MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT HELD ON THURSDAY, August 6, 2026

1. OPEN SESSION

Vice President Ludecke opened the regularly scheduled Board meeting at 1:00 PM at the Big Bear Municipal Water District located at 40524 Lakeview Drive, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315 on Thursday August 6, 2026.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steve Ludecke, Vice President
Craig Brewster, Director
Mark Lee, Director
Craig Peterson, Director

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Steve Foulkes

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Erin Smith introduced herself to the Board and distributed materials.

4. REPORTS

A. General Manager Jared Cheek reported on current lake conditions and operations. Launch counts are down approximately 13% compared to the previous year, while permit usage remains slightly higher. Vice President Ludecke commented that perhaps more users are in dock slips this season.

Mr. Cheek reported that he reviewed a recent LAFCO meeting and that no changes or recommendations affecting the District are being considered at this time.

He also attended the SAWHA weekly meeting and participated in a virtual meeting with the Facility Manager and an environmental consultant regarding ongoing future project efforts. The consultant expects the project to continue progressing through the CEQA review process.

Additionally, Mr. Cheek met virtually with a vendor to discuss ultrasonic technology designed to reduce algae and aquatic vegetation growth. The technology has not previously been implemented on a lake of Big Bear Lake's size.

B. Director Brewster reported that the Administrative Committee met and reviewed a draft Travel and Training Policy Draft.

C. July Carp Raffle Winners
   a. Adult Winner: Grant Sato
   b. Youth Winner: Noah Augustine

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

PUBLIC FORUM
None.

A. Minutes of a Regular Meeting on July 16, 2026.
B. Warrant List dated 07/31/2026 in the amount of $87,330.60.

Discussion:
None.

With a motion made by Director Brewster and seconded by Director Lee, the consent calendar was approved unanimously:
AYES: Brewster, Lee, Ludecke, Peterson
NO: -
ABSTAIN: -

6. BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AFTER-HOURS BANDING OPERATION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION

PUBLIC FORUM
None.

DISCUSSION

a. General Manager Jared Cheek presented a concept that the Operations Committee requested be brought forward to the full board. The concept would allow vessels to receive inspection bands after normal launch ramp operating hours. The practice would be intended to provide greater flexibility for evening visitors on the lake while maintaining the District's aquatic invasive species prevention program.

   Board members discussed operational procedures, including the possibility of vessel owners launching, returning vessels to trailers, leaving them secured overnight, and obtaining inspection bands the following morning. Questions were raised regarding monitoring and verification procedures, including the use of security cameras, activity logs, and existing access control measures.

   Mr. Cheek noted that the invasive species program has evolved over time and that staff continues to evaluate ways to balance resource protection with public recreational access. Board members expressed interest in receiving input from operational staff and further evaluating potential policy options before taking action.

   Staff was directed to return with the item at a future workshop with the entire board for further discussion and development of a formal policy.

B. MEMORIAL BENCH APPROVAL FOR LATE DIRECTOR REHFUSS

PUBLIC FORUM
None.

DISCUSSION

a. General Manager Jared Cheek reported that the District received a request to install a memorial bench honoring the late former Director Rehfuss. Staff reviewed the request and determined that it complies with District requirements and established procedures. The proposed location is near the East Ramp picnic table area.

   The Board expressed support for recognizing Director Rehfuss's service to the District and community.

With a motion made by Director Peterson and seconded by Director Lee, the motion to approve the memorial bench for Director Rehfuss was passed:
AYES: Brewster, Lee, Ludecke, Peterson
NO: -
ABSTAIN: -

C. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REPLACEMENT DOCK PLAN FOR EAGLE POINT ESTATES YACHT CLUB UNDER EXSISTING 2001 PERPETUAL LICENSE

PUBLIC FORUM
None.

DISCUSSION

a. General Manager Jared Cheek reported that the Eagle Point Estates Yacht Club submitted plans for replacement of its existing dock system. Staff completed a detailed review of the proposal and evaluated the request based on District regulations and prior licensing requirements.

   The Eagle Point Estates Yacht Club is unique in its classification on the lake and that the proposed dock plan represents a replacement of existing dock system rather than an expansion. The proposal doesn't change the dock's location or add new uses beyond those currently authorized.

   The Board discussed the historical licensing of the facility and the proposed dock plan. Questions were raised regarding the dock's seating area and whether any concessions or modifications would be required. Eagle Point Estates Yacht Club Owners answered, No. Mr. Cheek confirmed that the seating area falls within the existing proposed dock footprint.

With a motion made by Director Peterson and seconded by Director Brewster, the motion to approve the Eagle Point Estates Yacht Club Dock Plan was passed:
AYES: Bradford, Brewster, Lee, Ludecke
NO: -
ABSTAIN: -

7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR
None.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS
None.

9. DIRECTOR COMMENTS
Vice President Ludecke welcomed the meeting attendees and reminded the public that the Board meets on the first and third Thursday of each month.

10. CLOSED SESSION
None.

11. ADJOURN
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:17 PM.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

Date: 08/20/2026
Location: 40524 Lakeview Drive
Big Bear Lake, CA 92315
Time: 1:00 PM

Elsa Donoho

Elsa Donoho, Office Manager
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Big Bear Municipal Water District

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