

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, September 3, 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 September 3, 2026.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Tom Bradford, President

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Dan Gulbransen, resident of Big Bear Lake, reported that he attended a BBARWA meeting and is reviewing activities of local agencies. He had comments regarding water runoff and expressed concerns related to homelessness and state-level responses to this issue.

4. REPORTS

- A. General Manager Jared Cheek reported that the Sheriff's Dive Team recently conducted a training exercise. Staff met with Parade of Lights organizers, and approximately 40 boats have registered for the event. The Wooden Boat Show was held, and staff also met with representatives from Aquatechnics to discuss possible future lake health initiatives.

Mr. Cheek reported that staff participated in a virtual meeting with an IT provider regarding service offerings. The annual North Shore Rubber Ducky Race was held and that staff met with consultants working on the Lakewide Environmental Impact Report (EIR) regarding coordination efforts with tribal representatives. These discussions are ongoing.

Mr. Cheek further reported that staff met with state representatives from Department of Water Resources (DWR) regarding the Davis Grunsky Grant, which relates to launch ramps and office space improvements. The grant cycle extends through 2037. He also participated in a virtual meeting with Santa Ana Watershed Hydro Authority (SAWHA) partners. The organization still has not yet been formed, and the process remains ongoing, involving Southern California Edison, state agencies, and project partners.

Mr. Cheek stated that the State Water Board issued a warning advisory for potentially harmful algal blooms. For launches, 8,337 launches were counted in 2025 compared to

6,886 launches in 2026 to date. He stated that staff held a kickoff meeting with Caselle and initiated the first phase of data transfer for the new accounting system.

- B. President Bradford reported that the Operations Committee met and discussed matters related to US Rowing special event application. Representatives from US Rowing are expected to attend the next meeting regarding their applications.
- C. Vice President Ludecke reported that the Budget and Finance Committee met and reviewed monthly financial reports, including the Fiscal Year 2026 Profit and Loss Statement.
- D. Hunter Piano was the raffle winner of the August Carp Raffle for Adults. There were no kids entries.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

- A. Minutes of a Regular Meeting on August 20, 2026.
- B. Warrant List dated 08/26/2026 in the amount of \$46,191.26.

Discussion:

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

AYES: Brewster, Lee, Ludecke, Peterson

NO: -

ABSTAIN: Bradford

6. BUSINESS

A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AIRWAVE INVOICE FOR RADIO REPEATER AND LICENSE

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

DISCUSSION

- a. General Manager Jared Cheek explained that the item involved the purchase of a second radio repeater and a second license. The first repeater was installed in May. Communication coverage on the east end of the lake has been limited, and the proposed purchase would utilize the same vendor. The request includes a 10% contingency amount for unforeseen costs.

Vice President Ludecke asked whether a third option existed that would allow placement in the center of the lake.

Drew reported that a central location at the District office had previously been evaluated but did not provide satisfactory coverage. He said that peak elevations would provide ideal coverage, but those locations are not available to the District.

With a motion made by Director Brewster and seconded by Director Lee, the motion to approve the Airwave invoice for a second repeater and license was passed:

AYES: Bradford, Brewster, Lee, Ludecke, Peterson

NO: -

ABSTAIN: -

B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF FAILOVER SERVER FOR DISTRICT OFFICE

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

DISCUSSION

- a. General Manager Jared Cheek stated that the item had been discussed at the previous meeting. He explained that a discrepancy existed between the staff report and the vendor quote. The item was returned for consideration with the sales tax included as reflected in the quote, along with a contingency amount.

No changes were made to the proposed equipment.

With a motion made by Director Ludecke and seconded by Director Peterson, the motion to approve the Purchase of Failover Server for District Office was passed:

AYES: Bradford, Brewster, Lee, Ludecke, Peterson

NO: -

ABSTAIN: -

7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Manager Jared Cheek announced that the District's main office would be closed on Monday, September 7, 2026 in honor of Labor Day. All Public launch ramps will remain open.

He also announced that a drone show was scheduled for Sunday and that the Parade of Lights would be held on the lake.

9. DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Peterson thanked District staff and event participants for their efforts in organizing the Wooden Boat Show. He said that participation exceeded the last year's event and Director Brewster received an award at the event.

10. CLOSED SESSION

None.

11. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:18 PM.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

Date: 09/17/2026
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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