

**BOARD OF BEAR VALLEY BASIN
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
MEETING MINUTES
June 20, 2023**

OPEN SESSION

A meeting of the Bear Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors was called to order at 9:04 a.m. on June 20, 2023, by Vice-Chair Miller at 41972 Garstin Drive, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Green, Chair
Jim Miller, Vice-Chair
Craig Hjorth, Treasurer
Steve Ludecke, Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

David Lawrence, General Manager BBARWA

PUBLIC FORUM:

No comments from the public.

1. PUBLIC HEARING

Vice-Chair Miller opened the public hearing.

1.1 Resolution No. 2023-01 Budget for Fiscal Year 2023/24

Secretary Ludecke inquired into the disparity in contributions for FY 2019-20 between BBARWA and the other agencies. Dani McGee responded that the process has changed since 2019-20. Previously, BBARWA billed the GSA, and the GSA billed the agencies. Secretary Ludecke stated his understanding that in the FY 2023/24 budget, each agency is expected to contribute approximately \$12,000. Dani confirmed that was correct.

Vice-Chair Miller closed the public hearing.

Motion made by Secretary Ludecke, seconded by Vice-Chair Miller, and carried 4-0 to Adopt Resolution No. 2023-01 adopting the Budget for FY 2023/24.

AYES: Green, Hjorth, Ludecke, Miller

NOES: -

ABSTAIN: -

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

2.1 Approve Minutes of Board Meeting Dated February 16, 2023

Motion made by Treasurer Hjorth, seconded by Secretary Ludecke, and carried 4-0 to approve the Consent Calendar.

AYES: Green, Hjorth, Ludecke, Miller

NOES: -

ABSTAIN: -

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Authentication of Claims Payments

Vice-Chair Miller asked if the claims payments are typical for the future. Dani responded that the only exception has been the funds that the DWP has been floating for the GSA. The balance is now down to approximately \$3,500.

Motion made by Treasurer Hjorth, seconded by Secretary Ludecke, and carried 4-0 to authenticate the claims payments from February 14, 2023 through June 16, 2023.

AYES: Green, Hjorth, Ludecke, Miller

NOES: -

ABSTAIN: -

4.2 Replenish Big Bear Update

David shared the following:

The Replenish Big Bear Team (Team) will be submitting the Pilot Study Report to the Regional Board. The pilot equipment including the UV disinfectant and advanced oxidation process have been delivered. BBARWA will be piloting the equipment through September to ensure we can support the claims that we have made for the Replenish Big Bear Project. On July 19, 2023, BBARWA will be holding an Open House and Pilot Tour. Come for the Tacos and stay for the Tour. From 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm, the Regional Board and local Board members will have an opportunity for a Pilot Tour. The public is invited to join us from 3:00 -6:00 pm. BBARWA is expecting 200-300 people to attend. The CSD and the DWP have confirmed that they will host booths at the event. David asked Mike Stephenson, General Manager MWD, if they want to host a booth at the event. Mike responded that he will get back to David.

David shared his understanding that CSD had only a couple of Prop 218 protests and the City of Big Bear Lake to date has received five protest letters. The County of San Bernardino is only proposing to increase the sewer rates in Fawnskin by 3-3.5% and will absorb the remaining costs. Secretary Ludecke asked how many Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDU) are in Fawnskin. David responded approximately 1,000. Secretary Ludecke inquired into the timing of the permitting process. David responded that according to East Valley Water District, their project was built except a couple of valves before they received their permit. Secretary Ludecke stated that he is concerned about that. David responded that the Team has been working with the Regional Board and it is unlikely that the project will not be permitted. David added that the Team has submitted plans such as monitoring plans and water quality plans to the Regional Board.

Secretary Ludecke asked if we have a Plan B. David responded yes; there is a Plan B. We currently have a permit to discharge to Baldwin Lake and put the water into Baldwin Lake but there is no real benefit to that because of the clay layer and evaporation. David stated another option is to send the water down the hill and get money for it. Another option is to inject the water into the ground. And the last option would be to send the water down to Lucerne Valley. BBARWA is keeping that option open. There are standards in place for this method. Secretary Ludecke asked what would happen if someone did not want the water to go into the lake after all is said and done. David responded that we would modify the process.

4.3 Management and Board Members Discussion

None.

ADJOURN

No additional business came before the Board. At 9:24 a.m., Vice-Chair Miller adjourned the meeting.