

***MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 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, General Manager Scott Heule, Lake Manager Mike Stephenson, and Board Secretary Vicki Sheppard.

REPORTS

General Manager, Scott Heule reported that he and Mike Stephenson met with Caltrans and Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) on Monday regarding the grouting plan at the left abutment of the dam. He explained that the Caltrans geologist was very careful to describe any work Caltrans was paying for as not an improvement to an existing structure or facility but only a remediation for seepage into and around the new bridge foundation. He added that DSOD provided the Caltrans geologist with an excellent education on the grouting process, various grout formulations, testing procedures, and bid items and specifications. He commented that Caltrans still needs to secure bids and respond to DSOD comments on their draft plan before an actual application can be submitted to DSOD for the work. Mr. Heule reported that he, along with Mike Stephenson and Jim Weber, spent time at the dam this morning to figure out where the security fencing needs to go at either end of the dam. He added that it is a little difficult to know the exact alignment because the bridge is still in the way. He explained that Jim Weber marked the alignment with white paint. He added that Mike Stephenson will meet on site with Ray Stokes of Caltrans to show him exactly what we need them to construct. Mr. Heule reported that he attended the Santa Ana Suckerfish Task Force meeting yesterday at San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (Muni). He explained that a draft complaint has been prepared for filing in Federal Court probably by mid September. He commented that he will be meeting with the Administrative Committee to go over the details in anticipation of the full Board taking action on the complaint at the meeting on August 18th. He explained that he advised the Task Force that he presumed the District would approve moving forward with the lawsuit and direct Wayne Lemieux to sign the complaint on our behalf. He stated that, based on the comments from yesterday, all task force members (agencies and cities) are approving the complaint within the next couple weeks with the exception of Corona that does not meet again until September. Mr. Heule briefly went over a summary of financial receipts for FY 2010-11 explaining that administrative revenue is \$17,361 under budget; property tax is \$234,303 under budget; dock licenses, boat permits, RV park, Marina compensation is \$82,896 over budget; and overall revenue was \$168,768 lower than was budgeted. He explained that Carrie Shirreffs is having hardware problems that should be fixed by the time the Budget & Finance Committee meets next week to report on year end expenses.

Lake Manager, Mike Stephenson reported that the harvester is still scooping up dead weeds and has taken over 60 loads out of the lake. He added that some native weeds have also been harvested (at the request of lakefront homeowners and at their expense). He explained that weed complaints are minimal. He reported on the upcoming Kool Kids program (August 17th & 24th) adding that there will be more children this year due to increased enrollment at the local elementary schools. He added that one of the sessions will be quite crowded. Mr. Stephenson reported that staff is in "carp mode" and have been very productive. Director Murphy asked where they got their best results collecting carp. Mr. Stephenson stated that they have had good

luck east of Eagle and at China Gardens and also at the swim beach area. He stated that Metcalf is okay adding that Grout Bay has not been very productive. He commented that the east end is by far the most productive. He reported that the weed census is very close to being complete. He explained that he is getting depths as well, thinking that information might prove valuable in the future. Mr. Stephenson explained that staff is making progress at the Trout Pond doing weed abatement and transporting it all to the dump. He reported that the District may have to pay to have the RV hauled away explaining that all the offers to take it away have fallen through. Director Murphy suggested he contact the County and see if they have an abandoned vehicle authority that might come and take it away. Mr. Stephenson thanked Director Murphy stating that he would look into it. He reported that the fish for Kool Kids will be arriving next week. He explained that because of the large number of children this year (150 children one day and 96 children the next day) he hopes that the Directors can again help out. Director Eminger and Director Murphy explained that they would not be available on the 24th but would be available on the 17th.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting of July 21, 2011
- Warrant List dated August 1, 2011 for \$54,874.32

President Suhay announced that item 6A would be pulled from the agenda. Mr. Heule explained that the item will be discussed further at an Administrative Committee meeting next week and will most likely be included at the next full Board Meeting on August 18th.

PUBLIC FORUM

Larry Cooke, Big Bear Lake, commented on the new bridge suggesting that we should try and keep sections of the railing and balusters from the old bridge for historical purposes. Director Smith stated that we have talked to everyone, including the Historical Society, regarding this and no one can come up with any money to help. Director Fashempour explained that the District spent many hours looking into options and consulting with the community for other alternatives but "then Caltrans dropped the bomb" and they will not save any part of the old bridge.

Jack Williams, Big Bear Lake, congratulated lake patrol for controlling speeding boats after dark. He stated that he has seen carp hanging around the Pine Knot Marina area. He asked about noisy boats and noise limits. Mr. Stephenson explained noise limits and the testing equipment that the District uses commenting that the District does not have a local ordinance that supersedes the California Boating Law regulations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Heule reminded the Directors of the Staff Summer BBQ scheduled for Sunday, September 11th.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Eminger commented that "mother nature" deserves a thank you because the lake is up one more inch and the trees and flowers are gorgeous. Director Murphy reported that the Doo Dah Parade was very successful.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

TOUR THE LAKE AND MWD FACILITIES

After the meeting was adjourned, the group met at the courtesy dock to board a District boat for a tour of the lake.

NEXT MEETING

Open Session at 1:00 P.M.
Thursday, August 18, 2011
Big Bear Municipal Water District
40524 Lakeview Drive, Big Bear Lake, CA



Vicki Sheppard
Secretary to the Board
Big Bear Municipal Water District

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