

BIG BEAR AREA REGIONAL WASTEWATER AGENCY
Special Meeting
December 9, 2009

1. Call to Order

A special meeting of the Governing Board of the Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency was held on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at 121 Palomino Drive, Big Bear City, California.

Governing Board Members present: Liz Harris, John Day, Rick Herrick, Rick Ollila and Tom Brandau

Governing Board Members absent:

Others present: Jeff Rigney, Director San Bernardino County Special Districts; Jamie Garland, Representative to Supervisor Neil Derry; Brent Tregaskis, General Manager Snow Summit; Mr. and Mrs. Mooneyham, Citizens.

Staff present: Steven C. Schindler, General Manager; Joe Hanford, Plant Superintendent; Jennifer McCullar, Finance Manager; Alisha Crowell, Administrative Clerk; and Brent Berg, Operator

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Harris called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. and John Day led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Presentations and Introductions

Mr. Hanford presented Mr. Berg with the CWEA Operator of the Year Award and thanked him for his outstanding effort.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Upon motion by Director Herrick, seconded by Secretary Day, and carried, the Governing Board approved the agenda.

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

5. Consent Calendar

The Governing Board reviewed items on the Consent Calendar. Upon motion by Director Herrick, seconded by Secretary Day, and carried, the Governing Board approved the consent calendar as follows:

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting October 28, 2009 – Approve
- B. Monthly Cash Disbursements – Informational
- C. Governing Board Member Reimbursement – Approve
- D. Investment Report – Informational
- E. Connection Report – Informational
- F. General Manager and Plant Superintendent Report September 2009 – Informational
- G. First Quarter Report, Three Months Ended September 30, 2009 - Approve

6. Items Removed From the Consent Calendar - None

7. **Public Forum Response** – None

8. **Public Forum** – The Public Forum portion of the meeting is an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the Governing Board on matters within the jurisdiction of this Agency. Ordinance No. 57 limits individual public testimony to **three minutes or less**. The cumulative time that any individual may provide public testimony during a meeting is fifteen minutes and the public testimony shall be limited to thirty minutes for all speakers. Whenever a group of persons wishes to address the Board on the same item, the Chairman or the Board by majority vote may request a spokesperson be chosen for the group or limit the number of such persons addressing the Board. Since discussion of an item, not on the posted agenda is not allowed, these concerns will be addressed in a future meeting as soon as practicable under “Public Forum Response.

Mr. Mooneyham addressed the Governing Board stating that he lived directly to the south of the Lake Pump Station and would like to see the building upgraded or potentially relocated to the east of the property, out of the view of residence living in the area. He also stated that he has always has excellent relations with BBARWA and appreciates all that BBARWA does for the mountain community.

9. **Old Business** –

A. **Debt Policy** –

Mr. Schindler gave a brief explanation of the item. A brief discussion ensued between members of the Board and staff.

Upon motion by Director Herrick, seconded by Chair Harris, and carried, the Governing Board approved the Item 9.A, Debt Policy.

B. **Capital Improvement Plan FYE 2011 -**

Mr. Schindler gave a brief explanation of the two primary line items from the CIP held over from the October 28, 2009 Regular Meeting. The line items were as follows: 1) Lake Pump Station Upgrades, Equipment Rebuilds and Replacement and 2) Effluent Storage.

A lengthy discussion ensued between members of the Board and staff. Director Herrick motioned to move the Lake Pump Station project to the 2010/2011, 2011/2012 fiscal year and to move the Effluent Storage project to the 2012/2013, 2013/2014 fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Secretary Day. However, after further discussions between the Board and staff, Director Herrick withdrew the motion.

Secretary Day motioned to replace the Influent Structure only in the 2010/2011 fiscal year. The motion did not have a second and was withdrawn.

Further discussions ensued between the Board and staff. Director Harris requested that the Board make every effort to come to a decision on these two items.

Upon motion by Director Herrick, Seconded by Chair Harris, and carried, the Governing Board approved the following: Under recommendation from staff, the Agency will move forward with the concept of the Concrete Basin Plan pending further information on financial impact as well as the impact on rates.

Vote:

Chair Harris – Aye

Secretary Day – Aye

Director Herrick – Aye

Director Ollila – Nay

Director Brandau - Nay

Director Herrick motioned to move the LPS project to FY 2010/2011, 2011/2012 and to move the Effluent Storage project to 2012/2013, 2013/2014. The motion did not have a second and was withdrawn.

Upon motion by Director Herrick , Seconded by Secretary Day, and carried, the Governing Board approved moving the Lake Pump Station Upgrades, Equipment Rebuilds and Replacement line item from Fiscal Year 2012/2013, 2013/2014 to 2010/2011, 2011/2012 and maintaining the Effluent Storage line item in Fiscal Year 2010/2011, 2011/2012.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Absent - 0

C. County Service Area 53B, Community Collection System –

Mr. Jeff Rigney, Director of the San Bernardino County Special Districts was invited to address the Governing Board. Mr. Rigney gave a brief but detailed explanation of the County's position on the issue. A brief discussion ensued between members of the Board.

Chair Harris and Director Herrick both stated that the assumption of County Service Area 53B would be going outside of the Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency's Mission Statement.

Further discussion ensued with no action being taken by the Governing Board.

10. New Business -

A. Easement Agreement – Snow Summit – Approve

Director Herrick removed himself from the discussion due to a conflict of interest. Mr. Brent Tregaskis, General Manager Snow Summit gave a brief explanation of the easement request.


A brief discussion ensued between members of the Board, Mr. Tregaskis and staff. Upon motion by Secretary Day, Seconded by Director Brandau, and carried, the Governing Board approved the Easement Agreement between BBARWA and Snow Summit.

11. Information/Committee Reports

A. Governing Board Member Comments – None

12 Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Governing Board, Chair Harris adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.


Elizabeth Harris, Ed.D, Chair of the Governing Board of the
Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency