

TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Title: Mammoth Main Base Redevelopment Project Update (Mammoth Mountain Main Lodge Area).

Meeting Date: November 15, 2023

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RECOMMENDATION:

No recommendation or action is needed on this item.

SUMMARY: [changes from 10/18/23 update are highlighted]

The Mammoth Main Base Redevelopment Project is a major private development application being processed by the Town. Below is a high-level update on this application:

- ***Environmental Review (CEQA/NEPA)*** – The Town is the lead agency for CEQA and the US Forest Service is the federal lead agency for NEPA. The CEQA/NEPA scoping period closed in December 2022. Scopes of work for technical studies (e.g., biological, cultural, traffic, etc.) are being refined based on scoping comments and coordination with relevant agencies (e.g., Caltrans). Environmental fieldwork was completed in October and early November 2023. After technical studies are completed, the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environment Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) will be prepared.
- ***Outreach*** – The Town and applicant team are working on an outreach strategy to ensure the community and stakeholders are informed, involved, and have opportunities to provide feedback throughout the process. A joint Town Council and Planning and Economic Development Commission meeting is expected to be scheduled in November to discuss key project considerations ahead of the development of the specific plan. Additionally, CEQA and NEPA provide for public comment opportunities throughout the environmental process.
- ***Senate Bill 606 (Alvarado-Gil)*** – This bill allows all or a portion of State Route 203 to be relinquished to the Town. The approval of SB 606 does not require the Town to take any action or make any commitments. The Town Council provided a support letter for SB 606 on June 21, 2023. SB 606 has been signed by the Governor and will become effective on January 1, 2024. The first step in this process is for the Town to request that Caltrans prepare a Relinquishment Assessment Report (RAR). A draft RAR request letter is expected to be considered by the Town Council at a December 2023 Council meeting.

- ***Target Schedule***

Late 2023	Additional outreach meetings/events begin
Mid-2024	Draft EIR/EIS available for review
Mid-2025	Town Council decision on project

Relevant project links:

- Town's project webpage - www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1155/Mammoth-Main-Base-Redevelopment
- USFS project webpage - www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62406
- Applicant's project webpage - www.evolvingmain.com/