

***MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2013***

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**REPORTS**

General Manager, Scott Heule reported that he and Director Suhay attended the ACWA conference in Sacramento last week. He stated that during one of the lunchtime presentations, Governor Brown made a surprise visit. He explained that the Governor was adamant that a fix for the Delta and water supplies is one of his highest priorities and that he is committed to make it happen. Mr. Heule reported that the recently appointed head of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife sat on a panel with the Director of the Department of Water Resources (DWR). He explained that the DWR will be the applicant for the water supply project in the Delta and Fish and Wildlife will be the reviewer and issuer of any permits associated with it. He reported that they also heard from the Senate President Pro-Tem Darrell Steinberg who bragged about the City of Sacramento spending millions of dollars to install water meters saying that in effect they are taking a lead in wise water management. Mr. Heule reported that also during the ACWA Conference they had a chance to talk briefly with Daniel Cozad, the General Manager at the Conservation District, about the fuel spill on highway 38 a couple weeks ago. He explained that Mr. Cozad indicated that because of the location of the spill directly into a flowing creek tributary to the Santa Ana River, fuel was flowing into the Edison's system just a few hours after the event. He added that water agencies scrambled successfully to shut down their Santa Ana River intakes before tainted water got into their treatment plants or distribution systems. He added that the Conservation District is not sure if they were completely able to prevent contaminated water from getting into their recharge basins. He explained that, as a result of this event, an updated contact and call list of water agency personnel on the Santa Ana River was created in order to coordinate rapid response to similar events in the future. Mr. Heule reported that the April 12-month CPI number was published today explaining that it is only 0.9% and will be incorporated into COLA values in Fiscal Year 2013-14 budget that will be reviewed at the next Board meeting. He stated that he had a telephone conference call with Michael Perez at the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board and two finance people in Sacramento at the State Water Resources Control Board about the Proposition 13 Grant audit. He explained that he provided as much background as he was able to develop to justify the District's invoicing for staff labor. He added that he is not hopeful that the arguments he made will be successful and he expects that the District will have to write a check to the state for the \$47,000. Mr. Heule reported that he, Jim Weber, and Mike Rogers from MWH conducted a site visit to the dam yesterday. He explained that Mr. Rogers concluded that the dam is in good shape and he is satisfied that he can write a letter to the Division of Safety of Dams concluding that the dam will be safe during overtopping flood events without the installation of new radial arm gates. Mr. Rogers also thinks that some of the rock bolting and rock grouting recommended by the engineering geologist might not be necessary. Director Eminger commented that the fuel spill will cost the company responsible a great deal of money. President Smith agreed.

Lake Manager, Mike Stephenson reported that the May Trout Classic is this coming weekend. He explained that trout were tagged yesterday and trout planting will take place today. He added that Fish & Wildlife is also going to be stocking. He reported on blue gill fishing explaining that there have been some very good stringers caught. He commented that blue gill fishing has come full circle. Mr. Stephenson reported that the building for the East Ramp is scheduled to be delivered this week. He explained that the delivery service is having some transportation issues with Caltrans adding that the site is ready for it whenever it arrives. He reported on the upcoming Carp Tournament. He explained that Bass Pro Shop will be a sponsor and that Ton Jones of Spike TV's Auction Hunter is one half of the Bass Pro Shop's sponsored carp hunting team. He added that Cool Cabins is donating lodging for the Bass Pro team. Mr. Stephenson reported on the Quagga Water Summit he attended Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. He explained that he made a presentation on the District's Quagga Prevention Program and served on an invitation-only four person panel. He stated that the question/answer period lasted over four hours adding that he was very flattered by the many questions asked of him regarding our program. He reported that the District received high honors. He commented that some people were upset however because we don't accept other lakes bands. He explained that at this point he showed the slide of an infested boat that was banded by another lake. He commented that they were more accepting of our policy after that. He thanked the Directors for allowing him to go to this Water Summit.

District Counsel Wayne Lemieux updated the Board on the Santa Ana Sucker Fish case commenting that "the beat goes on".

Director Suhay reported briefly on the ACWA Conference commenting that there were more topics of interest to the District than usual.

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

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

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting of May 2, 2013
- Warrant List Dated May 13, 2013 for \$54,984.71

#### **PROJECT UPDATE PRESENTATION**

Mr. Heule made a PowerPoint presentation updating the Board on:

1. Rock bolting and rock stability grouting at downstream dam abutments
2. Outlet works flow measurement and monitoring upgrades
3. East Ramp traffic master plan facilities

Director Lewis asked if the new parking program at the East Ramp is being used yet. Mr. Heule explained that it is adding that boaters seem to be pleased with the plan and single car patrons don't seem to be upset by the new policy.

#### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A FILM PERMIT/SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR REALITY FISHING SHOW**

Mr. Heule stated that an application for filming on the Lake was received late last week. He reported that after review of the permit application it was apparent to District Staff that this would be more than a simple film shoot. He explained that this would be more of a special event where teams of reality show contestants spend parts of two days (May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>) in boats

racing back and forth between Boulder Bay Marina and seven specially marked buoys on the Lake. He added that the production company informed the District that they will be using two fishing boats and four pontoon boats from the rental fleet at either Big Bear Marina or Pine Knot Landing during the event. He reported that the paperwork submitted with the application indicates that their event staff includes designated safety officers responsible for policing contestant's adherence to boat safety and Lake use rules. Mr. Heule stated that the Committee recommends approval of this Filming Permit/Special Event Permit subject to the following conditions:

- Responsible event production staff must attend a meeting with Lake Patrol prior to any activity on the Lake to receive instruction regarding boating speed regulations.
- Lake Patrol will observe the event as needed to assure adherence to District Lake rules and regulations.
- Lake Patrol must approve the locations of the seven event buoys at the time they are placed in the Lake.
- Lake Patrol hours will be billed in accordance with the District Fee Schedule and on an as needed basis determined by the Lake Operations Supervisor. The expense associated with this oversight will be funded first from the \$500 special event deposit and then billed accordingly if the deposit amount is insufficient.

Director Eminger asked if the speed limit rule will be the same. Mr. Heule stated that we are not changing the rules. Director Suhay added that they will have to realize that there are "no wake" areas. Director Lewis asked if they are going to be providing the buoys and if the buoys are going to be placed near shore or in the middle of the lake away from other boaters. Mr. Heule explained that the event will be providing the buoys and they will be placed outside the 5 mph areas. Director Eminger added that we are not usually busy this time of year, especially mid-week. Director Lewis asked if the filming company has ever produced this type of show on any other lakes. Mr. Heule explained that they may have produced one on Jenks Lake. President Smith asked what the name of the show was. Mr. Stephenson stated that it is being called "Summer Camp".

Director Suhay moved approval of a film/special event permit for Summer Camp Reality Fishing Show. Director Eminger seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

No comments were made

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Heule reported that the next Board meeting will be June 6<sup>th</sup> and will include a review of the proposed Fiscal Year 2013-14 Budget.

#### **DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

No comments were made

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:49 P.M.

**NEXT MEETING**

Open Session at 1:00 P.M.  
Thursday, June 6, 2013  
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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