

**BOARD OF BEAR VALLEY BASIN
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
MEETING MINUTES
June 21, 2022**

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 21, 2022 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. 2022-03 Readoption of the Bear Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Chair Ludecke opened the Public Hearing at 5:01 p.m.

Vice-Chair Green asked if the delay in adopting the Bear Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) had any impact on the grant funding. Reggie Lamson, General Manager of the City of Big Bear Lake Department of Water and Power (DWP) replied that it did not impact grant funding. Secretary Miller thanked Tom Harder and his staff for preparation of the GSP.

Motion made by Secretary Miller, seconded by Vice-Chair Green, and carried 4-0 approving Resolution No. 2022-03, readopting the Bear Valley Basin GSP.

AYES: Green, Hjorth, Ludecke, Miller

NOES: -

ABSTAIN: -

Chair Ludecke opened the Public Hearing at 5:05 p.m.

1.2 Resolution No. 2022-04 Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/23

Motion made by Vice-Chair Green, seconded by Treasurer Hjorth, and carried 4-0 approving Resolution No. 2022-04 adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2022/23.

AYES: Green, Hjorth, Ludecke, Miller

NOES: -

ABSTAIN: -

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

2.1 Approve Minutes of Board Meeting Dated January 18, 2022

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 Secretary Miller, seconded by Treasurer Hjorth, and carried 4-0 to approve the claims payments from January 5, 2022 to June 15, 2022.

AYES: Green, Hjorth, Ludecke, Miller

NOES: -

ABSTAIN: -

4.2 Move Regular Board Meeting to August 9, 2022

Motion made by Vice-Chair Green, seconded by Secretary Miller, and carried 4-0 to move the August regularly scheduled Board meeting from August 16th to August 9th.

AYES: Green, Hjorth, Ludecke, Miller

NOES: -

ABSTAIN: -

4.3 Replenish Big Bear Update

David Lawrence, General Manager of the Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency (BBARWA), shared that on February 28, 2022 a permit application was submitted with the Regional Board, and we have not received a response back. There has been some feedback from the Regional Board and concerns regarding the treatment process. Due to the Regional Board's feedback, the Replenish Big Bear Project (Project) will now include one-hundred percent reverse osmosis and advanced oxidation. Treasurer Hjorth asked what advanced oxidation is. David responded that advanced oxidation is the process of adding chemicals, such as peroxide, to the water system to rid the water of pharmaceuticals. There is no better water treatment. Reggie shared that he gave a presentation on the Project to the Sierra Club and the Club inquired about the issue of pharmaceuticals in the water. Reggie added that reverse osmosis rids the water of some but not all pharmaceuticals. With advanced oxidation, most chemicals and pharmaceuticals will be non-detect.

Chair Ludecke inquired into the additional cost to add advanced oxidation to the Project. David responded that the cost to including advanced oxidation would increase the annual Operations and Management costs about \$200,000. David stated he does not see this additional treatment to be a stumbling block for the Project. Chair Ludecke asked if we was fairly confident the Permit will be approved. David responded yes; he is confident the Project will be permitted. David reviewed the grants received for the Project, that the City plans to include on the November ballot an increase in the TOT that a portion of these funds may be used for Project O & M, and we are working with funding partners for additional funding for the Project. Chair Ludecke inquired into the revised estimate for the Project. David responded the latest he has seen is approximately \$56 million. Secretary Miller asked if there can be a reasonable connection between the pharmaceutical issue and the available COVID relief funding. David responded that a presentation of the Project was given to the County Chief Executive Officer and that the County is willing to sign a non-financially binding MOU for the Project.

4.4 Management and Board Members Discussion

Secretary Miller inquired into the GSP reporting requirements. Reggie responded he will confirm reporting requirements with Tom Harder.

ADJOURN

No additional business came before the Board. At 5:25 p.m., Chair Ludecke adjourned the meeting.

Jim Miller, Secretary to the Board