MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 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 October 15, 2026.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Tom Bradford, President

3. PUBLIC FORUM

None.

4. REPORTS

A. General Manager Jared Cheek reported on recent activities and meetings that he attended, including SAWHA discussions, General Plan and City Council meeting, and meetings with TMDL partners regarding the draft audit. He attended the Chamber of Commerce candidate forum and District staff hosted a booth at Big Bear High School Career Day to share information about careers at the District.

Mr. Cheek also attended training on best practices for developing policies and procedures, met with Aquatechnex regarding lake water quality strategies, and met with representatives from NJIT's Solar Observatory regarding property improvements to District-owned land.

Mr. Cheek and four staff members attended the CALM Conference in Sacramento. Topics included algae management strategies, lake operational best practices, and professional development opportunities for District staff.

He also attended a Mountain Mutual Aid meeting where local agencies discussed preparation efforts for potential El Niño weather impacts. The District has also been preparing its facilities for winter weather conditions.

Mr. Cheek reported that he virtually attended the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Board meeting, where the Board accepted the FERC license.

Administrative staff will participate in Caselle accounting software training next week.

He also reported that the lake elevation was 9 feet, 5 inches below full. More than 3 inches of rain was recorded at the dam from this last weather event, providing a strong start to the new water year, which began on October 1.

He also reported that representatives from the Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) recently visited the District and did their biennial test of the spillway gates to be cycled through a full open and close test. The test was successfully completed and all equipment operated as expected. Vice President Ludecke asked if the original gates were made of wood. Mr. Cheek confirmed they were and noted they have since been replaced with metal gates.

B. Vice President Ludecke reported attending two SAWHA-related meetings. The first meeting established the Joint Powers Authority Board, and the second addressed a staffing services agreement with San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District. He also reported that work continues on bringing additional hydroelectric generation units online and announced a facility dedication event scheduled for October 22.

Vice President Ludecke further reported that the Budget and Finance Committee met and District finances remain 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 Vice President Ludecke and seconded by Director Lee, the consent calendar was approved unanimously:
AYES: Bradford, Lee, Ludecke, Peterson (Item 5B)
NO: -
ABSTAIN: Peterson (Item 5A)

6. BUSINESS

A. REVIEW AND POSSIBLY APPROVE OF FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO COMMUNICATION SERVICES

PUBLIC FORUM
None.

DISCUSSION

a. General Manager Jared Cheek presented a proposed five-year agreement with San Bernardino County for public safety radio communication services. He explained that these emergency radios operate on tactical frequencies and are intended for use during large-scale

emergencies and incidents involving multiple agencies. The District's current agreement expires at the end of calendar year 2026.

Vice President Ludecke asked whether these radios would be used during wildfire incidents involving water supply operations from the lake. Mr. Cheek responded that radio use would depend on the specific incident and command structure. President Bradford provided examples of situations where the radios could be important for communication and coordination between responding agencies during major emergencies.

With a motion made by Vice President Ludecke and seconded by Director Peterson, the motion to approve the 5-year agreement with County of San Bernardino Innovation and Technology Department for Public Safety Radio Communications Services was passed:
AYES: Bradford, Brewster, Lee, Ludecke
NO: -
ABSTAIN: -

B. POSSIBLE AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR STRATEGIC PLAN DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

PUBLIC FORUM
None.

DISCUSSION

a. General Manager Jared Cheek requested authorization to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for strategic planning services. He stated that staff is prepared to move forward with the process and intends to publicly advertise the RFP as well as notify firms that have previously worked with the District.

During discussion, the Board reviewed the purpose of a strategic plan. Vice President Ludecke explained that a strategic plan helps establish the long-term direction of the organization and serves as a roadmap for future priorities and goals.

Mr. Cheek added that the District currently has a District Management Plan, which primarily looks at past and current operations, while a strategic plan focuses on future objectives and organizational direction.

With a motion made by Vice President Ludecke and seconded by Director Lee, the motion to authorized solicitation of Request for Proposals for Strategic Plan Development Services was passed:
AYES: Bradford, Brewster, Lee, Ludecke
NO: -
ABSTAIN: -

7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS
General Manager Cheek announced to the Board that the Southern California Edison dedication event is scheduled for October 22, 2026.

9. DIRECTOR COMMENTS
President Bradford thanked General Manager Cheek for identifying training opportunities related to lake management and algae control. He said it is important to develop a long-term strategy for lake health. He acknowledged the challenges presented by environmental conditions and appreciates the administration's approach to understanding and improving lake health.

10. CLOSED SESSION
None.

11. ADJOURN
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:31 PM.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

Date: 11/05/2026
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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