MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING WORKSHOP OF BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2014

The Open Session workshop began at 1:00 PM. Those in attendance included President Murphy, Director Lewis, Director Eminger, Director Smith, General Manager Scott Heule, Lake Manager Mike Stephenson, and Board Secretary Vicki Sheppard.

Two members of the public, Mason Perry and Loren Hafen, were also present.

WEST RAMP SUMMER OPERATION

Mr. Stephenson presented statistics on West Ramp Boat Launching for 2013 (see attached). West Ramp limited hours of operation, limitation to launch of only banded boats, limiting boat decontamination to certain days or hours, and limiting sales of Lake Permits to save staff costs were all discussed. Director Smith commented that he doesn't think the net savings are worth the confusion and complaints that might arise from limiting the West Ramp operations further. After much discussion, it was the consensus that there was no need for further discussion concerning a possible change to West Ramp operations.

LAKE LEVELS

Summer Revenue from Private Docks and Lake Permits were discussed. Mr. Heule reported that with the Lake level down and if the weather continues to be dry, a Lake level of 12 feet is not unlikely by Labor Day. He explained that based on this condition the District can expect a decline in revenue from private docks that are no longer usable due to the low Lake level. Mr. Stephenson stated that staff has reviewed locations on the Lake where dock use will be most problematic and anticipate as many as 50-60 docks could be impacted. He added that letters have gone out to notify these dock owners that if the lake level goes down significantly more there may not be enough space for everyone to have their docks in the water. He reported that as a result it is believed that private dock license revenue could be off by about \$25,000. He commented that the potential loss of revenue from Lake permits will probably not be significant unless or until the Lake level drops to the 12-13 feet down condition. Director Eminger asked what happens to dock owners who pay their dock fees and then can't use their docks. Mr. Stephenson explained that if they paid and can't use their docks by Memorial Day they get a refund. If it is after Memorial Day the District keeps the money. President Murphy said he is glad we are being pro-active regarding the lake level and the potential impact to dock owners.

DISTRICT 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Mr. Heule explained that the District's 50th anniversary is this year. A boat parade was discussed but it was thought that maybe just having an event at the East Ramp might be better. Ideas were to have food, a hot dog stand, tour boat rides, the harvester on display, and fun activities for kids. A photo contest for a cover photo for the Mountain Waters Dispatch was also discussed. A calendar using the rest of the photos was also mentioned. President Murphy thought perhaps a musical band might be nice. Dates for the event were discussed. Loren Hafen (Holloways Marina) suggested it be on a Sunday so more people could attend. It was determined that Sunday, August 17th would be a good day for the Anniversary Celebration and staff will work on the details.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned at 2:14PM.

Vicki Sheppard

Secretary to the Board

Big Bear Municipal Water District

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