

BIG BEAR AREA REGIONAL WASTEWATER AGENCY

Replenish Big Bear Committee Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Replenish Big Bear Committee Meeting was called to order by the Board Secretary at 2:00 p.m. on April 4, 2024 at 121 Palomino Drive, Big Bear City, California.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Kendi Segovia, Director

Larry Walsh, Director

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

David Lawrence, General Manager

Christine Bennett, Finance Manager

Bridgette Burton, Administrative Services Manager/Board Secretary

Sonja Kawa, HR Coordinator/Accounting Technician

OTHERS

Laine Carlson, Vice-President, Water Systems Consulting, Inc.

Kaitlyn Dodson-Hamilton, Vice-President, Tom Dodson & Associates

Antonia Estevez-Olea, Deputy Project Manager, Water Systems Consulting, Inc.

Glenn Jacklin, General Manager, Big Bear City Community Services District

Megan Kilmer, Associate, Best Best & Krieger, LLP

Reggie Lamson, General Manager, City of Big Bear Lake, Department of Water and Power

Eric Sund, City Manager, City of Big Bear Lake

Members of the public who signed in included:

Joyce Crist, Big Bear City

Joe Cylwik, Fawnskin

Patrice Duncan, Sugarloaf

Pat Enyart, Sugarloaf

Joseph Kelly

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Segovia

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Joyce Crist commented that the watershed has been taken from us and we need to replenish it. She spoke about her new proposal called Project Big Bear Watershed.

Joe Cylwik, Fawnskin, spoke about the importance of Replenish Big Bear supporting the entire Valley and that the project will benefit everyone.

Ted Trenton, Big Bear Television, supports Replenish Big Bear and is proud to be part of a community that is thinking forward.

John Saunders, Big Bear City, and owner of Captain John's Fawn Harbor commented that the water spilled from Big Bear Lake is valuable to the agencies down below and everyone will benefit from this project, but the plan needs to benefit Big Bear City residents too.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

None

5. **NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

5.A. Replenish Big Bear General Discussion

The Committee discussed Replenish Big Bear (RBB) accomplishments, voting options, an overview of the draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR), proposed mitigation measures, the certification process, Program Partner responsibilities, Program Water equity, RBB impact on Big Bear Lake and evaporation, funding, unknown costs, and next steps. The Committee requested additional information regarding voting options, recommended the final PEIR certification to be considered at the May regular meeting, and to continue the discussion on Program Water Equity.

Joseph Kelly passed three notes to the Committee members that stated the public will not accept an advisory vote, BBARWA can absolutely have a binding vote, and water in the lake is owned by B.V. Mutual.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Governing Board, the Board Secretary adjourned the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

ATTEST: Bridgette Burton
Bridgette Burton, Secretary to the Governing Board
Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency