



Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency

Special Board Meeting Minutes

July 29, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

121 Palomino Drive, Big Bear City, CA 92314

Governing Board Members Present

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

Governing Board Members Absent - None

Staff Members Present

David Lawrence, P.E., 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

Laine Carlson, Vice-President, Water Systems Consulting, Inc.; Jared Cheek, General Manager, Big Bear Municipal Water District; Glenn Jacklin, General Manager, Big Bear City Community Services District; Matt Rodrigues, Senior Engineer, Water Systems Consulting, Inc.; 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; Bob Patterson, Big Bear City; and Cory and Audrey Scranton, Big Bear City

1. Call to Order

A Special Meeting of the Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency was called to order by Chair Segovia on July 29, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at 121 Palomino Drive, Big Bear City, CA 92314.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Director Herrick

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



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4. Public Forum

Public comments were heard.

5. Presentation and Introduction

A. Brent Berg 20-year Recognition

The General Manager and Governing Board thanked Mr. Berg for his 20 years of service.

B. Sonja Kawa 15-year Recognition

The General Manager and Governing Board thanked Mrs. Kawa for her 15 years of service.

C. Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, Government Finance Officers Association

The Finance Manager presented the award.

6. Information and Committee Reports

A. General Manager's Report

The General Manager did not have any updates to present at this time.

B. Replenish Big Bear Report and Presentation

Water Systems Consulting, Inc. presented the project update.

C. Bear Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Meeting on June 18, 2026

The General Manager provided a summary of the meeting.

7. Consent Calendar Approved Items

A. May 27, 2026 Meeting Minutes

B. Monthly Disbursements Report

C. Investment Report Identifying Agency Investments and Reporting Interest Income

Upon motion by Director Herrick, seconded by Chair Segovia 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 - None

10. New Business

A. Amendment No. 7 to the Program Management and Engineering Services Agreements for the Replenish Big Bear Project

The General Manager presented the item.



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Public comments were heard.

Upon motion by Director Sauer, seconded by Chair Segovia and carried, the Governing Board approved Amendment No. 7 to the Program Management and Engineering Services Agreements between the Agency and Water Systems Consulting, Inc., in the amount of \$785,533, increasing the total contract amount to \$4,688,669, and authorized the General Manager to negotiate and execute the contract documents.

Ayes: Herrick, Sauer, Segovia

Noes: Russo, Walsh

Absent: None

Abstain: None

B. Amendment No. 1 to the Design Services Agreement for the Replenish Big Bear Project

The General Manager presented the item.

Public comments were heard.

Upon motion by Director Herrick, seconded by Director Sauer and carried, the Governing Board approved Amendment No. 1 to the Design Services Agreement between the Agency and Water Systems Consulting, Inc., in the amount of \$2,657,555, increasing the total contract amount to \$6,554,280, and authorized the General Manager to negotiate and execute the contract documents.

Ayes: Herrick, Sauer, Segovia

Noes: Russo, Walsh

Absent: None

Abstain: None

C. Multi-Year Contract Award for Sludge Hauling Services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant

The General Manager presented the item.

A public comment was heard.

Upon motion by Chair Segovia, seconded by Director Herrick and carried, the Governing Board authorized the General Manager to enter into negotiations with Synagro West, LLC as the highest-ranked proposer. If the Agency is unable to reach a successful agreement, the Governing Board authorized the General Manager to discontinue negotiations with Synagro West, LLC and proceed to negotiate with Ecology Organics. Upon successful completion of negotiations, the Governing Board authorized the General Manager to award a multi-year contract for sludge hauling services for an initial term of three (3)



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years, allowing for annual cost escalation per the contract documents and authorizing the General Manager to approve up to two (2) additional one-year extensions.

Ayes: Herrick, Russo, Sauer, Segovia, Walsh

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

D. Appropriate \$154,000 for the Oxidation Ditch 2 Rotor 6 Shaft Replacement Project from the Contingency Fund

The General Manager presented the item.

Upon motion by Director Herrick, seconded by Chair Segovia and carried, the Governing Board appropriated \$154,000 from the Contingency Fund for the Oxidation Ditch 2 Rotor 6 Shaft Replacement Project.

Ayes: Herrick, Russo, Sauer, Segovia, Walsh

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

E. Resolution No. R. 09-2026, A Resolution of the Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency Congratulating the Big Bear City Community Services District on Sixty Years of Service to the Community

This item will be brought back to the Governing Board at the next meeting so that the Agency may recognize all three (3) Member Agencies for their service to the community.

11. Comments and Announcements

A. General Manager Comments - None

B. Governing Board Comments - None

12. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Governing Board, Chair Segovia adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Attest:


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