



2017
YEAR IN REVIEW

2017 TOWN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PROUDLY SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

2017 was a successful and very busy year for the Town of Mammoth Lakes. The Town completed a number of capital and facility improvements, planning efforts, and strategic investments. Town Council, our dedicated employees, and our many committed volunteers all strive to provide the very highest quality of life for our residents and the highest quality of experience for our visitors.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CAPITAL PROJECTS | FINANCE/BUDGETING | PLANNING/INVESTMENT | GRANTS | ADDITIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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The upper Main Street sidewalk project moved forward with new lighting, a retaining wall, undergrounding of utilities and a new bus shelter. The sidewalk will be completed in spring 2018.



The snack shack at Shady Rest Park received a much needed face-lift.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

- Two new trails were completed in the Sherwins Recreational Area.
- Parking, street crossings and bus shelters were completed in the Village area.
- Annual street maintenance completed reconstruction of Hillside Drive and a section of west Chateau Road, micro-surfacing of roads in the Knolls, east Chateau Road and Meridian, and slurry sealing a portion of the Town's multi-use paths (MUPs).

Completed construction of the new 5,300 square foot Police Station, the largest new facility the Town has built and occupied. This is a vast improvement over the old leased facility. The building is professional, functional and safer than the old building and is designed to meet the department's needs for many years to come.

FINANCE/BUDGETING

- The Town secured an "A" Rating from Standard and Poor's for the issuance of bonds to finance the outstanding Airport litigation settlement, saving the Town \$150,000 per year through October 1, 2036 or more than \$2.5 million in savings over the lifetime of the bonds.
- As part of the FY17/18 Budget, Town Council reconfirmed their commitment to maintaining a solid reserve for economic uncertainty (REU), currently at \$3.4 million. Town Council also established a new operating reserve and contingency funding policies to provide a stabilized budget.
- Town Council approved a "reset" of funding committed to Mammoth Lakes Tourism, Mammoth Lakes Housing, and Eastern Sierra Transit Authority.
- Town Council allocated \$300,000 to the deferred maintenance program for Parks and Recreation with prioritization of funding approved by the Recreation Commission.
- The Town ended Fiscal Year 2016/17 with record TOT collection of \$18+ Million.



PLANNING/INVESTMENT



Town Council accepted the Walk Bike Ride Plan, which lays out short and long-term strategies to enhance mobility and connections throughout the Town and into local recreational nodes.



Town Council and Mammoth Lakes Recreation continued to invest in the trail system with a commitment of \$2 million over five years for management, maintenance, environmental work and construction.

- In recognition of the housing shortages, Town Council approved terms for the purchase of the Shady Rest Parcel to be used for housing purposes, with a final purchase agreement anticipated in early 2018. The property consists of approximately 24.75 acres and is zoned for the development of affordable housing.

- Town Council accepted the Downtown Revitalization Plan, which lays out short- and long-term strategies to encourage new investment in the Downtown core by the Town and private businesses.

- Town Council accepted a Housing Action Plan with strategies developed to meet current and future community housing needs.

- The Town and Mammoth Lakes Tourism assisted in securing the 4+ acre "Sam's Woods Site" as an ongoing events location.

- Town Council continues to support the Mammoth Arts and Cultural Center (MACC) and with Mammoth Lakes Recreation and the Mammoth Lakes Foundation has reserved \$2.5 million in funding for the project.



The Town issued \$5.5 million in bonds to support the construction of the new Multi-Use Facility and Community Center at Mammoth Creek Park. The bond funds will be leveraged with \$3+ million in funding commitments from Measures R and U. This occurred after preparation and certification of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project.



GRANTS

THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES WAS AWARDED OVER \$26.9 MILLION IN GRANTS FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS



The Parks and Recreation Department was successful with its 2017 Healthy Play Funding Application and was awarded close to \$100,000 of matching funds from PlayCore and GameTime to install a new inclusive playground at Mammoth Creek Park. The playground will be the first truly inclusive playground incorporating research-based, best practices in Eastern California and will also serve as a National Demonstration Site (NDS).

- The Town received a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration that will provide funds for a portion of the conceptual design and environmental documentation for the proposed new commercial airline terminal and aircraft apron at Mammoth Yosemite Airport. The Town will be working with its regional stakeholders to define a final project that will advance reliable regional air service with an eye toward the future.

- The Town received notification from Caltrans that funds have been designated to complete the final design and the majority of the construction for the lower Main Street Sidewalk Project on the north and south sides of Main Street. The construction of that project will take place over the summers of 2018 and 2019.

- The Town received a \$250,000 Wood Innovations Grant to assist with developing new opportunities to address fuel loading in the forest and other green waste. The program will be implemented in 2018 as part of the Town's Solid Waste Management program.

- The Town is a recipient of the Community Planning Assistance for Wildfire grant program which will assist in community wildfire resilience planning.

- The Town was awarded \$158,270 from Caltrans for Climate Adaptation Planning to be incorporated into the General Plan.

- The Town assisted in the completion of electrical rehabilitation work on the Glass Mountain Apartments funded through a CDBG Grant.

- The Town in partnership with Sierra Conservation Project and Mammoth Disposal received a \$211,732 grant from CalRecycle to purchase additional recycling bins for the community.



The Town received a Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Grant to work with the USFS and Federal Highways to improve the road leading into Reds Meadow and Devils Postpile. The project will be designed and constructed by Federal Highways, using over \$24 million in FLAP Grant funds. Anticipated to be completed in 2021, Reds Meadow Road will become a Town maintained roadway.

ADDITIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The Town and the Mammoth Lakes community as a whole came together to withstand the demands of the unprecedented winter of 2016/17. This cannot be understated, as only with participation from the entire extended public and private community could this have been successful. Response efforts included declaring a local state of emergency, utilization of the California Conservation Corps (CCC) and National Guard to assist with snow clearing, monitoring of daily weather conditions to mitigate flooding and other potential problems, and completing numerous repairs to Town infrastructure caused by storm damage. Special thanks to our Road Maintenance and Fleet Maintenance crews that led the effort in the field.

- The Town worked to implement Prop 64, which allows for the adult recreational use of marijuana. Public meetings and workshops were conducted to determine regulatory guidelines for commercial sales of marijuana. The Town adopted an ordinance establishing a moratorium on new or expanded cannabis businesses until these regulations can be finalized, and continues to work on a regulatory process and potential tax measure related to the sales of adult, recreational marijuana.

- The Town provided \$225,000 in funding for Mammoth Lakes Recreation to hire a new executive director as the non-profit begins new expanded efforts in enhancing the areas recreation product, experiences and Town amenities.

- The Town has taken a very proactive approach to TOT enforcement on collections and eliminating illegal short-term rentals. A number of cases were presented to Town Council, with enforcement efforts strongly supported.

- The Town completed its Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and provided training to all Town staff regarding the plan.

- A revitalized and easy to navigate Town website launched in December.

- Trails End Park was awarded the prestigious Outstanding Facility Award at the annual California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) District 7 Awards and Installation event.



- The Building Division held three training sessions for local contractors and residents. The training included Title 24 energy code training, 2016 California Building Code training, as well as training on the use of Simpson Strong-Tie products.

- Town Council approved a Police Lieutenant position for the Police Department. This is the beginning of an effort to increase police staffing levels. The Department currently has 12 officers and 3 civilian staff.

- Several Town Ordinances were updated to align with new state laws that make it easier for homeowners to add a second unit (Accessory Dwelling Unit).

- The Mammoth Lakes Trail System added three miles of non-motorized, multi-use single track trails to the Sherwins Area. The Mammoth Rock Trail Connector is a one-mile segment that connects the Sherwins Trailhead to the Mammoth Rock Trail and the Meadow Trail Connector is a two-mile segment that completes a nice loop just to the west of the Sherwins Trailhead from the Mammoth Rock Trail. An unsustainable user created trail was also rehabilitated as part of the project.

The Town purchased its first new loader /snow blower in over ten years. This \$750,000 piece of equipment represents the ongoing commitment to providing the best snow removal services possible to the community.



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