

BOARD OF BEAR VALLEY BASIN
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
MEETING MINUTES
June 22, 2021

OPEN SESSION

A meeting of the Bear Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on June 22, 2021 by Chair Ludecke at 41972 Garstin Drive, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Ludecke, Chair
John Green, Vice Chair
Craig Hjorth, Treasurer
Jim Miller, Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bob Ludecke, Chair

PUBLIC FORUM:

No comments from the public.

1. PUBLIC HEARING

1.1 Resolution No. 2021-01 – Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/22

The Board discussed that Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency (BBARWA) billing of the agencies is easier and the billing is primarily legal fees. Additionally, the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) is essentially complete; we are waiting for the Replenish Big Bear Project scope to be finalized. The GSP should be completed in the next few months.

Motion made by Secretary Miller, seconded by Vice-Chair Green, and carried 4-0 to adopt Resolution No. 2021-01, adopting the Fiscal Year 2021/22 budget.

AYES: Green, Hjorth, Ludecke, Miller

NOES: -

ABSTAIN: -

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

2.1 Approve Minutes of Board Meeting Dated June 29, 2020

Motion made by Treasurer Hjorth, seconded by Secretary Miller, and carried 4-0 to approve the Consent Calendar.

AYES: Green, Hjorth, Ludecke, Miller

NOES: -

ABSTAIN: -

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Approval of Claims Payments

Motion made by Vice-Chair Green, seconded by Secretary Miller, and carried 4-0 to approve the claims payments from July 1, 2020 to June 9, 2021.

AYES: Green, Hjorth, Ludecke, Miller

NOES: -

ABSTAIN: -

4.2 Resolution No. 2021-02 Carryforward Encumbrances and Appropriations

Motion made by Treasurer Hjorth, seconded by Secretary Miller, and carried 4-0 to adopt Resolution No. 2021-02, authorizing the proposed budget adjustment for the carryforward of encumbrances and appropriations.

AYES: Green, Hjorth, Ludecke, Miller

NOES: -

ABSTAIN: -

4.3 Consider Extension of Audit Services Contract

Motion made by Secretary Miller, seconded by Vice-Chair Green, and carried 4-0 to adopt Resolution No. 2021-03, authorizing the Administrator to extend the contracted services and accept the attached quote.

AYES: Green, Hjorth, Ludecke, Miller

NOES: -

ABSTAIN: -

4.4 Financial Update FY 2020/21

Informational only.

4.5 Resolutions No. 2021-04 & No. 2021-05 - Insurance for Agency through the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority

The Board discussed that enrollment in the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) is less than \$3,000 annually including ACWA membership fees. Vice-Chair Green inquired into whether the BVBGSA Board is covered by the individual agencies' insurance. David Lawrence, the Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency (BBARWA) General Manager, responded that each individual agencies' insurance does not cover the BVBGSA Board for their actions on this Board.

Motion made by Vice-Chair Green, seconded by Secretary Miller, and carried 4-0 to adopt Resolution No. 2021-04, approving a 3-year membership with ACWA.

AYES: Green, Hjorth, Ludecke, Miller

NOES: -

ABSTAIN: -

The Board discussed the approximate cost of the ACWA JPIA insurance is \$2,000 annually which is \$500 per agency.

Motion made by Treasurer Hjorth, seconded by Secretary Miller, and carried 4-0 to adopt Resolution No. 2021-05, approving obtaining insurance through ACWA JPIA. The Board appointed Secretary Miller as a JPIA Board of Director Member and Vice-Chair Green as an Alternate.

AYES: Green, Hjorth, Ludecke, Miller

NOES: -

ABSTAIN: -

Motion made by Vice-Chair Green, seconded by Treasurer Hjorth, and carried 4-0 to amend the above approved FY 2021/22 Budget by \$2,800 to cover the cost of insurance.

AYES: Green, Hjorth, Ludecke, Miller

NOES: -

ABSTAIN: -

4.6 Replenish Big Bear Update

Reggie Lamson, Administrator, referred to the charts included in the agenda package which reflect the safe perennial yield versus historical demand. Vice-Chair Green stated that he believes the intersection line where perennial yield meets demand will be sooner than

projected. Reggie added that the total precipitation decline matches that published by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) model for perennial yield. Secretary Miller stated that he thinks demand will increase more than historically. Chair Ludecke inquired into whether we expect push-back from the Mojave Water Agency (MWA). David responded that BBARWA has shown the MWA the paperwork and judgment that proves the water belongs to BBARWA.

Additionally, BBARWA must maintain “control of water” to retain water rights. Vice-Chair Green added that the system will be designed to handle up to 2-million gallons a day and can store 10-million gallons on-site with additional storage at a second site. Also, we cannot sell water to the growers in Lucerne Valley, or we open ourselves up to legal action with the MWA. It was suggested that we perform a pilot and cost study. There is concern that financing the project will place a burden on future generations. The USDA has very competitive 2-3% loans. BBARWA will be the lead agency and responsible party. It was requested the agency evaluate the rate payers ability to pay for the project.

Secretary Miller suggested the BVBGSA sign on to the Memorandum of Understanding to show project support. Vice-Chair Green agrees with that suggestion.

4.7 Management and Board Members Discussion

Future agenda items include:

- Update on the perennial yield
- Update on the completed GSP
- Follow-up items from the Replenish Big Bear Workshop with member agencies scheduled for June 23, 2021
- Consider pilot study in January 2022

ADJOURN

No additional business came before the Board. At 6:01 p.m., Chair Ludecke adjourned the meeting.

Jim Miller, Secretary to the Board