

# Return Activated Sludge Header Replacement Project

## Summary

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**Public Agency**

Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency (BBARWA)

**Document Title**

Return Activated Sludge Header Replacement Project

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**Document Description**

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## Contact Information

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Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency

**Job Title**

General Manager

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Lead/Public Agency / Parties Undertaking Project

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## Location

**Cities**

Big Bear City

**Counties**

San Bernardino

**Regions**

Citywide

**Other Location Info**

Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency service area

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## Notice of Exemption

**Exempt Status**

Categorical Exemption

**Type, Section or Code**

14 Cal. Code Regs. (State CEQA Guidelines), section 15301

**Reasons for Exemption**

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**County Clerk**

San Bernardino

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## Attachments

**Notice of Exemption**

Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency Notice of Exemption re Return Activated Sludge Header Replacement Project **PDF**

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## Project Map

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		ZIP CODE <b>92314</b>

**PROJECT APPLICANT** (Check appropriate box)

- Local Public Agency    
  School District    
  Other Special District    
  State Agency    
  Private Entity

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

- |   |            |    |      |
|---|------------|----|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)  | \$4,227.50 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)                                   | \$3,043.75 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$1,437.25 | \$ | 0.00 |

- Exempt from fee  
 Notice of Exemption (attach)  
 CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)  
 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

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|---|----------|----|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | \$850.00 | \$ | 0.00  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee   |          | \$ | 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |          | \$ |       |

**PAYMENT METHOD:** #424309

- Cash    
  Credit    
  Check    
  Other

**TOTAL RECEIVED** \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE <b>X</b>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE <b>Alicia Meza, Deputy Clerk</b>
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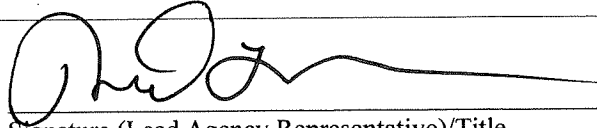
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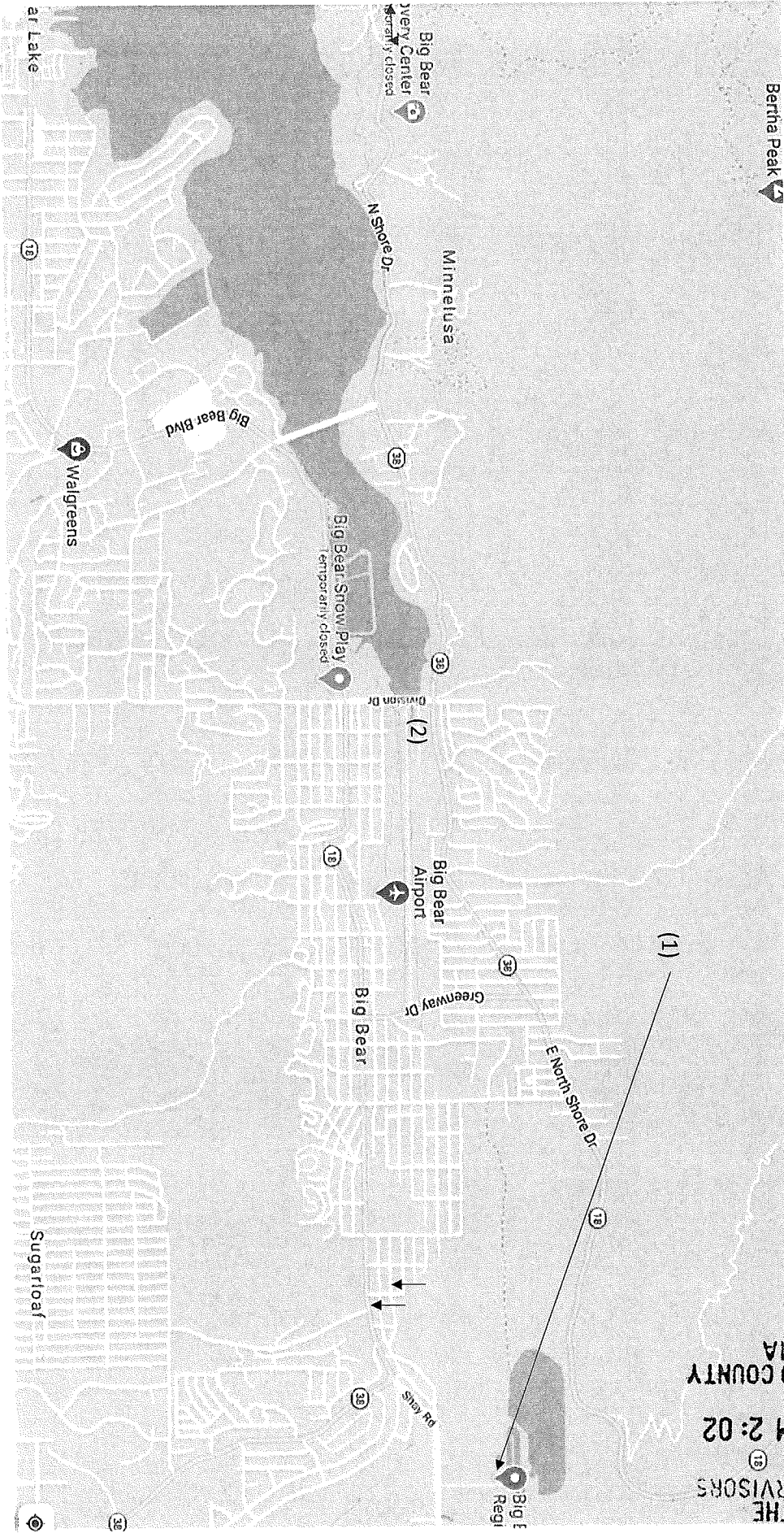
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