

# Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency

Special Meeting Budget Workshop Minutes  
March 4, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.  
121 Palomino Drive, Big Bear City, CA 92314

## 1. Call to Order

A Special Meeting of the Governing Board of the Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency was called to order by Chair Segovia at 10:00 a.m. on March 4, 2025 at 121 Palomino Drive, Big Bear City, California.

Board Members Present: Kendi Segovia, Chair; Larry Walsh, Vice-Chair, Rick Herrick, Director; Jim Miller, Director; and John Russo, Director

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: David Lawrence, General Manager; Christine Bennett, Finance Manager; Bridgette Burton, Administrative Services Manager/Board Secretary; Sonja Kawa, Human Resources Coordinator/Accounting Technician; and John Shimmin, Plant Manager

Others: Glenn Jacklin, General Manager, Big Bear City Community Services District; and Sean Sullivan, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works, City of Big Bear Lake

Members of the public who signed in: None

## 2. Pledge of Allegiance – Director Herrick

## 3. Public Forum

Dan Gulbranson expressed frustration over downloading large agenda packets and printing costs.

Tom Sitton criticized the Replenish Big Bear Project, arguing it would lead to unnecessary governmental control and emphasized that major decisions should involve a vote from the entire valley rather than just a few elected officials.

## 4. Presentation and Introduction

### a. Kendi Segovia 1-Year Recognition

The General Manager congratulated Chair Segovia on one-year of service.

### b. Budget Presentation and Discussion

The Finance Manager presented budget projections and proposal, including the project performance for Fiscal Year 2025, proposed new budget for Fiscal Year 2026, and the five-year forecast Fiscal Years 2026 – 2030.

The Governing Board asked questions regarding the Oxidation Ditch repair, depreciation, portfolio performance and projection, rate of return, OPEB funding position, OPEB unfunded liability payments, solar purchases, power expense, permit renewal and anticipated changes to the permit, PFAS and its impact on water and wastewater operations, rate reductions by 2030, the impact of the CIP program, the need for borrowing, the dump truck and hauling needs, and the Prop 218 process for Member Agencies.

Dan Gulbranson inquired about the Replenish Big Bear Project costs, final design expenses, timeline, grant reimbursement, and requested a more streamlined presentation format without the sound of pages flipping.


Tom Sitton commented on the recent news article about Congressman Obernolte.

The Governing Board did not request any changes to the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

## 5. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Governing Board, Chair Segovia adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

Attest:

  
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Bridgette Burton, Secretary to the Governing Board  
Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency