



Big Bear Municipal Water District

Lake Management

Board of Directors

Steve Ludecke – Division 1
Craig Peterson – Division 2
Craig Brewster – Division 3
Mark Lee – Division 4
Tom Bradford – Division 5

Operations Committee Meeting Minutes April 27, 2026

Present: Director Lee
President Bradford
Jared Cheek, General Manager
Elsa Donoho, Board Secretary

Public: Matt Smith (Special Event Applicant)

1. Special Event Application - Paddlefest

- a. Paddlefest/Lakefest event scope and dates were revised.
- b. A 20K paddle event was added, running along the perimeter of the lake within the 5 mph buoy line.
- c. Matt Smith explained that Paddlefest will be a standalone event held in June (Sunday, one-day event), separate from Lakefest. The course and safety standards will remain consistent with prior years.
- d. Estimated participation:
 - i. 20K paddle: fewer than 20 participants
 - ii. 10K and 5K paddle events: approximately 20–30 participants each
 - iii. 2.5-mile swim: approximately 40–50 participants
 - iv. 5K swim: approximately 15–20 participants
- e. All water events are expected to conclude by noon, followed by post-race awards at the beach.
- f. Safety measures include:
 - i. Two safety boats with 2–3 personnel each (driver and spotter)
 - ii. One stationary command center boat near Eagle Point
 - iii. Paddleboard escorts for swim participants
 - iv. Lifeguards on-site
 - v. Swimmers equipped with inflatable safety buoys, neon swim caps, and visibility gear
- g. The District has historically deployed Lake Patrol early on the day of the event.
- h. Paddleboard activities will remain within the 5 mph buoy zones, with designated check-in points throughout the course.
- i. Vessel inspection procedures will remain unchanged, with inspections conducted by the Lake Operations Manager at Meadow Park the evening prior; applicable time and permits will be charged.

2. Dock Resolution

- a. Docks continue to present annual challenges; approximately 20 suspension letters were issued this year for non-payment.
- b. Current process: invoices are issued with a 30-day payment period; unpaid accounts are suspended for 10 days, followed by revocation if still unpaid.

- c. General Manager Jared Cheek noted that approximately 7–10 accounts reach revocation annually but are typically resolved once payment is made.
- d. Upon revocation, the District has the authority to impound a dock.
- e. Jared Cheek suggested utilizing suspension buoys prior to impoundment; multi-year delinquencies may warrant different handling.
- f. The Committee agreed the current process is appropriate but emphasized the importance of consistent and reasonable enforcement.
- g. Docks are inspected annually by Lake Patrol staff.
- h. Staff have been enforcing communication requirements between dock movers and the District during dock placement.
- i. President Bradford suggested conducting an inspection after revocation to confirm the dock remains in usable condition.

3. Issues & Updates

- a. None.