

Mammoth Lakes Town Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Approve Resolution providing policy direction for commenting on proposed actions implementing adopted legislation.

Council Meeting Date: 11/17/2021

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Recommended Motion: Adopt resolution providing policy direction to the Town Manager on providing comments on regulations, rules, procedures, other reports, and funding allocations or other actions put forward as part of the implementation process of adopted legislation.

Summary: At the November 1, 2021, Council meeting, staff was requested to bring forward a policy to allow for quick responses to proposed action implementing adopted legislation. The implementation process for legislation often includes the development of regulations, rules, procedures, reports, funding allocations or other actions that guide the implementation process. These actions generally allow for public comments within set time limits. The amount of information to review can be substantial. Staff is made aware of legislative implementation actions by various organizations such as Cal Cities, legal briefs, being on e-mail lists, councilmembers, or other resources. The implementation of legislative action can be as critical to the Town as the legislative action itself. For example, the rulemaking process or funding allocations (grant requirements) are often more defined after the legislation is adopted. This was seen recently in the Housing Accelerator Program, SB1383 recycling rules, and the strategy document that will guide funding for nature-based climate solutions.

The proposed policy direction provided in the draft resolution allows the Town Manager and staff to provide comments in a streamlined manner, similar to the process adopted by Council for commenting on legislative proposals. The policy allows for working with one or two council members and the option to bring draft comments to the full Council for consideration. Staff is recommending approval of the proposed resolution.