

BIG BEAR AREA REGIONAL WASTEWATER AGENCY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 28, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency was called to order by Vice-Chair Green at 5:00 p.m. on September 28, 2022 at 121 Palomino Drive, Big Bear City, California and via Zoom.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Rick Herrick, Chair (via Zoom, departed meeting at 6:14 p.m.)
John Green, Vice-Chair
Jim Miller, Director
Bynette Mote, Director
Larry Walsh, Director

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

David Lawrence, General Manager
Jennifer McCullar, Finance Manager
John Shimmin, Plant Manager
Bridgette Burton, Management Analyst/Board Secretary

OTHERS

Ed (via Zoom)
Fran (David Lebowitz) (via Zoom)
Ward Simmons, Best Best & Krieger, LLP (via Zoom)
Frank Forbes, County of San Bernardino Representative (via Zoom)
Kendi Segovia, Big Bear Lake
Sharon Pedersen (via Zoom)

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Miller

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion by Director Walsh, seconded by Director Mote and carried, the Governing Board approved the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Green, Miller, Mote, Walsh, Herrick
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

4. PUBLIC FORUM

No comments

5. PRESENTATIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS

5.A. Replenish Big Bear Project Update to Permitting, Timeline, Pilot Facility, Project Costs, and Funding and Financing

The General Manager presented an update on the Replenish Big Bear Project which included additional treatment requirements, a timeline extension due to permitting delays, a recommendation to move forward with the pilot facility, the effects of the additional treatment and inflation on project costs, along with an update on grants and loans, the cost share Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) status, and negotiations with Project beneficiaries. Discussion ensued between the Governing Board and staff.

6. INFORMATION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.A. General Manager's Report

Information detailed in the General Manager's Report was discussed during Item 5.A.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7.A. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from the August 24, 2022 Regular Meeting

7.B. Monthly Disbursements Report for August

7.C. Investment Report Identifying Agency Investments and Reporting Interest Income for August

7.D. Approval of AB 361 Open Meetings: State and Local Agencies: Teleconferences

7.E. Resolution No. R. 11-2022, A Resolution of the Governing Board of the Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency Adopting the Annual Statement of Investment Policy

7.F. Approval of Carryover Appropriations

Upon motion by Director Miller, seconded by Director Walsh and carried, the Governing Board approved the Consent Calendar as presented.

Ayes: Green, Miller, Mote, Walsh, Herrick
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

8. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

None

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

None

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

10.A. Wastewater-Based Surveillance for Viruses and Other Infectious Diseases

The Management Analyst/Board Secretary described the advantages and disadvantages of wastewater surveillance. The Governing Board requested clarification on the recommended requirements, how genetic data could be misused, and if any grant funds were available. Other concerns of the Governing Board included the effects of the transient population on samples, upcoming legislation, cost, impact to staff, communication of results, inoculations, operator safety, testing responsibility and access. Discussion ensued between Governing Board and staff.

The Governing Board requested staff to draft a policy that includes an opt-in or out option for Member Agencies and bring this item back to the Board for consideration.

10.B. Amendment No. 4 to the Professional Services Agreements between the Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency and Water Systems Consulting, Inc. for the Replenish Big Bear Project

The General Manager explained the need for Amendment No. 4 and explained that this Amendment does not include the actual pilot facility. The additional work will be paid by BBARWA after the existing \$2.4 million cost share MOU with Project Partners is expended. The Governing Board requested clarification on specific line items, expressed concern regarding language in the proposal, and requested details on consultants and sub-consultants. Discussion ensued between the Governing Board and staff.

Upon motion by Director Mote, seconded by Director Miller and carried, the Governing Board approved Amendment No. 4 to the Professional Services Agreements between the Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency and Water Systems Consulting, Inc. for the Replenish Big Bear Project.

Ayes: Green, Miller, Mote, Walsh
Noes: None
Absent: Herrick
Abstain: None

11. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

11.A. General Manager Comments
None

11.B. Governing Board Member Comments

The Governing Board expressed concern over Replenish Big Bear agreements, thanked staff for their work and announced the new City Manager started, clarified the reasons wastewater testing was important, and emphasized worker safety being a priority.

12. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Governing Board, Vice-Chair Green adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

ATTEST: Bridgette Burton
Bridgette Burton, Secretary to the Governing Board
Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency