

**RESOLUTION NO. R.07-2006**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE BIG  
BEAR AREA REGIONAL WASTEWATER AGENCY  
ADOPTING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT  
SYSTEM (NIMS)**

**WHEREAS**, the President in Homeland Security Directive-5, directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System, which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for federal, state, local, and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters, regardless of cause, size, or complexity; and

**WHEREAS**, California pioneered the development of standardized incident management systems to respond to a variety of catastrophic disasters, including fires, earthquakes, floods, and landslides; and

**WHEREAS**, in the early 1970s, the California fire service, in partnership with the federal government, developed the seminal emergency incident command system that has become the model for incident management nationwide; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1993, California was the first state to adopt a statewide Standardized Emergency Management System for use by every emergency response organization, and implemented a system to ensure the continual improvement of the Standardized Emergency Management System; and

**WHEREAS**, California emergency management professionals have contributed their expertise to the development of the new National Incident Management System; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential for responding to disasters that federal, state, local, and tribal organizations utilize standardized terminology, standardized organizational structures, interoperable communications, consolidated action plans, unified command structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training, and exercising, comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Standardized Emergency Management System substantially meets the objectives of the National Incident Management System; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized Incident Command System nationwide; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of California has directed his Office of Emergency Services and Office of Homeland Security in cooperation with the Standardized Emergency Management System Advisory Board to develop a program to integrate the National Incident Management System, to the extent appropriate, into the state's emergency management system;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE BIG BEAR AREA REGIONAL WASTEWATER AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency will integrate the National Incident Management System to the extent appropriate, into the emergency management system; and

**Section 2.** That the Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency utilizes the National Incident Management System which shall be consistent with the integration of the National Incident Management System and the Standardized Emergency Management System in California; and

**Section 3.** That a copy of this resolution is forwarded to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a meeting of the Governing Board of the Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency held this 26th day of July, 2006.

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Elizabeth Harris, Chair of the Governing Board of  
the Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency

ATTEST:

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John Day, Secretary of the Governing Board of the  
Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency

I, John Day Secretary of the Governing Board of the Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was regularly introduced and adopted in Regular Session of said Governing Board duly called and held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2006, was duly passed and adopted by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

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John Day, Secretary of the Governing Board of the  
Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency