

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2026**

1. OPEN SESSION

President Bradford 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 4, 2026.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Craig Brewster, Director
Steve Ludecke, Vice President
Tom Bradford, President
Mark Lee, Director
Craig Peterson, Director

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Tom Bradford, President

3. PUBLIC FORUM

None.

4. REPORTS

- A. General Manager Jared Cheek reported a successful Memorial Day weekend with minimal incidents and a total of 288 launches during the week. Lake Patrol, the Sheriff's Department, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) were all on the lake to support operations. Staff attended organizational development training and participated in Career Day at North Shore Elementary, where they answered questions and educated students about the lake, with plans to attend a middle school Career Day the following week. Three staff members are currently attending PC 832 training, which is required for lake patrol duties.

Mr. Cheek also attended a virtual SAWHA Hydro JPA meeting and a San Bernadino Valley Municipal Water District meeting where the JPA contract was fully executed. He is anticipating that board appointments for the JPA will need to be made at upcoming meetings. He noted that the Fishing for \$50K event was held the previous weekend with no reportable incidents; 60 launches occurred between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m., with 825 event participants. Fish were stocked and tagged specifically for the event. The District continues to gather data on ballast boats, and two were turned away over the weekend due to no decontaminations on the weekend. The lake level is currently down 7 feet, 2 inches, consistent with historical trends.

- B. President Bradford conducted the May Carp Raffle; there were 52 adult participants and 6 youth participants. Adult winner of \$150 was Ryan Early, and the youth winner of \$50 was Wyatt Dyberg. Winnings checks will be mailed next week.

- C. Director Lee reported that Budget and Finance Committee met and all finances are normal.
- D. President Bradford reported on the Operations Committee, there was discussion of a special event application which will be addressed later in the meeting and a request for a memorial bench. The Committee discussed creating a standardized policy for memorial items, including consistent furniture with an adjacent plaque, at the expense of the memorial sponsor, to apply to former employees and directors. Direction was given to develop a policy.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

- A. Minutes of a Special Meeting on May 19, 2026.
- B. Minutes of a Regular Meeting on May 21, 2026.
- C. Warrant List dated 05/28/2026 in the amount of \$16,835.47.
- D. Increase of GM Salary to Step 3 of the Compensation Schedule.
- E. General Manager Employment Agreement - Amendment 1.

Discussion: No comments were made.

With a motion made by Vice President Ludecke and seconded by Director Brewster, the consent calendar was approved unanimously:

AYES: Bradford, Brewster, Lee, Ludecke, Peterson

NO: -

ABSTAIN: -

6. BUSINESS

A. PRESENTATION ONLY: US ROWING SPECIAL EVENT REPORT FROM HUECO TANKS

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

DISCUSSION

- a. General Manager Jared Cheek explained that it had been recommended during committee meetings that the permittee present a recap report after the event concluded. Damien Navarro of Hueco Tanks reported one minor incident on the water involving the District and no issues with athletes in town. He emphasized safety and public perception as key concerns, saying that social media monitoring revealed strong public interest and positive engagement, including photos, videos, and meet-and-greet events throughout the community. He stated that the high-altitude training objective was achieved and expressed appreciation for District staff support. He acknowledged miscommunication regarding event schedule changes and indicated future events would likely avoid Memorial Day weekend. He reported positive weather conditions, community impact, and interest in returning, along with potential future events such as a 2027 outdoor journalists conference. He accepted responsibility for early

communication challenges and noted one incident involving rowers leaving the designated course, along with considerations for future planning and training opportunities.

Presentation only, no Board action needed.

B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE (DIRECTORS LEE AND BRADFORD) RECOMMENDS THE FULL BOARD'S DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF DOCKWALKERS SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

DISCUSSION

- a. General Manager Jared Cheek explained that this is a recurring event through the Southern California Mountains Foundation, and this new application features extended dates due to increased weekend scheduling. The program focuses on oil disposal education, operating passively at the East Ramp with informational materials and giveaways to promote environmental awareness and proper oil disposal practices.

With a motion made by Vice President Ludecke and seconded by Director Peterson, the motion to approve the Dockwalker Special Event Application was approved:

AYES: Bradford, Brewster, Lee, Ludecke, Peterson

NO: -

ABSTAIN: -

C. PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION 2026-05 "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT TRANSFERRING FUNDS UNAPPROPRIATED AS OF JUNE 30, 2026 TO THE DISTRICT'S CONTINGENCY RESERVE ACCOUNT AND APPROVING THE DISTRICT'S BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2026." FOR FULL BOARD REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

DISCUSSION

- a. A public hearing on Resolution 2026-05 for the transfer of unappropriated funds to the contingency reserve and adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 budget was opened.

General Manager Jared Cheek explained that this was the final reading of the budget to be adopted before June 30, 2026. Updates included increased funding for professional services related to a Strategic Plan, revisions to watershed authority naming and balances, and the addition of a Reserve Fund.

President Bradford thanked the Budget and Finance Committee for their work.

The public hearing was closed with no comments received.

With a motion made by Vice President Ludecke and seconded by Director Lee, the motion to approve Resolution 2026-05 "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT TRANSFERRING FUNDS UNAPPROPRIATED AS OF JUNE 30, 2026 TO THE DISTRICT'S CONTINGENCY RESERVE ACCOUNT AND APPROVING THE DISTRICT'S BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2026." was approved:

AYES: Bradford, Brewster, Lee, Ludecke, Peterson

NO: -

ABSTAIN: -

7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

9. DIRECTOR COMMENTS

None.

10. CLOSED SESSION

None.

11. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:38 PM.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

Date: 06/18/2026
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

[SEAL]