

**BIG BEAR AREA REGIONAL WASTEWATER AGENCY**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

August 24, 2022

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency was called to order by Chair Herrick at 5:00 p.m. on August 24, 2022, at 121 Palomino Drive, Big Bear City, California and via Zoom.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Rick Herrick, Chair

John Green, Vice- Chair

Jim Miller, Director

Bynette Mote, Director

Larry Walsh, Director

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

David Lawrence, General Manager

Jennifer McCullar, Finance Manager

John Shimmin, Plant Manager

Sonja Kawa, Human Resources Coordinator/Accounting Technician

Bridgette Burton, Management Analyst

**OTHERS**

Jim Eakin (via Zoom)

Frank Forbes, County of San Bernadino Representative (via Zoom)

Andy Keller (via Zoom)

Greg Mote (via Zoom)

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Mote

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Upon motion by Director Walsh, seconded by Director Miller and carried, the Governing Board approved the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Green, Miller, Mote, Walsh, Herrick

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**4. PUBLIC FORUM**

No comments

5. **PRESENTATIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS**

5.A. Bynette Mote 1 year recognition

The General Manager presented Director Mote with a one-year pin and thanked her for her service. Over the past year Director Mote has been involved in many decisions regarding Replenish Big Bear, and her support for the project is appreciated. Director Mote is always positive and willing to provide feedback to staff.

6. **INFORMATION/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.A. General Manager's Report

The General Manager discussed the Replenish Big Bear Project and the status of short- and long-term financing, the WIFIA Letter of Interest, and grants. Federal grants can only account for 25% of the total project cost. Congressman Obernolte included the \$1 million Community Funding request in the next allocation bill. The General Manager explained the process for the NPDES permit.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7.A. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from the July 27, 2022 Regular Meeting

7.B. Monthly Disbursements Report for July - Informational

7.C. Investment Report Identifying Agency Investments and Reporting Interest Income for July – Informational

7.D. Approval of AB 361 Open Meetings: State and Local Agencies: Teleconferences

Upon motion by Director Walsh, seconded by Director Mote and carried, the Governing Board approved the Consent Calendar as presented.

Ayes: Green, Miller, Mote, Walsh, Herrick

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

8. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

None

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

None

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**10.A. Replenish Big Bear Funding Letter of Intent between the Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency, the City of Big Bear Lake Department of Water and Power, and the Big Bear City Community Services District**

The General Manager presented the Funding Letter of Intent (LOI) that would allow the Agency to start the process for funding agreements and loans for the Replenish Big Bear Project. Additional LOI's with the Big Bear Municipal Water District, Big Bear Mountain Resort, and the City of Big Bear Lake will be developed. The LOI's will be replaced with funding agreements in the future and funds will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance costs. The General Manager clarified how the groundwater replenishment portion of the Project works and the benefits to the City of Big Bear Lake Department of Water and Power and the Big Bear City Community Services District. Agency Counsel is confirming the 1977 Judgment allows for Project water to enter Big Bear Lake with ownership being retained by Project partners and if there needs to be an LOI with Bear Valley Mutual.

Upon motion by Director Miller, seconded by Director Mote and carried, the Governing Board authorized the General Manager to negotiate and execute the Replenish Big Bear Funding Letter of Intent between the Agency, the City of Big Bear Lake Department of Water and Power, and the Big Bear City Community Services District.

Ayes: Green, Miller, Mote, Walsh, Herrick  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**11. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**11.A. General Manager Comments**  
None

**11.B. Governing Board Member Comments**

The Governing Board expressed concern with the detection of COVID-19 and Monkeypox in wastewater, inquired about testing at the Agency, and requested this item to be placed on the next agenda.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Governing Board, Chair Herrick adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

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