

***MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2012***

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Eminger called the Open Session to order at 1:00 PM. Those in attendance included Director Murphy, Director Lewis, Director Suhay, Director Smith, District Counsel Keith Lemieux (via conference call), General Manager Scott Heule, and Board Secretary Vicki Sheppard.

**REPORTS**

Mr. Heule reported that yesterday an inspector from the Division of Safety of Dams inspected Bear Valley Dam. He explained that our Dam Keeper, Jim Weber, showed him all around, exercised the new service spillway gate #10 as well as both the 14-inch and the 24-inch sluice gates. He reported that the inspector advised that the remedial grouting at the left abutment was complete and he would be closing out that project file when he gets back to the office in Sacramento. He explained that the inspector was happy to hear that Caltrans had offered an agreement that would fund the necessary stairway and ramp access to the Dam from the abutments. Mr. Heule commented that the inspector told Mr. Weber that he was very happy with the state of the Dam and would be forwarding his written report within the next couple of weeks. Mr. Heule reported that this morning Caltrans, via their contractor Flatiron, poured the slab at the right abutment. He added that with some left over concrete they also placed it adjacent to the control building on the Dam side. He explained that this will protect the exposed soil in that area from being eroded should the Dam overtop. He commented that they plan to pour the retaining wall adjacent to the new slab on Monday.

Mr. Heule reported that fish arrived Wednesday morning for the October Troutfest. He commented that Mike Stephenson advised that the load included a greater number of trout than in years past. He added that some of the really huge trout that typically were included in the past were replaced by a larger number of slightly smaller trout commenting that he was pleased with the mix and thought it was a very good buy. Mr. Heule reported that as of yesterday AM the event had more than 800 registrants. Alan Sharp, Big Bear Marina, reported that they may get up to 850 registrants.

Mr. Heule reported that the maintenance work to remove the 5 MPH buoys from the Lake is delayed by about two weeks this year. He explained that staff spent considerable time working at the Trout Pond and on the 100 Year Anniversary of the Dam. He added that this work as well as removal of the SS Reliefs will begin next week. He reported that the West Ramp will close for the season at the end of the day Sunday. He explained that launch ramp staffing for the balance of the season will be provided by a combination of the three ramp attendants that remain and Lake Patrol staff.

Mr. Heule reported that carping continues but is very slow. He explained that we will not get our target of 50,000 pounds this year in spite of plenty of time on the water. He reported that we believe we have made a measurable dent in the carp population adding that we are likely approaching a maintenance mode of operation for carp in the Lake.

Mr. Heule announced that Lake Manager, Mike Stephenson is in San Diego attending the CALMS Conference (CA Lake Management Society).

Director Suhay reported that on Wednesday he and Director Eminger (Facilities Committee) visited the Dam and viewed the work being done commenting that it was all very interesting.

#### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting of September 20, 2012
- Warrant List Dated September 28, 2012 for \$ \$153,466.12
- Approval of a Special Event Permit for the Polar Plunge being held on March 9, 2013 at Swim Beach

#### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT OF THE LEASE DATED JUNE 15, 2011 BETWEEN BIG BEAR MARINA, LLC (ASSIGNOR) AND DISTRICT TO STEVE CURCIE AND STEVE FENGLER (ASSIGNEES)**

Mr. Heule reported that the Big Bear Marina business has been sold by Big Bear Marina LLC to Steve Curcie and Steve Fengler and is currently in escrow. He added that the principals estimate that the escrow should close early in November. He reported that the Operations Committee wanted to see the assignees names to appear as they would on a driver's license and they also wanted to see the assignees signatures on an agreement to be bound by the lease. He explained that these changes were not made prior to the Agenda being posted but he arranged to have these two items addressed prior to the Board meeting and District Counsel did prepare a final version of the Consent for the Board to review at this meeting (see attached). Mr. Heule reported that this sale will retire the debt held by First Mountain Bank. Director Smith welcomed the new tenants. Mr. Steve Fengler thanked the Board and explained that Mr. Curcie wanted to attend the meeting but was not able to because his mother was experiencing some medical problems.

Director Suhay moved approval of Consent to Assignment of the lease dated June 15, 2011 between Big Bear Marina, LLC (Assignor) and District to Steve Curcie and Steve Fengler (Assignees) with the noted changes. Director Smith seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

#### **PROGRESS REPORT FROM STAFF ON TROUT POND PROPERTY**

Mr. Heule made a Power Point presentation on the Trout Pond (see attached). He reported that Mike Stephenson has had several conversations with Brent Tregaskis and Karl Klouzer from Bear Mountain indicating that they are ready to excavate debris from the pond if we would have it hauled. He explained that they are able to begin immediately. He stated that they could then finish the dredging next fall. He added that Mr. Stephenson is also having a conversation with David Lawrence, City of Big Bear Lake, regarding the project. Director Murphy asked if there is still water in the pond. Mr. Heule reported that there is still some water running through. Director Suhay asked if we couldn't get this excavation done all at one time rather than waiting until fall to complete it so as not to inconvenience the neighbors. Mr. Heule explained that if we leave the slide gate open until it is complete it should not be a problem. Director Smith commented that it is unusual that the gate was so small considering the amount of water that flows through.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. Larry Cooke, Big Bear Lake resident, stated that considering the 100 year storm potential he feels that the District should have ordered a hydrology study which would have most likely required removal of the dam. He restated that he feels this study is extremely important.

Mr. James Hart, Big Bear Lake resident (lives across from the Trout Pond) said he is in favor of development of the Trout Pond. He asked about the plumbing in the existing restroom and asked if the sewer line went under Rathbun Creek and if it is functioning. Mr. Heule stated that he thinks it does go under Rathbun Creek and he assumes it is functioning but doesn't know for sure. Director Smith explained that if the restroom is removed the line will be taken out. President Eminger responded to Mr. Cooke commenting that if the dam is taken out we could not raise fish. Director Smith reported that we are looking at fish rearing but added that sediment removal is a high priority so it doesn't flow into the Lake. Mr. Hart reported that he has been doing some sediment basin research concerning the Trout Pond explaining that the previous owners experienced loss of fish. Mr. Hart added that we should consider all options before we make any decisions commenting that the Trout Pond is an ideal spot for families to visit.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements were made

#### **DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

No comments were made

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 P.M.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Open Session at 1:00 P.M.  
Thursday, October 18, 2012  
Big Bear Municipal Water District  
40524 Lakeview Drive, Big Bear Lake, CA



Vicki Sheppard  
Secretary to the Board  
Big Bear Municipal Water District

(SEAL)



STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

On \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, before me, \_\_\_\_\_, a Notary Public, personally appeared **Scott Heule**, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of California the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

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Notary Public

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On \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, before me, \_\_\_\_\_, a Notary Public, personally appeared **Kris Assel**, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same in her authorized capacity, and that by her signature on the instrument the person or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

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On \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, before me, \_\_\_\_\_, a Notary Public, personally appeared **Steve Curcie and Steve Fengler**, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

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# Trout Pond Update

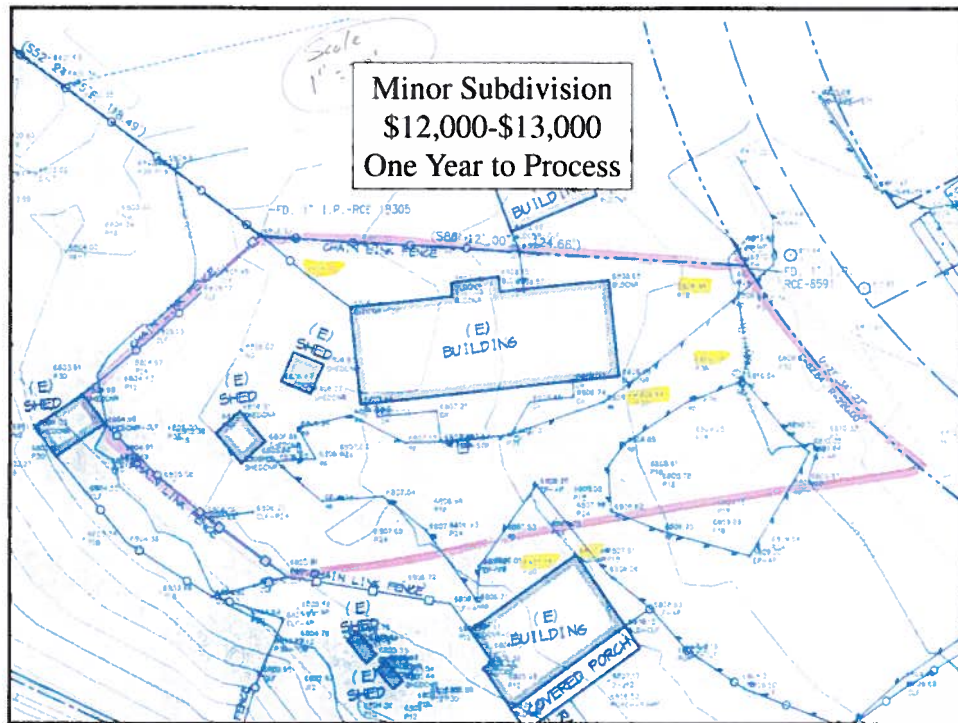
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- Acquisition agreement voided
- Trout Pond specific workshops
- Army truck removed
- Motorhome removed
- Boat removed
- Research minor subdivision costs and timing

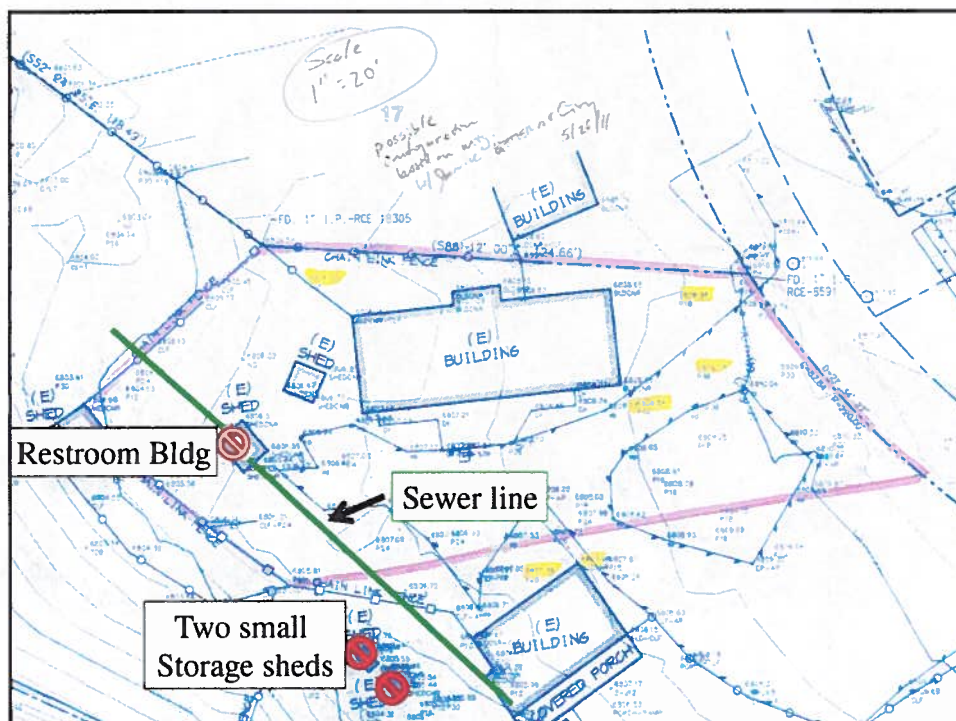
## Work Completed Since Purchasing

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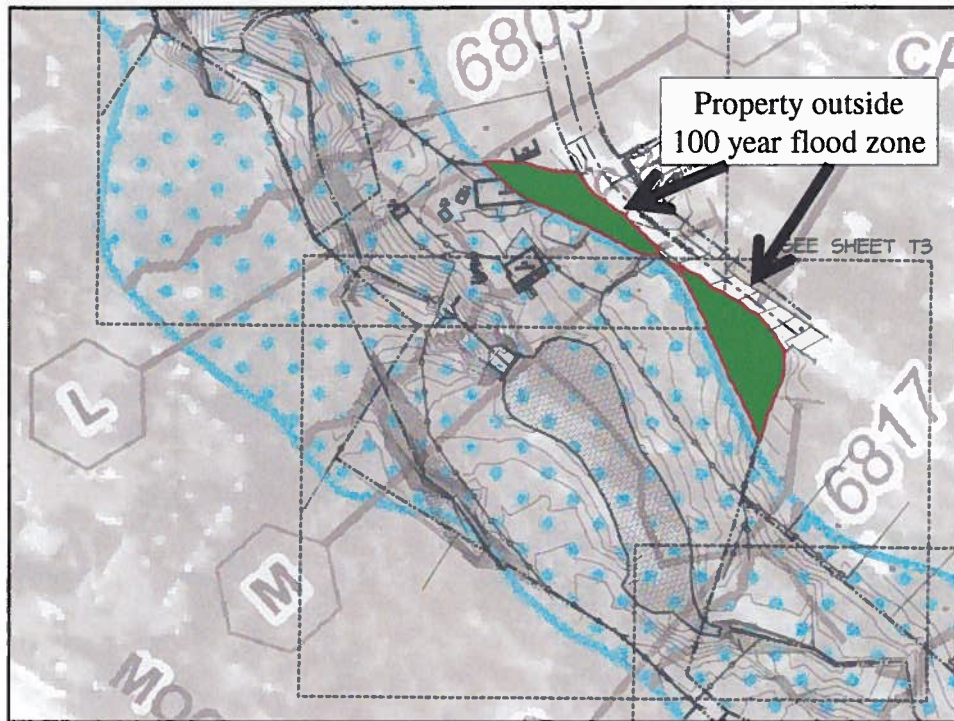
- Junk scrapped
- Fallen trees cut up and hauled away
- Loads of pine needles hauled away
- Tons of debris hauled away
- Two small storage sheds removed
- Derelict restroom building marked out for demo

**Work Completed Since  
Purchasing  
(cont.)**



- Non-contractor required repairs on house
- Topographic map of the property
- 100 Year flood zone map of the property

## Work Completed Since Purchasing (cont.)



- Bait shack electrical removed
- Electrical exterior to the house severed
- Pond drained and drying out

## **Work Completed Since Purchasing (cont.)**

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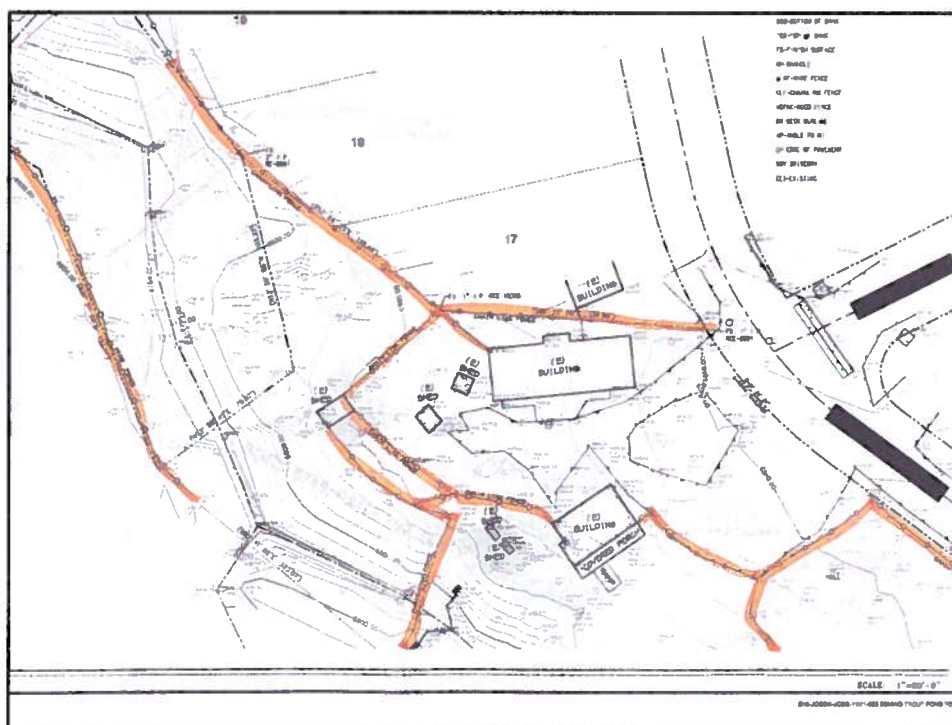


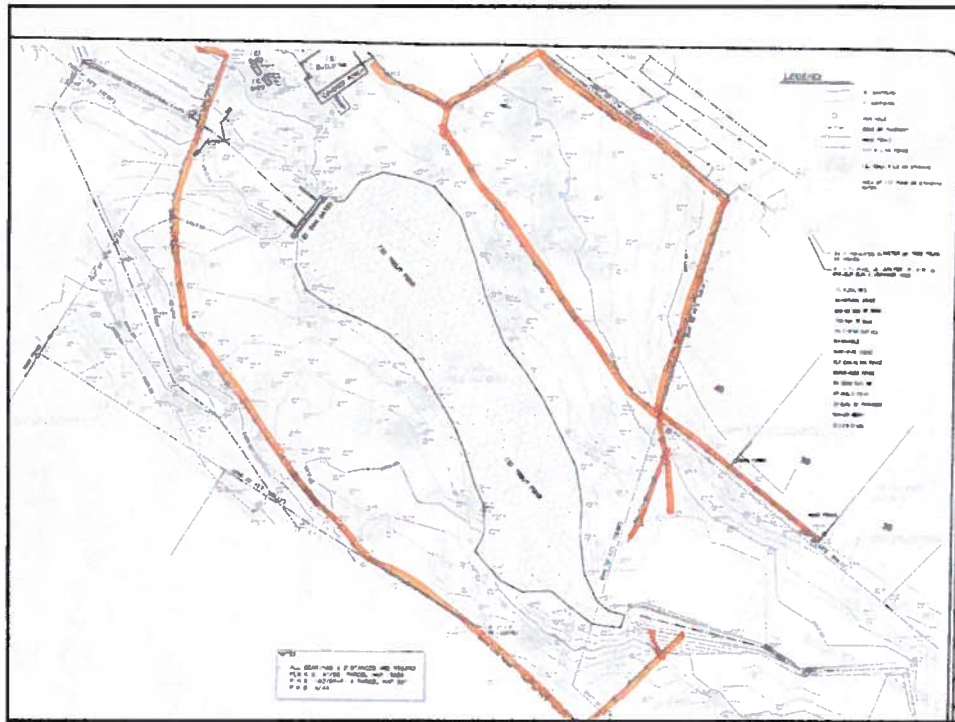
- 65 – 70 man days work by District employees
- Engineering \$6700
- Miscellaneous repairs, fixtures, dump fees and wages = about \$22,000

**Costs to Date?**

- Excavate sediment from the pond
- Remove derelict restroom building
- Remove unneeded chain link fencing
- Install new property line fencing

## Basic Work to do





- Repair dam outlet works
- Replace dam bridge
- Repair erosion at dam abutments
- Harden surfaces of emergency spillways at dam abutments

## Basic Work to do (cont.)



- Remove about one third to half the trees on the property
- Rebuild 2<sup>nd</sup> bathroom in house
- Rebuild basement window wells on house
- Grade for drainage in yard next to house
- Demolish and remove bait shack
- Develop a mission for the Trout Pond

## **Basic Work to do (cont.)**

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