

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 01-307

DATE September 5, 2001

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: CAMP HIGH SIERRA- APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY RIGHT OF ENTRY PERMIT TO MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN SKI AREA FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER SYSTEM

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Eric [Signature]
General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Find that the construction of a water line on portions of the Department's Camp High Sierra to connect the Camp's water system with the main Town of Mammoth water line be exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article VII, Section 1, Class 1 (2) of the City CEQA Guidelines; and,
2. Authorize the General Manager to issue a temporary right of entry permit to the Mammoth Mountain Ski Area to construct the necessary water lines to connect the Camp's water system with the main Town of Mammoth water line.

SUMMARY:

The Department's Camp High Sierra in Mammoth Lakes has been experiencing severe water supply problems. It has been determined that the solution would be to connect the existing water system to the main water line of the Town of Mammoth Lakes. Originally, Department construction crews were prepared to perform the necessary work. However, the required permits could not be obtained because various departments within the Town of Mammoth Lakes contend that Department construction crews do not have jurisdiction or rights to perform construction work within the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

Department staff were in the process of hiring an outside contractor to perform the necessary work when representatives from the Mammoth Mountain Ski Area (MMSA) became aware of the situation and offered to complete the work at no cost. MMSA is an adjacent property owner and considers this a gesture of "goodwill". Staff has determined that this project would cost approximately \$4,800.00 and require two to three days to complete. MMSA would be required to obtain all the necessary insurance requirements.

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It should be noted that MMSA is considering a proposal to construct a bike trail on their property to connect with the Town of Mammoth Lake's bike trail network. A portion of this proposed trail would have to be constructed on a remote portion of the camp. At this time, this proposed project has been put on hold due to concerns by the United States Forrest Service. It is anticipated that MMSA will request the Department to consider their proposal when the projects moves forward.

Department Environmental staff has determined that the proposed water line connection is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article VII, Section 1, Class 1 (2) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

Jim Combs the Assistant General Manager for Community Services has been consulted and concurs with staff's recommendations.

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