

Mammoth Lakes Town Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Update and Council Direction on Management Response to Extreme Weather Emergency.

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Recommended Motion: Provide Staff direction on management response to Extreme Weather Emergency.

Summary:

The Town of Mammoth Lakes is continuing to operate under a Town, County, State and Federal proclamation of a State of Emergency. The Town continues to utilize State resources to provide for life safety response, to assist staff in the structural inspection of buildings and to assist with clearing of snow from roadways. The Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District (MLFPD) continues to receive emergency response support and is using designated hand crews to assist with digging of fire hydrants. It is anticipated the majority of the State assets and crews will leave the area on April 8, 2023, pending any significant emergency incident. The Town has provided financial support to the Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation to assist with snow removal and in meeting other immediate needs of community members. Staff is reviewing the option to utilize a similar small business grant program to support snow removal efforts. The grant program would be a streamlined process like the one used during the COVID 19 emergency. The goal is to implement this grant over the next couple of weeks. It will take more time to finalize a program to assist residents with similar costs for home snow removal. We are continuing to work with residential owners and businesses on addressing structural or other issues identified through the facility inspection program. Options to assist and streamline processes to properly repair structures are moving forward. A couple of key next steps for the Town is to compile the initial damage estimates for Town facilities and submit that information to the State. We have initiated conversations with CalOES on bringing in a recovery assistance team to the Town and Mono County to work with residents and businesses. This is usually set up for a couple a days to meet with people and provide information on how to apply for assistance. The details of when, where and who all will be there is a work in progress. Town Staff from all departments have stepped up to assist in the response and recovery efforts related to this extreme weather emergency.