

Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency

Regular Board Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
121 Palomino Drive, Big Bear City, CA 92314

1. Call to Order

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency was called to order by Chair Segovia at 5:00 p.m. on January 28, 2026 at 121 Palomino Drive, Big Bear City, California.

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

Board Members Absent: None

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

Others: Jared Cheek, General Manager, Big Bear Municipal Water District; 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: Joyce Crist, Big Bear City

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Vice-Chair Walsh

3. Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by Director Herrick, seconded by Director Sauer and carried, the Governing Board approved the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Herrick, Russo, Sauer, Segovia, Walsh

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

4. Public Forum

A public comment was heard after Item 10.F.

5. Presentation and Introduction

a. Ralph Curiel – 5-year Recognition

The General Manager and Governing Board thanked Mr. Curiel for his years of service.

6. Information/Committee Reports

a. General Manager's Report

The General Manager's Report was presented.

b. Replenish Big Bear Report

The General Manager informed the Governing Board that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) expressed a willingness to discuss an increase to the WIFIA Loan amount based on the October 2025 cost estimate.

The Governing Board requested clarification for the Title XVI Grant and noted that SBCTA is currently experiencing construction bids coming in under estimated costs.

7. Consent Calendar Approved Items

a. December 17, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes

b. Monthly Disbursements Report for November and December

c. Investment Report Identifying Agency Investments and Reporting Interest Income for November and December

d. Fixed and Variable Rates

Upon motion by Director Russo, seconded by Director Herrick and carried, the Governing Board approved the consent calendar as presented.

Ayes: Herrick, Russo, Sauer, Segovia, Walsh

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

8. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar

None

9. Old Business

10. New Business – Discussion/Action Items

a. Public Hearing: Assembly Bill 2561 - Local Public Employees Vacant Positions

The Human Resources Coordinator/Accounting Technician advised the Governing Board that the Agency has no changes to policies, procedures or recruitment activities that negatively impact the Agency's efforts to reduce its vacancies, and it has one vacancy and is actively recruiting for the Maintenance Worker position.

The public hearing opened at 5:08 p.m.

There were no public comments.

The public hearing closed at 5:08 p.m.

This was an information only item.

- b.** Resolution No. R. 01-2026, A Resolution of the Governing Board of the Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency Rescinding Resolution No. R. 16-2023 and Amending Resolution No. R. 09-2023, Adding the Assistant General Manager/Board Secretary as a signatory for the Agency's US Bank Accounts

The Finance Manager explained that an updated resolution was needed due to the job title change from Administrative Services Manager/Board Secretary to Assistant General Manager/Board Secretary.

Upon motion by Director Sauer, seconded by Director Herrick and carried, the Governing Board adopted Resolution No. R. 01-2026, rescinded Resolution No. R. 16-2023 and amended Resolution No. R. 09-2023, adding the Assistant General Manager/Board Secretary as a signatory for the Agency's US Bank accounts.

Ayes: Herrick, Russo, Sauer, Segovia, Walsh

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

- c.** Introduction and First Read of Ordinance O. 01-2026, An Ordinance of the Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency Code Amending Section 2.04.040 of the Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency Code Regarding Time Limits on Public Testimony at Governing Board Meetings

The Assistant General Manager/Board Secretary outlined staff's recommendation to revise the Ordinance to allow a reasonable amount of time for general public comment during teleconferenced meetings, rather than requiring attendees to wait the full 30-minute general comment period to conclude under the current Ordinance.

A public comment was heard.

Upon motion by Director Walsh, seconded by Director Russo and carried, the Governing Board waived the full reading of the proposed Ordinance O. 01-2026 and directed staff to place it on the agenda for consideration and adoption at a public hearing on February 25, 2026.

Ayes: Herrick, Russo, Sauer, Segovia, Walsh

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

- d.** Allocate \$146,498 from the Contingency Fund and Reallocate \$243,502 from the Force Main Project to the Outfall Line Investigation Project

The General Manager provided an overview of the goal and process for the Outfall Line Investigation, along with the timeline, cost estimate, and impacts on the Capital Improvement Plan.

A public comment was heard.

Upon motion by Director Herrick, seconded by Director Sauer and carried, the Governing Board allocated \$146,498 from the Contingency Fund and reallocated \$243,502 from the Force Main Project to the Outfall Line Investigation Project planning and engineering phases in FY 2026 and directed staff to program \$1,350,000 in FY 2027 for the investigation and construction phases.

Ayes: Herrick, Russo, Sauer, Segovia, Walsh
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

- e. Allocate \$75,000 for the Investigation of North Shore Pump Stations 1, 2, and 3 and the Lake Pump Station from the Contingency Fund

The General Manager provided an overview of the investigation process, timeline, and cost estimate.

Upon motion by Director Russo, seconded by Director Herrick and carried, the Governing Board allocated \$75,000 for the investigation of North Shore Pump Stations 1, 2, and 3, and Lake Pump Station from the Contingency Fund.

Ayes: Herrick, Russo, Sauer, Segovia, Walsh
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

- f. 2026 Gaeta Lease of 340 Acres in Lucerne Valley

The General Manager detailed changes in the lease terms and payment.

A public comment was heard.

Upon motion by Director Herrick, seconded by Chair Segovia and carried, the Governing Board authorized the General Manager to negotiate and execute the 2026 Gaeta Lease Agreement.

Ayes: Herrick, Russo, Sauer, Segovia, Walsh
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

11. Comments and Announcements

a. General Manager Comments

None.

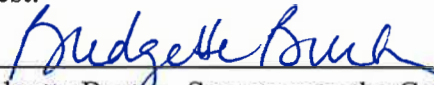
b. Governing Board Comments

The Governing Board expressed support for Team USA at the Olympic Games.

12. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Governing Board, Chair Segovia adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

Attest:



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