

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF
BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026**

1. OPEN SESSION

President Bradford opened the Special Board meeting at 9:00 AM at the Big Bear Municipal Water District located at 40524 Lakeview Drive, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315 on Tuesday, March 3, 2026.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Tom Bradford, President

3. PUBLIC FORUM

N/A

4. BUSINESS

A. WORKSHOP DISCUSSION: WAKE-ENHANCING VESSELS ON THE LAKE

Discussion:

President Bradford opened the workshop and explained its purpose. General Manager, Jared Cheek, stated the topic was initially discussed at the Marina Task Force meeting last year and was referred by the Operations Committee for discussion at a Special Board Meeting. Staff presented a PowerPoint outlining ballast boat specifications, aquatic invasive species (AIS) mitigation measures, and potential regulatory options for wake-enhancing vessels on Big Bear Lake. Examples from other lakes were presented, including maps showing designated wake sport areas and buoy placements.

Lake Operations Manager, Drew Pappas, explained ballast boat configurations and decontamination requirements, he stated that some vessels have multiple ballast tanks which must be fully decontaminated prior to launching. Complex decontaminations are conducted by appointment only and typically take one to two hours. Staff indicated that only a small number of ballast boats are decontaminated each season maybe 5-10.

Board members discussed concerns related to sediment disturbance in shallow water, potential impacts to water quality, and AIS prevention. Possible concepts discussed included operating depth minimums, designated wake areas in deeper water, education on wake etiquette, and modifications to AIS prevention policies such as quarantine banding.

Public comments were received from marina operators, concessionaires, and stakeholders. Comments included support for education on wake etiquette, concerns regarding safety if wake activities were

concentrated into small areas, the importance of tourism to the local economy, and concerns regarding AIS risks from visiting boaters.

Following workshop discussion, Vice President Ludecke suggested forming an Ad-Hoc Committee to meet with stakeholders and further evaluate potential regulatory options. Vice President Ludecke nominated President Bradford and Director Brewster to serve on the committee. The Ad-Hoc Committee will meet with stakeholders and return to the full Board with concepts and recommendations. Staff will notify stakeholders when those meetings are scheduled.

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

AYES: Lee, Bradford, Brewster, Ludecke

NO: -

ABSTAIN: -

5. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 AM .

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

Date: 03/05/2026
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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