

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

President Suhay called the Open Session to order at 1:00 PM. Those in attendance included Director Murphy, Director Fashempour, Director Eminger, Director Smith, District Counsel Scott Nave (via Skype), General Manager Scott Heule, Lake Manager Mike Stephenson, and Board Secretary Vicki Sheppard.

REPORTS

General Manager, Scott Heule stated that he hopes that all of the Directors had a chance to read the articles in the Grizzly regarding our negotiations with Caltrans for a replacement bridge on the dam. He commented that if the reporting is accurate it is obvious that Caltrans is taking liberties with the clear record of the Districts efforts to get them to perform on their obligations. He added that it also appears that they do not consider the seepage at the left dam abutment a very significant issue. He stated that as his letter to Wolfe explained, they will have to produce an environmental document and approvals from the District and DSOD in order to commence on the grouting. He reported that staff will be sure that the appropriate review and processing of any plan to remove the old highway bridge and grout the left abutment will be thoroughly addressed. He added that Mike Stephenson spoke to Flatiron Construction and they report that they should be able to remove the old bridge in July. Mr. Heule reported that he spoke with Reese Troublefield about the sea wall at new ski beach. He explained that Mr. Troublefield hopes to hear from his Risk Management department in a matter of a couple weeks to know if there is money to perform the repair. He added that in the mean time the area has been secured with chain link fencing. Mr. Heule reported that he spent a long time yesterday talking with Jim Dooley about the venue for Paddlefest. He explained that Mr. Dooley is having trouble working out the event hosting relationship and he suggested that he might want to talk with Reese Troublefield at the Recreation and Park District about using swim beach as an alternative venue. Mr. Heule explained that Mr. Dooley called back this morning and advise that he thought this years' event is likely to be moved to Swim Beach/Meadow Park and that he would be getting back to the District shortly to see about altering his special event permit. Director Fashempour stated that the Recreation and Park District is responsible for Swim Beach. Mr. Heule reported that he attended the Santa Ana Sucker Task Force meeting, also called the SAS Task Force, yesterday afternoon. He explained that the Task Force has secured commitments for \$611,000 to battle the habitat designation issued by the Fish and Wildlife Service. He added that a summary of the legal issues that have been raised by the Task Force that will be used to argue the designation violates the Endangered Species Act was put into the Directors boxes this morning for review. He summarized the issues as follows: if the designation results in the loss of access to local water supplies, more water will be required from the Delta and since the Wanger Decision on the Delta Smelt the cumulative lose of water supplies from the delta over the past three years totals over one million acre-feet of water. He explained that the Task Force claims that the SAS habitat designation places additional burdens on the already strapped delta. He added that Congressman Lewis and Senator Feinstein are fully supportive of the Task Force objections and are working to help the Task Force overturn the Fish and Wildlife Service designation. He explained that a legal notice, called a 60-Day Notice, will be delivered to the Secretary of the Interior, the Acting and Regional Directors of the Fish and Wildlife Service and

the Field Supervisor of the Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Service formally challenging the designation as "arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion, and contrary to the requirements of the Endangered Species Act and its implementing regulations, the Administrative Procedure Act and other Federal Laws." He added that he has a copy of the notice and if anyone wants to read it, let him know. He explained that this whole issue is the result of action taken by the Center for Biological Diversity. Mr. Heule commented that the Grizzly published the MWD Foundation article with a few minor edits this week. He added that so far he has not heard anything in response to the article. President Suhay reported that he had someone flag him down with an inquiry. Mr. Heule reported that the westerly winds, combined with the high lake level, have created quite an attraction on the north end of Stanfield Cutoff. He explained that the wind is blowing lake water up onto and over Stanfield Cutoff adding that along with the water also comes debris, including lake weeds and trash. He stated that while it makes a mess on the roadway, it has also provided some entertainment for passersby. He reported that he stopped and watched this noon and a half dozen cars stopped and some people got out and took pictures.

Lake Manager, Mike Stephenson reported that staff spent three days at Stanfield cleaning up debris on the road. He explained that it is in fact the County's responsibility to clean up the roadway but the District tries to help when they can. He explained that after this storm a lot of the debris is back on the highway adding that it is an endless job when the weather gets rough. He updated the Board on the trout in the creeks. He commented that he watched several coyotes yesterday evening eyeing and feeding on several trout. He added that he had contacted Fish & Game explaining that they have been working hard to rescue the stranded trout. He reported that they have been sending up extra wardens and even putting in overtime to try and get the job done. He explained that Fish and Game had put up nets to try and stop the trout from coming up the inlets with little success adding that the nets have fallen down in many of the areas. He reported that the aquatic weed program is in progress and they will be ready to begin when the time comes. Mr. Stephenson made a presentation on the water release program passing out tracking information charts for March (see attached). He reported that beginning with the first event on December 22nd the District began releasing and today we are releasing 20 CFS. He explained the March charts reporting that 2,998.6 acre feet total was released in March. He added that so far in April 115.73 acre feet has been released and that 6,682.20 acre feet has been released since the beginning in December. Director Eminger asked if the releases have removed sediment from the bottom of the lake. Mr. Stephenson reported that they have to some extent. He reported on a meeting that he attended this morning at the Resort Association regarding a cold water jump event (Polar Plunge) that is a Special Olympics fund raiser. He explained that the event will be held at Meadow Park the second week in March 2012 adding that they typically raise a lot of money. Director Eminger stated that he would like to see something in the Grizzly regarding the high lake water and water releases. President Suhay asked how much longer the trout spawn would continue. Mr. Stephenson reported that it should be almost over but the recent storms would probably prolong it. He added that Fish and Game projects they will be over by Memorial Day.

President Suhay announced that Item 5E (Special Event Permit for Old Miners' Big Bear Heritage Parade to use our parking facility) will be pulled from the Consent Calendar for discussion. Director Smith asked if Item 5D (Paddlefest event) should also be removed from the Consent Calendar since the location might change. Mr. Heule reported that it has not been formally moved so it could be approved as it stands now and then if it changes they would have to notify us and it could be amended.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon a motion by Director Eminger, seconded by Director Murphy, the following consent items were unanimously approved:

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting of March 17, 2011
- Minutes of a Special Meeting held March 28, 2011
- Warrant List Dated April 1, 2011 for \$51,325.73
- Approval of a Special Event Permit for Big Bear Paddlefest scheduled for July 9-10, 2011

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR OLD MINERS' BIG BEAR HERITAGE PARADE TO USE OUR PARKING FACILITY ON JULY 23, 2011 FOR PARADE FLOAT DISBANDING

Mr. Heule reported that this special event application process was expedited through the Operations Committee in order for it to have time to be placed on today's agenda. He explained that in the rush to schedule the meeting, staff had not fully considered potential problems that using the lot might cause Big Bear Marina. He explained that the lease with Big Bear Marina makes the marina use of our parking facility subordinate to ours adding that the District should have notified Big Bear Marina of the possible conflict however. He commented that he spoke to Big Bear Marina after the fact and apologized adding all is well now. Mr. Heule reported that at the Operations Committee meeting, Dayan Anderson, President of the Old Miners' Association described the purpose and proposal to use the District Administrative Building parking lot for a special event after the parade on Saturday July 23, 2011. He explained that the parade will be a smaller, shorter version of past Old Miners' parades and the parking lot would be used to decommission some of the floats from the parade and allow float riders to get off floats and stage post event transportation. He added that the parade will start at 10:00 AM and the last entry will finish about 11:30 AM. He stated that organizers do not believe there will be more than 15 floats and the decommissioning will not require use of the entire parking lot. He explained that the first parade participants will probably reach the lot by 10:30 AM and is likely to be completed by noon. He reported that the Committee recommends approval of the Old Miners' Association special event subject to the following conditions in addition to standard conditions detailed in the special event application:

- a. Event organizers must meet with District Staff at least one month prior to the event to identify reserved areas and ingress/egress lanes from the parking lot.
- b. The decommissioning area in the lot shall be secured with traffic cones and or barricades to prevent the general public from interfering with the space reserved for the parade activities.
- c. At least two parking lot attendants supplied by the sponsor will be assigned the lot to direct traffic, both general public going to Big Bear Marina and parade participants.
- d. Signs shall be posted to inform the public and parade participants that a portion of the lot has been reserved for the decommissioning of parade floats.

Mr. Heule added that no fees will be charged however proof of liability insurance will be required.

Director Murphy moved approval of a special event permit for Old Miners' Big Bear Heritage Parade to use our parking facility on July 23, 2011 for parade float disbanding. Director Fashempour seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Thursday April 7, 2011

PUBLIC FORUM

No comments were made

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Stephenson announced that he received a call from Jim at the County Yard who reported that high lake water on the north-west side of Stanfield Cutoff is apparently undermining the highway. He added that emergency repairs are going to be done immediately. He explained that the County does not have the equipment or resources available so they are going to hire someone to do the work. Mr. John Saunders, Captain Johns Marina, stated that he has rock and needs a place to put it. Mr. Stephenson responded that the County is going to hire Robertson for the work.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Murphy reported that he has received numerous comments on how wonderful the lake looks. Director Eminger added that the first day the East Ramp opened there were 27 boats that launched in the morning.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:44 P.M.

NEXT MEETING

Open Session at 1:00 P.M.
Thursday, April 21, 2011
Big Bear Municipal Water District
40524 Lakeview Drive, Big Bear Lake, CA



Vicki Sheppard

Secretary to the Board
Big Bear Municipal Water District

(SEAL)



BEAR VALLEY DAM 36" VALVE RELEASE LOG

MARCH

6"										14"				24"				TOTAL			
DATE & TIME		DATE & TIME		CFS	HOURS	TOTALIZER		DATE & TIME		DATE & TIME		DATE & TIME		CFS	LAKE	DOWN	TOTALIZER		TOTAL		
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MONTHLY TOTALS															2998.6		2,940.32				

MARCH DAM RELEASE- 36" VALVE

