



Big Bear Municipal Water District

Lake Management

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Operations Committee Meeting Marina Task Force Minutes March 19, 2025

Present: Director Rehfuß

Director Lee

Jared Cheek, General Manager

Drew Pappas, Lake Operations Supervisor

Brittany Lamson, Assistant General Manager

Mike Stephenson, Chief Operations Officer

Public: Shelley Fengler, Holland Beegle, Sadie Fengler, John Saunders, Miranda Crider, John Osborn, Cliff Fowler, Jeff Cooper, Loren Hafen

Agenda:

Drew Pappas, Lake Operations Manager, opened the meeting with introductions because of new marina representatives present at the meeting.

1. Lake Level

- a. We have been dropping late in the season; this year was February for our lowest point.
- b. Probably going to be at this lake level for the season, unless we get some good weather.

2. Ramp Hours

- a. Basically, the same as last year, but Memorial Day weekend we will be opened a little later, until 7PM at the east ramp on Friday and Saturdays again.
- b. West Ramp will be closed until Memorial Day weekend.

3. Permit Pricing

- a. Permit prices have increased, we waited as long as we could, but an increase was needed.
- b. Changed on-the-water sales fee, to make it more of a penalty and deterrent, so now it's \$30 per interaction.
- c. Permit days have also decreased, we will now only offer 1-3 days of permits instead of 4 and 5 days because of lack of sales on the other categories.

4. Decontamination

- a. Remember, we are going to weekdays only on ballast boats, too timely and staff heavy during the weekends and the price has increased to \$300.
- b. We are trying to be proactive in limiting the wakeboard boats decons, so we can help more visitors in the same amount of time.
 - i. Boats are getting bigger and taking more and more time to decon.
 - ii. Several other lakes and rivers are not allowing wakeboard boats anymore so we are seeing a dramatic increase.
- c. We're still offering our quarantine bands, we inspect the boat and then will place a band on it for 30 days and they come back to the main office to have the band removed.



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5. Patrol Operations

- a. 5 patrollers with citation authority.
- b. Concentrating on Boulder Bay for illegal launches and swimming.
 - i. John Osborn also mentioned Rotary Park for illegal launching, one just happened last week.
- c. CA Boater Card is citable, and it is a fix it ticket, it's law and required.
 - i. This is not just a CA thing, many states have it.
 - ii. Required for all boaters now outside of the rental customers.

6. Lake Safety

- a. Patrol will be there following the sunset schedule until about October when the hours will taper off.
- b. New buoys will be deployed:
 - i. No swimming beyond this point in Boulder Bay
 - ii. Hoping to deter many of our swimmers
- c. Big issues with violations from rental customers – life jackets are needing to be the appropriate size and overloaded PWCs and swimming off the boats, and side ties between the rental boats.

7. WID/Inspection

- a. Continue to use the WID system, make sure the last body of water is entered.
- b. Please make sure you use the search function on the tablet to make sure you are not reinspecting the same vessel that might have failed elsewhere on the same day.
- c. Tablet usage was better than the previous year, so that's great, but make sure that you are reconnecting to the wifi to make sure the inspection is being uploaded to the system.
- d. Captain Johns marina would like to offer inspections again.

8. Fleet Inspections/ Slip Counts

- a. This year is a fleet inspection year, we look for a variety of things from marina markings to navigation lights.
- b. We will call and set up appointment times just like last time.

9. Quagga Training

- a. We did two groups last year to allow more marina staff to be trained.
- b. We recommend this training annually even if your employees have been to the training before because things do change.

10. Fishing Charters

- a. Charter Boats fees are changing.
- b. Going from \$35 per trip to \$15 per angler.

11. Marina Concessions

- a. Make sure your concessions all have their current certs, insurances and different licenses to Gage so we can update them in our system.

12. Countin' Carp

- a. This started last year, but this year we are extending the tournament all season starting on May 15 through September 30.
- b. The Carp Round Up has been cancelled.



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13. Closing

- a. Mr. Pappas thanked everyone for the continued communication, but please keep up the support and relay any issues we might be having.
- b. Please reach out and let the District know if you have any questions or concerns.
- c. Magazine is going to be delivered tomorrow, and we have new lake maps now so let me know if you need any new literature.