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Erwin Lake Community Meeting

Residents invited to provide input on local Greenspot Recharge Project

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At its regular July meeting, the Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency (BBARWA) Governing Board authorized moving forward with design of the Greenspot Recharge Project (Greenspot). If funding and construction are approved, Greenspot would keep more water local by sending highly purified water from BBARWA to new recharge basins in the Erwin Lake area.

BBARWA is prioritizing neighborhood input as an early step in the design process and invites Erwin Lake residents to stop by anytime between 5 and 7 p.m. on Monday, September 14 for a community meeting at the BBARWA offices, 121 Palomino Drive, Big Bear City, CA 92314.

This informal 'listening session' is an opportunity for residents who live close to the project site to ask questions, provide input, and share concerns.

There will be no formal presentation; residents can come and go as their schedule allows. Additional meetings for the entire Big Bear Valley will be held later, as the project progresses. The BBARWA Governing Board has not approved funding for construction and will consider whether to proceed as additional information is made available over the course of design.

To learn more about the Greenspot Recharge Project and keep up with the latest news, visit www.BBARWA.org/Greenspot.

About the Project

- **Greenspot keeps water local:** Millions of gallons of highly treated water currently leave the valley each year instead of being reused here. Greenspot keeps more water local by purifying it and putting it back into the ground for future use.
- **Greenspot helps reduce drought impacts:** Big Bear depends entirely on groundwater for our drinking water; however, frequent drought and more variable precipitation have reduced how much water naturally recharges the groundwater basin, leaving the community vulnerable to water shortages. If approved, Greenspot (which isn't dependent on the weather) is expected to increase the local groundwater supply by more than 15 percent.
- **Greenspot protects public health:** Purified water goes through multiple treatment steps and routine testing to ensure it meets or exceeds strict state and federal water quality standards. The recharge site will be fenced, and site design will be developed with neighborhood input.