

***MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER
DISTRICT HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 20, 2009***

CALL TO ORDER

President Murphy called the Open Session to order at 1:00 PM. Those in attendance included Director Suhay, Director Smith, Director Fashempour, and General Manager Scott Heule

REPORTS

Mr. Heule reported that the July 4th holiday weekend was very busy but probably not a record breaker for number of boats on the water. He added that there were upwards of 900 boats for the morning count. He added that Carrie Shirreffs and Victoria Moore helped with permit sales at the East Ramp on Friday and Saturday. He stated that Jim Weber and John Tuttle helped with decontaminating boats Friday and Saturday. He added that both he and Mike Stephenson worked all weekend in response to heavy lake use and in response to the drowning and search efforts. He explained that there was lots of overtime by lake patrol as a result of the search. Mr. Heule reported that in response to the lake level dropping, more dock placement issues are being responded to. He added that one in particular was an Operations Committee workshop on Saturday July 11 with the property owners on Eagle Drive north of swim beach. He reported that a proposal for a community dock system was rejected by the homeowners explaining that they are interested in exploring a dredge or maybe combining docks to reduce impacts on the lake in exchange for placement farther out into the water. He added that their dock placement violations have been suspended for the balance of the summer while they explore options that they will present to the Committee in September or October. Mr. Heule reported that new pontoon logs have been installed on the work pontoon. He added that Mr. Stephenson is experimenting with weed cutting prior to applying herbicide explaining that it seems to be working well and meanwhile the weed harvester has been put back into service to rake up dead and dying weeds before they have a chance to collect and smell in the usual places. He stated that the collected weeds are being disposed free of charge to the District to a landscaper who is mulching them for soil amendment. Mr. Heule reported that two new trees have been planted at the marsh corner replacing ones that have died. He added that staff has also planted two new trees around the edge of the office parking lot. He reported that the office parking lot has been repaired and sealed and new asphalt has been placed between Paine Road and the edge of the launch ramp area behind the shop building. Mr. Heule stated that asphalt that had been removed to repair a broken water pipe has also been replaced in the RV park. He explained that, as it turned out, the new asphalt behind the shop over to Paine was scheduled for FY 2009-10 but because of the good price the District was able to do it before the scheduled time adding that all work was done by local contractors. Mr. Heule reported that the East Ramp office building is nearly finished explaining that carpet and desks are in place. He added that we will be getting bids to install a coffee sink because it was left off the plans and the contractor wants to charge too much to put it together.

He stated that a window is also being replaced in order for it to open the other direction allowing conversation from inside through the screen with customers. He added that staff hopes to move into the building about August 1st. Mr. Heule reported that consolidation of the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District with San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District was denied at the LAFCO hearing on a 3 to 4 vote last Wednesday and therefore the Conservation District will remain on the Watermaster Committee. He reported that Congressman Lewis added \$800K to the house appropriations bill for the Santa Ana River and Tributaries for the FY 2010 budget and Walter Yep is asking for stimulus funding this year to get a head start on FY 2010.

Director Suhay asked if the District should meet with the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Santa Ana River project. Mr. Heule stated that Walter Yep will advise the District soon.

Lake Operations Supervisor, Travis Carroll, introduced two new seasonal ramp attendants; Bill Evans and Andrew Crane. He gave some details of their past work experience and complimented them both for their hard work.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

President Murphy reported that item 5C, consider approval of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of Big Bear Municipal Water District amending Resolution No. 2008-02 as it relates to headwalks, will be removed from the consent calendar for further discussion.

Upon a motion by Director Suhay, seconded by Director Fashempour, the following consent items were unanimously approved:

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting of June 18, 2009
- Warrant List Dated July 8, 2009 for \$1,448,716.78
- Approval of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of Big Bear Municipal Water District amending Resolution No. 2003-02 as it relates to commercial marina and private dock specifications

Mr. Larry Cooke, Big Bear Dock Systems, expressed his objection to item 5C. He commented that many dock owners would be affected by the passage of this Resolution. He stated that headwalks strengthen the dock system and aid in the transition from the property to the dock. He expressed his concerns with ADA compliance (Americans with Disabilities Act). Mr. Cooke stated that he feels this item needs to be discussed further and to have a public hearing scheduled. Director Suhay asked the difference between headwalks and headpiers. Mr. Heule responded that they are the same. Director Suhay commented that dock owners are allowed to follow the water as lake levels drop and he believes headwalks would limit this. Mr. Cooke states that he doesn't believe that headwalks would limit this. Mr. Roy Brownie, Pleasure Point Marina, commented that he feels that, in order to operate, dock owners and marinas have to be able to chase the water and he also stated that commercial marinas have to conform to ADA requirements. He stated that he feels a public hearing to discuss headwalks is a good idea. Mr. Heule stated that no dock needs a headwalk to be ADA compliant. Director Suhay stated that he has no problem in sending this item back to committee for further discussion.

Upon a motion by Director Fashempour, seconded by Director Suhay, item 5C, a Resolution of the Board of Directors of Big Bear Municipal Water District amending Resolution No. 2008-02 as it relates to headwalks, is being sent back to committee for further discussion.

PUBLIC FORUM

No comments were made

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Heule reported that a live demonstration of the 3D beneficial use map is scheduled for the August 6th meeting.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Fashempour reported on the workshop held on Saturday, July 11 with the property owners on Eagle Drive. She thanked them and District staff for their cooperation commenting that that even though no decisions were agreed on, the meeting ended up on a positive note.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:43 P.M.

NEXT MEETING

Open Session at 1:00 P.M.
Thursday, August 6, 2009
Big Bear Municipal Water District
40524 Lakeview Drive, Big Bear Lake, CA



Scott Heule
General Manager
Big Bear Municipal Water District

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