MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 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 November 5, 2026.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Tom Bradford, President

Item 6D was withdrawn from the Agenda.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

None.

4. REPORTS

A. General Manager Jared Cheek reported that he attended virtual meetings with SAWHA and Southern California Edison regarding dedication, as well as a hydro workshop and FERC licensing meetings. Himself and Elsa Donoho attended a meeting regarding training on the Public Records Act. He also met with GEI Consultants regarding the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and staff continues working with Caselle on the accounting transition.

   Mr. Cheek visited the local high school to speak with students about career opportunities. Seasonal employees have been released following the end of the boating season. He reported that the state mussel inspection sticker fee is increasing from $16 to $42. The East Ramp roof replacement is underway. Bay markers and approximately half of the 5 MPH buoys have been removed for the season. The current lake level is 9 feet, 6 inches below full. The lake bottom temperature is currently 51 degrees, compared to 53 degrees at this time last year.

B. 10/20/2026 – Watermaster Committee (VP Ludecke, Director Brewster)
   a. Vice President Ludecke reported that the meeting was brief and included a discussion with accounting. No significant issues were reported.

C. 10/21/2026 – Lake Improvement Committee (Pres Bradford & Director Brewster)
   a. President Bradford reported that this committee's topics would be discussed within the business items for this meeting.

D. 10/26/2026 – Operations Committee (Pres Bradford & Director Lee)

a. President Bradford reported that this committee's topics would be discussed within the business items for this meeting.

E. 10/28/2026 – Budget & Finance Committee (VP Ludecke & Director Lee)
   a. Vice President Ludecke reported that quarterly and monthly financial activities are on track.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

PUBLIC FORUM
None.

A. Minutes of a Regular Meeting on September 17, 2026.
B. Warrant List dated 10/09/2026 in the amount of $360,536.78.

Discussion:

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

6. BUSINESS

A. CONSIDER SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FROM US ROWING FOR 2027 TRAINING CAMP FOR APPROVAL

PUBLIC FORUM
A representative from Gray's Landing commented on their support for the event.

DISCUSSION

President Bradford reported that the committee met with representatives a couple of weeks prior to discuss the proposed date changes. There would be no rowing activities on weekends. Vice President Ludecke asked about the timing of the event, noting that the previous year's activities took place in May and that the weather was cold.

Event organizer explained that the dates are changing due to the World Cup of Rowing schedule. They are working backward from that event and do not anticipate beginning rowing activities until after Memorial Day.

General Manager Cheek noted that Sunday activities would be permitted after 4:00 PM. President Bradford expressed concern about a potential conflict with the May trout tournament. Vice President Ludecke also raised a concern regarding the placement of the buoy line. Mr. Cheek explained that an updated map has been prepared to better accommodate the proposed activities.

With a motion made by Director Ludecke and seconded by Director Peterson, the motion to approve the 2027 US Rowing Special Event was passed:
AYES: Bradford, Brewster, Lee, Ludecke, Peterson
NO: -
ABSTAIN: -

B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A PROPOSAL FROM AQUATECHNEX, LLC, FOR A LAKE PHOSPHORUS INVESTIGATION AND ALGAE MANAGEMENT PLANNING STUDY.

PUBLIC FORUM

Larry Cooke commented that the investigation should include areas extending from the lake toward the high-water mark. He also noted that Big Bear Lake has different conditions than Lake Arrowhead.

DISCUSSION

General Manager Cheek explained that the proposal consists of two parts. The first part involves a planning and mapping survey to identify areas of interest. The mapping portion will be sent to a mapping company.

Vice President Ludecke confirmed that the mapping portion would cost approximately $21,000. Mr. Cheek explained that this cost includes both portions of the project mapping and sampling. The second portion of the project involves collecting samples to identify the types of treatments that may be effective in managing algae. Mr. Cheek confirmed that funding for the study is included in the District's budget.

President Bradford noted that it has been approximately 10 years since the last alum treatment and explained that the study will help identify areas with higher nutrient concentrations. He also acknowledged recent public concerns about the lake's appearance and emphasized the importance of identifying the best available management options.

Director Brewster asked how long the study would take. Mr. Cheek anticipated that the work would be completed by the end of the year. President Bradford asked whether the study would provide treatment recommendations. Mr. Cheek confirmed that it would identify potential treatment options.

With a motion made by Director Peterson and seconded by Director Ludecke, the motion to approve the proposal from Aquatechnex, LLC was passed:
AYES: Bradford, Brewster, Lee, Ludecke, Peterson
NO: -
ABSTAIN: -

C. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE GEI CONSULTANTS PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE BIG BEAR LAKE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) AND PERMITTING STRATEGY.

PUBLIC FORUM
None.

DISCUSSION

General Manager Cheek explained that the original purchase order was approved for $370,936 and that work on the project is ongoing. GEI Consultants has requested additional funding to continue the work. Staff is requesting authorization for an additional $25,000, based on the consultant's proposals and estimated hours, with an additional $10,000 identified as a contingency. These needs were identified in 2023 and that the work is anticipated to be completed by the middle of 2027.

President Bradford asked what would happen if the additional funding were not approved. Mr. Cheek explained that the project would not move forward. President Bradford asked whether GEI Consultants could return later requesting additional funding. Mr. Cheek stated that there is no guarantee that additional funding would not be needed. Mr. Cheek said that a significant portion of the project has already been completed and that the remaining work includes components related to the public process.

President Bradford asked whether the additional costs were the result of an oversight. Mr. Cheek explained that the project began before his time with the District and that there had been some back-and-forth during the earlier stages. Vice President Ludecke asked how long the completed work would remain useful. Mr. Cheek stated that he was unsure of the shelf life but noted that if the District waited 10 years, some of the work would likely need to be completed again.

Director Brewster expressed hope that the District would be able to begin some dredging projects. President Bradford commented that he viewed the additional work as necessary because the District was already behind schedule.

With a motion made by Director Ludecke and seconded by Director Brewster, the motion to authorize the general manager to execute a purchase order amendment to the Big Bear Lake Maintenance and Improvement Program Environmental Impact Report and Permitting Strategy with GEI Consultants was passed:
AYES: Bradford, Brewster, Lee, Ludecke, Peterson
NO: -
ABSTAIN: -

D. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT FORKLIFT

This item was withdrawn from the Agenda.

7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR
None.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS
General Manager Jared Cheek announced the district office will be closed on Veterans' day, November 11, 2026.

9. DIRECTOR COMMENTS
Vice President Ludecke and President Bradford both commented on the memorial that was installed for the late Director Rehfuss.

10. CLOSED SESSION
None.

11. ADJOURN
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:26 PM.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

Date: 11/19/2026
Location: 40524 Lakeview Drive
Big Bear Lake, CA 92315
Time: 1:00 PM

Big Bear Municipal Water District

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