MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026

1. OPEN SESSION

Vice President Ludecke opened the regularly scheduled Board meeting at 1:00 PM at the Big Bear Municipal Water District located at 40524 Lakeview Drive, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315 on Thursday June 18, 2026.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steve Ludecke, Vice President
Mark Lee, Director
Craig Peterson, Director

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Steve Ludecke, Vice President

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Daniel Gulbransen, resident of Big Bear Lake, voiced his concerns over corruption with the State Governor and the State of California.

4. REPORTS

A. General Manager Jared Cheek reported the current lake level is 65 feet, compared to 65 feet 8 inches at the same time last year. Year-to-date launches total 2,018, compared to 2,372 during the same period last season. While launches are slightly down, there is still a large portion of the season remaining.

General Manager Cheek reported that the District held both an Administrative Committee meeting and a Watermaster meeting since the last Board meeting, with additional details to be provided during Committee Reports.

Staff participated in the annual Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) inspection of the Bear Valley Dam. No concerns or comments were noted during the inspection.

Staff also met with several water agencies to discuss invasive mussel mitigation efforts. The District's primary goal remains prevention, and staff continues outreach to other agencies to better understand current response and prevention strategies to ensure the District is prepared.

Staff also attended ergonomic training and a California State Municipal Finance Officers training session.

B. Vice President Ludecke reported that the Administrative Committee met to discuss a District Travel and Training Policy. The policy is still being drafted and will be brought back for further review at a future meeting.

C. Vice President Ludecke reported that the Watermaster Committee held its regular quarterly meeting at the Big Bear Municipal Water District office.
D. Vice President Ludecke reported that the BVBGSA met to approve its annual budget and received an update on the Replenish Big Bear program.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

PUBLIC FORUM
None.

A. Minutes of a Regular Meeting on June 4, 2026.
B. Warrant List dated 06/10/2026 in the amount of $53,182.94.

Discussion: No comments were made.

With a motion made by Director Peterson and seconded by Director Lee, the consent calendar was approved unanimously: AYES: Lee, Ludecke, Peterson NO: - ABSTAIN: -

6. BUSINESS

A. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-06, "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT ESTABLISHING THE APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2026."

PUBLIC FORUM
None.

DISCUSSION

a. General Manager Jared Cheek explained that establishing the District's appropriations limit is a required part of the annual budget process. The limit is calculated in accordance with State regulations and represents the maximum amount the District is authorized to spend during the fiscal year. The calculation formula was included in the meeting materials. Adoption of the appropriations limit is a standard financial procedure completed with the budget.

Vice President Ludecke clarified that the appropriations limit does not represent funds the District possesses, but rather the maximum amount the District is legally permitted to spend during the fiscal year.

With a motion made by Director Peterson and seconded by Director Lee, the motion to approve Resolution 2026-06 "A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Big Bear Municipal Water District Establishing the Appropriations Limit for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2026" was passed: AYES: Lee, Ludecke, Peterson NO: - ABSTAIN: -

B. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SANTA ANA WATERSHED HYDRO AUTHORITY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY (SAWHA JPA).

PUBLIC FORUM

Dan Gulbransen, resident of Big Bear Lake, expressed concerns regarding regional governance issues and encouraged greater community participation in local meetings. He also asked the Board to exercise caution when working with other agencies.

DISCUSSION

a. General Manager Jared Cheek reported that, following the Board's approval to participate in the Santa Ana Watershed Hydro Authority (SAWHA) JPA, the District must appoint a Board representative, an alternate Board representative, and an Operations Committee member. The JPA recommended two to four year appointments and General Manager Cheek suggested that the appointments consist of Watermaster Committee members.

   General Manager Cheek clarified that the alternate position applies only to the Board representative and not to the Operations Committee member. The Board considered nominations and were informed that the next JPA meeting is scheduled for July 15.

With a motion made by Director Peterson and seconded by Director Lee, the motion to appoint Vice President Ludecke as Board Member, Director Brewster as the Operations Committee member, and Director Peterson as the Board Member Alternate to the Santa Ana Watershed Hydro Authority JPA was passed:
AYES: Lee, Ludecke, Peterson
NO: -
ABSTAIN: -

C. GENERAL MANAGER RECOMMENDS FULL BOARD DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF POLICY 2026-02 "BOARD ROOM RENTAL USE POLICY".

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

DISCUSSION

a. General Manager Jared Cheek reported that the proposed revisions to the existing Board Room Use Policy are largely unchanged. Revisions clarify that the Board room may occasionally be available before 4:30 p.m. and provide the General Manager with discretion to determine room use and applicable fees. The changes allow fees to be waived for organizations whose activities support the District's mission, including programs with limited budgets or no local office. He also noted that a clerical error in the first sentence would be corrected prior to adoption.

With a motion made by Director Peterson and seconded by Director Lee, the motion to approve Policy 2026-02 "Board Room Rental Use" was passed:
AYES: Lee, Ludecke, Peterson
NO: -
ABSTAIN: -

D. GENERAL MANAGER RECOMMENDS FULL BOARD DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF POLICY 2026-03 "MEMORIAL BENCH POLICY".

PUBLIC FORUM
None.

DISCUSSION

a. General Manager Jared Cheek reported that the proposed Memorial Bench Policy was developed at the Board's direction following several inquiries from members of the public regarding memorials. He explained that the District previously had no formal policy in place and that the proposed policy would establish clear guidelines and eligibility requirements for memorial recognition.

With a motion made by Director Peterson and seconded by Director Lee, the motion to approve Policy 2026-03 "Memorial Bench Policy" was passed:
AYES: Lee, Ludecke, Peterson
NO: -
ABSTAIN: -

7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR
None.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS
General Manager Jared Cheek announced that the District Office will be closed for the federal holiday tomorrow on Friday, June 19^{th}.

9. DIRECTOR COMMENTS
None.

10. CLOSED SESSION
None.

11. ADJOURN
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:27 PM.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

Date: 07/02/2026
Location: 40524 Lakeview Drive
Big Bear Lake, CA 92315
Time: 1:00 PM

Elsa Donoho, Office Manager
Secretary to the Board of
Big Bear Municipal Water District

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