member Service Rep.

-Bishop \$16.50-21

PT Housekeepers

-Mammoth \$20

Apartment Maintenance Tech

-Mammoth \$25

PT Building Maintenance

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Whitebark Institute Seeks Environmental Planning Program Director
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Crowley Lake Fish Camp is looking for a new team member to work at Pelican Point Grill, a concession type grill that feeds hungry fisherman Fridays through Sundays. Job includes cooking and customer service in a partially outdoor environment with a hard working team and beautiful views. Email crowleylakefishcamp@gmail.com to learn more or apply. Pay starts \$18 plus tips.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 25-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS FOR ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 93-1 (JUNIPER RIDGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/26

The Town Council (the “Council”) of the Town of Mammoth Lakes (the “Town”) does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the Council previously completed its proceedings in accordance with and pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, Part 2, Division 15 of the California Streets and Highways Code (commencing with Section 22500) (the “Act”) to establish the Town’s Assessment District 93-1 (Juniper Ridge) (the “Assessment District”); and

WHEREAS, the Town has retained NBS for the purpose of assisting with the annual levy of the Assessment District, and the preparation and filing of an Annual Report.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Intention: The Council hereby declares its intention to levy and collect assessments within the Assessment District to pay the costs of the improvements for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. The Council finds that the public's best interest requires such action.

2. Improvements: The improvements include, but are not limited to turf, shrubs, plants and trees, landscaping, irrigation and drainage systems, graffiti removal, and associated appurtenances within the public right-of-ways or specific easements. Services provided include all necessary services, operations, administration and maintenance required to keep the improvements in a healthy, vigorous, and satisfactory condition.

3. Assessment District Boundaries: The boundaries of the Assessment District are as shown by the assessment diagram filed in the offices of the Town Clerk, which map is made a part hereof by reference.

4. Annual Report: Reference is made to the Annual Report prepared by NBS, on file with the Clerk, for a full and detailed description of the improvements, the boundaries of the Assessment District and the zones therein, and the proposed assessments upon assessable lots and parcels of land within the Assessment District.

5. Notice of Public Hearing: The Council hereby declares its intention to conduct a Public Hearing concerning the levy of assessments in accordance with Section 22629 of the Act. All objections to the assessment, if any, will be considered by the Council. The Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday April 16, 2025 at 4:00 pm or as soon thereafter as is feasible in the Council Chambers, Suite Z located at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546. The Council further orders the Clerk to publish notice of this resolution in accordance with Section 22626 of the Act.

6. Increase of Assessment: The maximum assessment is not proposed to increase from the previous year above that previously approved by the property owners (as “increased assessment” is defined in Section 54954.6 of the Government Code).

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 19th day of March, 2025.

CHRIS BUBSER, Mayor
ATTEST: JAMIE GRAY, Town Clerk

TS #2025-0038

Notice of Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 25-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR PROCEEDINGS FOR THE LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE SPECIAL MAINTENANCE DISTRICT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 93-4, ZONE 1 (THE BLUFFS)- MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/26

The Town Council of the Town of Mammoth Lakes (the “Town”) does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Mammoth Lakes (the “Town Council”), California, pursuant to the terms of the Improvement Act of 1911, Division 7 of the California Streets and Highways Code, (commencing with Section 5000) (the “Assessment Law”) did, by previous resolution, establish the Assessment District designated as: Assessment District 93-4, Zone 1 (The Bluffs) – Maintenance District No. 1 (hereinafter referred to as the “Maintenance District”); and

WHEREAS, the Town has retained NBS for the purpose of assisting with the annual levy of the Maintenance District, and the preparation and filing of an annual report for the levy of assessments for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 within such Maintenance District; and

WHEREAS, there has now been presented to this Town Council the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Annual Report (the “Report”) as required by the Assessment Law; and

WHEREAS, this Town Council has now carefully examined and reviewed the Report as presented, and is satisfied with each and all of the items and documents as set forth therein, and is satisfied that the assessments, on a preliminary basis, have been spread in accordance with

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the special benefits received from the improvements to be maintained, as set forth in the Report; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council hereby declares its intention to conduct a Public Hearing concerning the levy of assessments in accordance with the Assessment Law. All objections to the assessment, if any, will be considered by the Town Council. The Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday April 16, 2025 at 4:00 pm or as soon thereafter as is feasible in the Town Council Chambers, Suite Z located at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546. The Town Council further orders the Town Clerk to publish notice of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The above recitals are all true and correct.

2. The Report as presented consists of the following:
(a) Plans and specifications describing the general nature, location and extent of the improvements to be maintained and of the maintenance work.
(b) An estimate of the cost of maintenance of the improvements for the Maintenance District for Fiscal Year 2025/26.
(c) A diagram of the Maintenance District, showing the area and properties proposed to be assessed.
(d) An annual assessment for Fiscal Year 2025/26 of the estimated costs of the maintenance of those improvements to be maintained during such fiscal year, assessing the net amount upon all assessable lots and/or parcels within the Maintenance District.
(e) The Town’s Contribution will be applied to offset the cost of improvements for Fiscal Year 2025/26, resulting in \$165,900 levy to the parcels in the Maintenance District.

3. The Report, as presented, is hereby approved, and is ordered to be filed in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town Council as a permanent record and to remain open to public inspection.

4. The Clerk of the Town Council shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution, and the minutes of this meeting shall so reflect the presentation of the Report.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 19th day of March, 2025.

CHRIS BUBSER, Mayor
ATTEST: JAMIE GRAY, Town Clerk

TS #2025-0039

Notice of Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 25-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR PROCEEDINGS FOR THE LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE SPECIAL MAINTENANCE DISTRICT OLD MAMMOTH ROAD BENEFIT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2002-1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/26

The Town Council of the Town of Mammoth Lakes (the “Town”) does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Mammoth Lakes (the “Town Council”), California, pursuant to the terms of the Benefit Assessment Act of 1982, Title 5 Division 2, of the California Government Code (commencing with Section 54703), Article XIII D of the Constitution of the State and the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act (Government Code Section 53750 and following) (collectively, hereafter referred to as the “Assessment Law”) did, by previous resolution, establish the Benefit Assessment District designated as: Old Mammoth Road Benefit Assessment District No. 2002-1 (hereinafter referred to as the “Maintenance District”); and

WHEREAS, the Town has retained NBS for the purpose of assisting with the annual levy of the Maintenance District, and the preparation and filing of an annual report for the levy of assessments for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 within such Maintenance District; and

WHEREAS, there has now been presented to this Town Council the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Annual Report (the “Report”) as required by the Assessment Law; and

WHEREAS, this Town Council has now carefully examined and reviewed the Report as presented, and is satisfied with each and all of the items and documents as set forth therein, and is satisfied that the assessments, on a preliminary basis, have been spread in accordance with the special benefits received from the improvements to be maintained, as set forth in the Report; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council hereby declares its intention to conduct a Public Hearing concerning the levy of assessments in accordance with the Assessment Law. All objections to the assessment, if any, will be considered by the Town Council. The Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday April 16, 2025 at 4:00 pm or as soon thereafter as is feasible in the Town Council Chambers, Suite Z located at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546. The Town Council further orders the Town Clerk to publish notice of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The above recitals are all true and correct.

2. The Report as presented consists of the following:
(a) Plans and specifications describing the general nature, location and extent of the improvements to be maintained and of the maintenance work.
(b) An estimate of the cost of maintenance of the

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improvements for the Maintenance District for Fiscal Year 2025/26.
(c) A diagram of the Maintenance District, showing the area and properties proposed to be assessed.
(d) An annual assessment for Fiscal Year 2025/26 of the estimated costs of the maintenance of those improvements to be maintained during such fiscal year, assessing the net amount upon all assessable lots and/or parcels within the Maintenance District in proportion to the special benefits received; together with a formula pursuant to which such annual assessment may be adjusted annually for inflation pursuant to the Assessment Law without the necessity for additional assessment ballot procedures.

3. The Report, as presented, is hereby approved, and is ordered to be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Town Council as a permanent record and to remain open to public inspection.

4. The Town Clerk of the Town Council shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution, and the minutes of this meeting shall so reflect the presentation of the Report.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 19th day of March, 2025.

CHRIS BUBSER, Mayor
ATTEST: JAMIE GRAY, Town Clerk

TS #2025-0040

Notice of Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 25-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR PROCEEDINGS FOR THE LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE SPECIAL MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NORTH VILLAGE AREA BENEFIT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2002-2, ZONE 1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/26

The Town Council of the Town of Mammoth Lakes (the “Town”) does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Mammoth Lakes (the “Town Council”), California, pursuant to the terms of the Benefit Assessment Act of 1982, Title 5 Division 2, of the California Government Code (commencing with Section 54703), Article XIII D of the Constitution of the State and the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act (Government Code Section 53750 and following) (collectively, hereafter referred to as the “Assessment Law”) did, by previous resolution, establish the Benefit Assessment District designated as: North Village Area Benefit Assessment District No. 2002-2, Zone 1 (hereinafter referred to as the “Maintenance District”); and

WHEREAS, the Town has retained NBS for the purpose of assisting with the annual levy of the Maintenance District, and the preparation and filing of an annual report for the levy of assessments for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 within such Maintenance District; and

WHEREAS, there has now been presented to this Town Council the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Annual Report (the “Report”) as required by the Assessment Law; and

WHEREAS, this Town Council has now carefully examined and reviewed the Report as presented, and is satisfied with each and all of the items and documents as set forth therein, and is satisfied that the assessments, on a preliminary basis, have been spread in accordance with the special benefits received from the improvements to be maintained, as set forth in the Report; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council hereby declares its intention to conduct a Public Hearing concerning the levy of assessments in accordance with the Assessment Law. All objections to the assessment, if any, will be considered

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by the Town Council. The Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday April 16, 2025 at 4:00 pm or as soon thereafter as is feasible in the Town Council Chambers, Suite Z located at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546. The Town Council further orders the Town Clerk to publish notice of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The above recitals are all true and correct.
2. The Report as presented consists of the following:
(a) Plans and specifications describing the general nature, location and extent of the improvements to be maintained and of the maintenance work.
(b) An estimate of the cost of maintenance of the improvements for the Maintenance District for Fiscal Year 2025/26.
(c) A diagram of the Maintenance District, showing the area and properties proposed to be assessed.
(d) An annual assessment for Fiscal Year 2025/26 of the estimated costs of the maintenance of those improvements to be maintained during such fiscal year, assessing the net amount upon all assessable lots and/or parcels within the Maintenance District in proportion to the special benefits received; together with a formula pursuant to which such annual assessment may be adjusted annually for inflation pursuant to the Assessment Law without the necessity for additional assessment ballot procedures.
(e) The Town Contribution for General Benefit funds will be applied to offset the cost of improvements for Fiscal Year 2025/26, resulting in \$155,852 levy to the parcels in the Maintenance District.

3. The Report, as presented, is hereby approved, and is ordered to be filed in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town Council as a permanent record and to remain open to public inspection.

4. The Town Clerk of the Town Council shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution, and the minutes of this meeting shall so reflect the presentation of the Report.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 19th day of March, 2025.

CHRIS BUBSER, Mayor
ATTEST: JAMIE GRAY, Town Clerk

TS #2025-0041

Request for Qualifications

The Town of Mammoth Lakes (Town) is seeking Statements of Qualifications from qualified Consultants (Consultant) to investigate and analyze trail use and associated impacts in support of the Town’s Office of Outdoor Recreation (OOR). The town and county would like to use trail counter and other data to more effectively understand and communicate how trails are used now, how residents and visitors use and experience trails, the economic impact of trails in the region, and identify future trail and trail infrastructure needs.

Such information can help Mammoth Lakes and Mono County:
*Demonstrate current demand for trail-based recreation in the Mammoth Lakes area to help leaders understand patterns of use;
*Forecast demand in 5-10 years to inform investments in new and existing recreation infrastructure for the trail system master plan update; and
*Present objective data regarding current trail use and user attitudes to facilitate communication and strengthen relationships with other entities involved with recreation management in the region such as land managers, user groups, and county and state government agencies.
*Identify economic impacts of trails to the region’s economy, including jobs, labor income, and visitor spending, and tax revenue.

<https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/townofmammothlakes/projects/156970>

TS #2025-0035

MEET

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 25-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR PROCEEDINGS FOR THE LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE SPECIAL MAINTENANCE DISTRICT BENEFIT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2014-1 (MAMMOTH VIEW)
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/26

The Town Council of the Town of Mammoth Lakes (the "Town") does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Mammoth Lakes (the "Town Council"), California, pursuant to the terms of the Benefit Assessment Act of 1982, Title 5 Division 2, of the California Government Code (commencing with Section 54703), Article XIII D of the Constitution of the State and the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act (Government Code Section 53750 and following) (collectively, hereafter referred to as the "Assessment Law") did, by previous resolution, establish the Benefit Assessment District designated as: Benefit Assessment District No. 2014-1 (Mammoth View) (hereinafter referred to as the "Maintenance District"); and

WHEREAS, the Town has retained NBS for the purpose of assisting with the annual levy of the Maintenance District, and the preparation and filing of an annual report for the levy of assessments for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 within such Maintenance District; and

WHEREAS, there has now been presented to this Town Council the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Annual Report (the "Report") as required by the Assessment Law; and

WHEREAS, this Town Council has now carefully examined and reviewed the Report as presented, and is satisfied with each and all of the items and documents as set forth therein, and is satisfied that the assessments, on a preliminary basis, have been spread in accordance with the special benefits received from the improvements to be maintained, as set forth in the Report; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council hereby declares its intention to conduct a Public Hearing concerning the levy of assessments in accordance with the Assessment Law. All objections to the assessment, if any, will be considered by the Town Council. The Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 4:00 pm

or as soon thereafter as is feasible in the Town Council Chambers, Suite Z located at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546. The Town Council further orders the Town Clerk to publish notice of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

- The above recitals are all true and correct.
- The Report as presented consists of the following:
 - Plans and specifications describing the general nature, location and extent of the improvements to be maintained and of the maintenance work.
 - An estimate of the cost of maintenance of the improvements for the Maintenance District for Fiscal Year 2025/26.
 - A diagram of the Maintenance District, showing the area and properties proposed to be assessed.
 - An annual assessment for Fiscal Year 2025/26 of the estimated costs of the maintenance of those improvements to be maintained during such fiscal year, assessing the net amount upon all assessable lots and/or parcels within the Maintenance District in proportion to the special benefits received; together with a formula pursuant to which such annual assessment may be adjusted annually for inflation pursuant to the Assessment Law without the necessity for additional assessment ballot procedures.
 - The available Maintenance District funds will be applied to offset the cost of improvements for Fiscal Year 2025/26, resulting in \$6,000 levy to the parcels in the Maintenance District.
- The Report, as presented, is hereby approved, and is ordered to be filed in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town Council as a permanent record and to remain open to public inspection.
- The Town Clerk of the Town Council shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution, and the minutes of this meeting shall so reflect the presentation of the Report.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 19th day of March, 2025.

CHRIS BUBSER, Mayor
ATTEST: JAMIE GRAY, Town Clerk

TS #2025-0042

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mono County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on April 17, 2025, in the Board Chambers on the 2nd floor of the County Courthouse, 278 Main Street, Bridgeport, 93517.

The meeting will be accessible remotely by livecast at <https://monocounty.zoom.us/j/84464537336>, or via teleconference at the Dana Room on the 2nd floor of the Mono County Civic Center, 1290 Tavern Road, Mammoth Lakes, 93546, where members of the public shall have the right to observe and offer public comment and to consider the following: No earlier than 9:05 a.m.

Use Permit 25-002/Monteverde Vacation Home Rental.

The proposal is to allow vacation home rental of a duplex located at 67 South Crawford Avenue (APN: 015-113-059-000) in the June Lake Village. The 0.14-acre property is designated Commercial (C). If permitted, the vacation home rental will have a maximum overnight occupancy of twelve persons and five vehicles. The project qualifies for an exemption under CEQA §15301, Existing Facilities.

Project materials will be available after April 10 for public review online at <https://monocounty.ca.gov/planning-commission> and hard copies are available for the cost of reproduction by calling 760-924-1800.

INTERESTED PERSONS are strongly encouraged to attend online or in person to comment, or to submit comments by mail or at the office to the Secretary of the Planning Commission, PO Box 347, 1290 Tavern Road Suite 138, Mammoth Lakes, CA, 93546, by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, to ensure timely receipt, or by email at cddcomments@mono.ca.gov. If you challenge the proposed action(s) in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered at or prior to the public hearing.

TS #2025-0043

PERSONALS

I saw you ... didn't get fooled on Tuesday. Impressive. You should tour with The Who.
A short observation after our rendezvous last week: April showers may bring May flowers but Golden Showers bring nothing but shame.

Request for Qualifications

The Town of Mammoth Lakes (Town) is seeking Statements of Qualifications from qualified Consultants (Consultant) to provide Data Collection Services designed to support the programs and activities of the Office of Outdoor Recreation. This includes using modern technology and techniques to collect user data within designated parameters, ability to geofence specific areas to collect data, analyze trends & consumer profiles, assess visitation & demographics, provide reports, and other pertinent information that the Office of Outdoor Recreation will use to inform future planning efforts.

A physical presence in the Mammoth Lakes area is not required, as many modern data collection techniques can be completed from outside of the area using technology such as cell phone data.

The scope of work will include the following:
*Data Collection & Analysis - Using cell phone data or other modern techniques
*Development of Graphic materials/reports of Data collected
*Ability to draw geofences around specific areas to collect data
*Ability to compare data with other similar facilities across the country

<https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/townof-mammothlakes/projects/155907>

TS #2025-0036

Notice of Intent to Purchase Property

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the Mono County Board of Supervisors' intention to approve a purchase of a certain real property in Mono County.

The property proposed to be purchased is described as Assessor's Parcel Number 008-092-006-000, located at 85 Kirkwood, Bridgeport, California.

The purchase price is \$430,000.
The vendor (seller) is Jonathon & Jessica Rockwell.

The Board will meet to consummate the purchase on April 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., in the Board Chambers of the County Courthouse in Bridgeport, California 93517.

TS #2025-0028



Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District
157 Short Street, Bishop, California 93514-3537
760-872-8211 www.gbuapcd.org

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
GREAT BASIN UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT
CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF THE 2025-2026 GENERAL FUND
AND SB 270 BUDGETS AND FEE ORDER

The Governing Board of the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District will conduct a second public hearing for the purpose of considering adopting the District's annual budgets and proposed California Health and Safety Code Section 42316 (SB 270) order for the 2025-2026 fiscal year and to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the proposed budgets and order. The SB270 budget is funded through an order authorized by California Health and Safety Code Section 42316, which requires the City of Los Angeles to pay fees to the District based on an estimate of the actual costs to the District of its activities including monitoring and analyzing the air quality impacts caused by the City of Los Angeles's water-gathering activities, as well as the costs associated with development of mitigation measures. A copy of the draft budgets is available for inspection on the District website, www.gbuapcd.org, under "What's New" or at the District office at the address shown below on or after April 1, 2025. The FY 2025-2026 General Fund budget may include adjustments to permit fees to account for changes in the California Consumer Price Index.

The public hearing will be conducted at a regular meeting of the District Governing Board to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 1, 2025, via teleconference as well as in person.

To attend via zoom:
Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87097976368?pwd=GZf4ao6DNbamZo4jN9vBTal20Ea6n2.1>
Passcode: 417000
Phone: 669 900 6833
Webinar ID: 870 9797 6368

To attend in-person: *(subject to change or cancellation)*
Inyo County Administrative Center
Board of Supervisors Chamber
224 North Edwards Street (U.S. Highway 395)
Independence, California 93526

The public hearing on the District's total annual budgets is set for 10:05 a.m. Written comments may be addressed to Ann Logan, Air Pollution Control Officer, Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District, 157 Short Street, Bishop, California 93514 or may be sent to tdehaven@gbuapcd.org. Written comments received by the close of business on Monday, April 14, 2025, will be included in the staff report. Written comments made after that date will be summarized at the meeting. Public comments may also be made during the public hearing. For further information, call the District's Board Clerk, Tori DeHaven at (760) 872-8211.

TS #2025-0037

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READING THE TEA LEAVES FROM THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL ELECTIONS

By Casselman

On Tuesday, April 1, there will be three elections, one for a justice of the Wisconsin state supreme court, and two special congressional elections in Florida to fill vacancies that resulted when Republican incumbents were offered positions in the second Trump administration which began on January 20.

Normally, such elections have only significant impact locally, but this year the impact could be much greater.

On paper, Republicans would be favored to win all three, but polls and other signs indicate that Democrats might win upsets in one, two or all three races.

The Wisconsin supreme court race is important because the party of the winner will give that party a majority on the state court. On political questions, this court almost always divides along party lines.

Upcoming is a determination of new congressional boundaries, and other election issues about which there is sharp partisan disagreement.

Wisconsin has been a truly purple state in the recent past with a Democrat as governor, one GOP and one Democrat representing the state in the U.S. Senate, five Republicans and three Democrats in the U.S. House. Democrats hold Lt. governor, attorney general and secretary

of state; a Republican is state treasurer, and the GOP controls both houses of the state legislature.

Congressman-elect Matt Goetz, a Florida Republican, was nominated to be attorney general by President-elect Donald Trump, and he resigned from Congress before taking the oath in January. (He later also withdrew from consideration for the cabinet post.) Florida Congressman Mike Waltz resigned to join the Trump cabinet.

Although both districts are usually reliably conservative, GOP party officials have been expressing concern that Democrats might win one or both of them.

Should any of these races provide upsets, the question will be is there a sudden surge of Democrats voting in protest to President Trump, or having won the 2024 election, are GOP voters no longer motivated to vote as they were last year.

The actual vote totals will likely answer that question, but in spite of the anger and disappointment of liberal and progressive voters, it is more likely that conservative voters could fail to turn out in elections which do not have Donald Trump on the ballot.

Since Republicans currently hold 218 U.S. House seats, the election of Demo-

crats to the Florida vacancies, and later to the other two vacancies, would not change political control of the U.S. House — although the GOP margin would only be one seat.

President Trump's recent withdrawal of New York Congresswoman Elise Stefanik's nomination to be U.N. ambassador thus avoided a worse-case outcome in which a special election of her seat plus the loss of the four current vacancies could give the Democrats a one-seat majority and the House speakership.

UPDATE:

The Democratic candidate for Wisconsin supreme court justice won this race by about 10 points. She had led in pre-election polling by 2-7 points, Turnout was historically heavy.

Both Republican congressional candidates won their special elections to fill recent vacancies. Although each of them won by double digits, their margins were less than half of what they were for these seats in 2024.

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There's still time to book United to/through Denver. Remaining flights on April 5, 9, 12, 16, 19

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