

# Water district renews support of LivingWise conservation program

At November's regular meeting the Board of the Mammoth Community Water District approved continuing its \$3,500 co-sponsorship of the LivingWise water conservation and energy efficiency program for Mammoth Middle School sixth grade earth science students.

Also sponsoring the program is the Eastern Sierra Energy Initiative, a Southern California Edison community energy partnership that is managed by the High Sierra Energy Foundation.

In his comments to the board, Rick Phelps, Executive Director of the High Sierra Energy Foundation, pointed out that "this is an exciting program for the students, because not only does it educate, but it results in real savings.

In fact in 2009 about 425,000 gallons of water and 45,000 kilowatt hours of electricity were saved based on the actions of the students in their homes."

Tom Smith, chair of the Water District Board, saluted the "enthusiastic and creative leadership" of High Sierra Energy Foundation's program manager Leslie O'Berry as key to the program's success.

The 2010 schedule will begin in the spring and will include a hands-on resource conservation kit for each student in Gil Campos' sixth grade Earth Science class, as well as a field trip to



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Leslie O'Berry of the High Sierra Energy Foundation

the Mammoth Lakes Basin, a water treatment plant, a wastewater treatment plant and other special activities. This will be the fourth year of the program and to date nearly 300 Mammoth Lakes' students have participated in this approach to teaching water conservation and energy efficiency.

— Press Release

## News Briefs

### Charges filed in Lakes Basin bear kill

Two misdemeanor counts have been filed against the Victorville man, Roy Flores, who killed a bear in the Mammoth Lakes Basin in August, according to Mono County District Attorney George Booth.

One count is for the unlawful taking of a bear with a firearm, a violation of the California Department of Fish and Game Code, and the second is for discharging a firearm within a prohibited area, a violation of Mammoth Lakes Town ordinances.

Booth said Flores was sent a notice to appear in the Mammoth Court on Dec. 21. — CB

### Mono County names new supervisor

The Mono County Board of Supervisors has named Dan Rollins to replace the late Bill Reid. Rollins is currently marketing manager for Mammoth Mountain Ski Area. — WG

### H1N1 flu vaccine update

All persons under the age of 25 and persons up to age 64 who have chronic disease conditions should now call the Mono County Health Dept. for an appointment to get their vaccine for H1N1.

All pregnant women and families with children under the age of six months should already have received their vaccine. If not, call for an appointment now. Children under age nine at all Mono County elementary schools will receive their second H1N1 vaccine within the next two weeks. Look for information from your child's school.

The priorities for distribution of vaccine are set by the Centers for Disease Control based on the groups at greatest threat for problems associated with the H1N1 flu. For more information, call the Mono County Health Dept. at (760) 924-1830.

### Tioga and Glacier Point roads closed for the season

The Tioga and Glacier Point Roads in Yosemite are closed for the season. These roads close each fall and remain closed throughout the winter months until weather conditions permit reopening in the spring next year.

### Mammoth Lakes food bank

The Mammoth Lakes Lutheran Church (corner of Old Mammoth Road and Meridian Boulevard) has started a food pantry for residents of Mammoth Lakes who at this time of recession find it necessary to seek a little extra help. Anyone who is in need is invited to access the food bank on Friday afternoons from 2 to 6 p.m. Hours may change if more volunteers can man the food bank. For more information, contact Pastor John Gross at (760) 934-4051.

### Calling local photographers

Mammoth Lakes Gallery is hosting a show entitled "Eastern Sierra Images by Eastern Sierra Photographers" for the months of February and March 2010. Amateur photographers are encouraged to submit up to three images for consideration for inclusion in the show. Scenic shots of iconic places along the Sierra are preferred, but any subject found along the Eastern Sierra — such as fall colors, wildflowers, Bodie, etc. — will also be considered.

All works are to be made available for sale, with 30 percent of any sales to go to Friends of the Mammoth Lakes Library.

E-mail images of about 1 MB or less to EasternSierraPhoto@yahoo.com with your name and phone number by Jan. 1, 2010. Selected prints will be announced by Jan. 5.

### Mammoth Nordic celebrates winter

Mammoth Nordic Foundation celebrates winter and Nordic skiing from 5-7 p.m., Dec. 11, at the Mammoth Ski Museum. Local climber/photographer John Dittli, is master of ceremonies. Founding president Brian Knox will be honored. For information, info@mammothnordic.org.

### Snow Removal and off-site snow storage permits

A permit is required for all companies or individuals who are planning to participate in snow removal or snow storage for the 2009/2010 winter season. The snow removal equipment owner/operator will be required to show valid proof of insurance and vehicle safety documentation to receive a sticker to place in the window of each piece of equipment.

For more information, please contact Permit Technician Kristina McDaniel at (760) 934-8989 ext. 274 or via e-mail at: kmcdaniel@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us.

### CHiPs for Kids toy drive

California Highway Patrol Officers will be collecting toys as part of their CHiPs for Kids Toy Drive this month. Barrels will be in the lobby of CHP offices for people to drop off new, unwrapped toys that will be distributed to needy children and teens this holiday season. Toys will be collected until 5 p.m., Dec. 18, 2009. For more information, call (760) 872-5960.

### Season pass raffle for MHS Boosters

The Local Book - SierraYellowPages.com has donated a fully transferable 2009/2010 ski pass to the Mammoth Huskies Booster Club to raffle off. This Season Pass is a \$1,675 value. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10.00 and can be purchased at the Vons Christmas Tree lot, Mammoth Chevron, Footloose Sports, Kittredge Sports, The Ski Renter, Mammoth Sporting Goods, Booky Joint, The Ski Surgeon, Rick's Sports Center and Wave Rave Snowboard Shop.

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