

BOARD OF BEAR VALLEY BASIN
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 2017

OPEN SESSION

A regular meeting of the Bear Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency was called to order at 2:30PM on October 18, 2017 by Chairman Ludecke at 40524 Lakeview Drive, Big Bear Lake, California 92315.

1. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Ludecke, Chairman
Craig Hjorth, Treasurer
John Green, Vice Chairman
Liz Harris, Secretary

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Bob Ludecke, Chairman

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF UPDATED JOINT POWER AGREEMENT AND INSTALLATION OF NEW JPA BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTING BBARWA

Items were collected or sent to the appropriate attorney's office for signatures

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Dated May 25, 2017.
- B. Direct Staff to File the Updated Joint Powers Agreement with the State and San Bernardino County LAFCO, as needed
- C. Approve Conflict Waiver Letter

Motion made by Vice Chairman Green, seconded by Treasurer Hjroth and carried 4-0 to approve the Consent Calendar.

AYES: Ludecke, Green, Hjorth, Harris

NOES: -

ABSTAIN: -

6. APPOINT BOARD SECRETARY

Motion made by Vice Chairman Green, seconded by Secretary Harris and carried 4-0 to approve the appointment of Liz Harris as Board Secretary.

AYES: Ludecke, Green, Hjorth, Harris

NOES: -

ABSTAIN: -

7. APPOINT BOARD TREASURER

Motion made by Secretary Harris, seconded by Vice Chairman Green and carried 4-0 to approve the appointment of Craig Hjorth as Board Treasurer.

AYES: Ludecke, Green, Hjorth, Harris

NOES: -

ABSTAIN: -

8. RESOLUTION SETTING AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES TO ESTABLISH AGENCY BANK ACCOUNT

Motion made by Vice Chairman Green, seconded by Treasurer Hjorth and carried 4-0 to approve the Resolution 2017-03 setting authorized signatures Craig Hjorth and Reginald Lamson to the Agency's bank account.

AYES: Ludecke, Green, Hjorth, Harris

NOES: -

ABSTAIN: -

9. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR OF THE BEAR VALLEY BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY ADOPTING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE PURSUANT TO THE POLITICAL REFORM ACT OF 1974

Motion made by Vice Chairman Green, seconded by Treasurer Hjorth and carried 4-0 to approve the Resolution 2017-04 adopting a conflict of interest code pursuant of the Political Reform Act of 1974.

AYES: Ludecke, Green, Hjorth, Harris

NOES: -

ABSTAIN: -

10. DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING AGENCY BYLAWS

Motion made by Secretary Harris, seconded by Treasurer Hjorth and carried 4-0 to approve the Resolution 2017-05 adopting Agency Bylaws after a minor adjustment is made to the document.

AYES: Ludecke, Green, Hjorth, Harris

NOES: -

ABSTAIN: -

11. DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION REGARDING FUNDING A PROPOSITION 1 GRANT APPLICATION FOR A POTENTIAL GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Discussion:

Laine Carlson, a representative from Water Systems Consulting, Inc (WSC), gave the Board an update on this possible grant opportunity. She explained that we are still trying to reprioritize the basin as a low priority basin. President Ludecke asked about how the basin's grading system worked. Interim Administrator, Reggie Lamson, described the grading system. Vice President Green understood the reclassification, but since the ball is already rolling at our current, medium classification, will that affect any grant opportunities? Mr. Lamson replied that he was not sure if a reprioritization would affect the grant conditioning. Mr. Green asked about the effect of becoming a lower priority, if we would still be doing the plan. Mr. Lamson responded that there are still benefits to the agency even if we do not have to complete the actual plan. Big Bear Municipal Water District Legal Counsel, Keith Lemieux, suggested that we continue the agency even if reprioritized as low. Mrs. Carlson continued with her presentation and explained that in some cases, disadvantaged communities can have the cost sharing portion covered by the grant. Mr. Lemieux said we are in good positioning for grant funding.

11A.

Motion made by Secretary Harris, seconded by Vice Chairman Green and carried 4-0 to approve staff to enter into a contract with WSC to prepare Proposition 1 Grant Application.

AYES: Ludecke, Green, Hjorth, Harris

NOES: -

ABSTAIN: -

11B.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Green, seconded by Treasurer Hjorth and carried 4-0 to approve staff to submit a Proposition 1 Grant Application to seek State funding for the preparation of the GSP.

AYES: Ludecke, Green, Hjorth, Harris

NOES: -

ABSTAIN: -

11C.

Motion made by Treasurer Hjorth, seconded by Secretary Harris and carried 4-0 to approve Resolution 2017-06, authorizing staff to submit a grant application to seek State funding for the preparation of the GSP and to enter into a grant agreement with the State if the application is successful.

AYES: Ludecke, Green, Hjorth, Harris

NOES: -

ABSTAIN: -

12. DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION REGARDING AGENCY BUDGETING FOR GSA FORMATION AND RELATED UP-FRONT COSTS

Motion made by Treasurer Hjorth, seconded by Secretary Harris and carried 4-0 to approve budgeting for the GSA Formation and related Up-Front Cost.

AYES: Ludecke, Green, Hjorth, Harris

NOES: -

ABSTAIN: -

13. DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE BIG BEAR VALLEY WATER SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT

Motion made by Secretary Harris, seconded by Vice Chairman Green and carried 4-0 to approve to support the Big Bear Valley Water Sustainability Project.

AYES: Ludecke, Green, Hjorth, Harris

NOES: -

ABSTAIN: -

14. DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION REGARDING POTENTIAL APPLICATION TO REVISE GROUNDWATER BASIN BOUNDARIES

Motion made by Treasurer Hjorth, seconded by Vice Chairman Green and carried 4-0 to approve the potential application to revise the groundwater basin boundaries.

AYES: Ludecke, Green, Hjorth, Harris

NOES: -

ABSTAIN: -

15. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Discussion: No comments were made

16. LEGAL COUSEL REPORT

Discussion: No comments were made

17. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

- a. Future Adoption of Board Policies
- b. Budgeting Issues

Discussion: No Comments were made

18. CLOSING COMMENTS

Vice President Green wanted to let everyone know that he has always been in favor of reclaimed groundwater projects and is glad to see this project is moving forward.

19. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Date: May 30, 2018
Location: 40524 Lakeview Dr,
Big Bear Lake, CA 92315
Time: 5:00 PM

20. CLOSED SESSION - None

21. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Liz Harris, Secretary to the Board