

Bear Valley Basin
Groundwater Sustainability Agency (BVBGSA)
C/O City of Big Bear Lake, Department of Water and Power (DWP)
Attention: Reginald A. Lamson
41972 Garstin Drive Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

Board Meeting Agenda
June 17, 2025 at 9:00 am

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41972 Garstin Drive, Big Bear Lake, CA, 92315
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BOARD MEMBERS

James Miller, Chair

Steve Ludecke, Vice-Chair

Craig Hjorth, Treasurer

John Russo, Secretary

OPEN SESSION

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC FORUM

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1. PUBLIC HEARING

1.1 Resolution No. 2025-01 Budget for Fiscal Year 2026

Board to review and consider adopting Resolution No. 2025-01 approving the budget for Fiscal Year 2026.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

2.1 Approve Minutes of the Board Meeting Dated June 27, 2024

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Approval of Claims Payments

Board to review and consider authenticating the claims payments.

4.2 Replenish Big Bear Presentation

Board to listen and discuss Replenish Big Bear Presentation.

4.3 Management and Board Member Discussion

Board members and/or staff to identify matters for future BVBGSA Agenda Items.

5. ADJOURNMENT



Bear Valley Basin

Groundwater Sustainability Agency

C/O City of Big Bear Lake, Department of Water
 Attention: Reginald A. Lamson
 PO Box 1929 Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

DATE: June 17, 2025
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Reginald A. Lamson, Administrator
RE: Fiscal Year 2026 Budget

In Fiscal Year 2026, the Bear Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (BVBGSA) will continue to pursue its primary mission to support interagency efforts to ensure sustainable water supplies in the Bear Valley. BVBGSA is a Joint Powers Authority made up of four member agencies (Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Management Agency - BBARWA, Big Bear Municipal Water District - BBMWD, Big Bear City Community Services District - BBCCSD, and the City of Big Bear Lake, Department of Water and Power - BBLDWP). The Replenish Big Bear project is identified in the Bear Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan and remains a principal strategic objective of BVBGSA.

Bear Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan

The Bear Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (the Plan) is a planning document to ensure sustainable water supplies in the Bear Valley Region and complies with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The Plan requires BVBGSA to prepare and submit an Annual Report to the California Department of Water Resources by April 1st of each year. The Annual Report is based on established hydraulic data models. The BVBGSA Budget for fiscal year 2026 includes an appropriation of \$25,000 for the fiscal year 2026 Annual Report.

Replenish Big Bear

Replenish Big Bear (the Project) is a forward-looking water supply project expected to produce millions of gallons of clean water annually protecting the Bear Valley community's future water supplies. The clean water produced will be used to increase ground and lake water levels throughout the Valley and help support the area's unique and diverse fish and wildlife and bolster the community's recreation and tourism.

BBARWA continues to move the project through regulatory review, pursue grant funding and build alliances for cost sharing. To date BBARWA has been awarded grants in the amount of \$26,942,993 for the project. Member agencies have pledged \$1,400,000 (\$350,000 per agency) to the project and initially provided funding in the amount of \$1,233,532 (\$308,383 per agency) which has been reimbursed by the grants received.

Fiscal Year 2026 Budget

Revenues

Revenues are based on contributions from member agencies. Under the terms of the Joint Power Agreement member agencies contribute in equal proportions to cover all necessary operating expenses of the agency. Revenues are projected to equal budgeted expenses. Revenues expected for fiscal year 2026 are shown below:

Revenue Source	2024 Actual	2025 Projected	2026 Expected	\$ Change	% Change
BBLDWP Contributions	\$ 6,120	\$ 5,410	\$ 9,625	\$ 4,215	78%
BBMWD Contributions	6,120	5,410	9,625	4,215	78%
BBARWA Contributions	6,120	5,410	9,625	4,215	78%
BBCCSD Contributions	6,120	5,410	9,625	4,215	78%
Total	24,480	21,640	38,500	16,860	78%

Expenses

Expenses consist primarily of administrative expenses to maintain agency operations and professional service costs for hydrology reporting. Fiscal year 2026 budgeted expenses are expected to decrease by \$9,900 or 20% from the fiscal year 2025 budget. A detailed break down of expenses is shown below:

Expense Type	2024 Actual	2025 Budgeted	2025 Projected	2026 Approved	\$ Change	% Change
Bank Charges	\$ 3,360	\$ 4,200	\$ 3,630	\$ 4,200	\$ 0	0%
Insurance	1,680	2,000	1,780	2,000	0	0%
Hydrology Services	15,150	35,000	12,030	25,000	(10,000)	-29%
Audit Services	3,360	4,400	3,360	4,400	0	0%
Memberships	820	900	840	1,000	100	11%
Other	0	1,900	0	1,900	0	0%
Total	24,370	48,400	21,640	38,500	(9,900)	-20%

Membership costs are expected to increase slightly with general inflation. Hydrology services are expected to decrease by \$10,000 or 29%. Tom Harder and Co., the consultant BVBGSA uses to prepare annual reporting, estimated costs to prepare the 2024/25 Annual Report at \$25,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
BEAR VALLEY BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY,
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2017, the Bear Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (BVBGSA) was formed; and

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2017, the Board of Directors (Board) acknowledged the updated Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) by and among the City of Big Bear Lake, Department of Water and Power, the Big Bear City Community Services District, the Big Bear Municipal Water District, and the Big Bear Regional Wastewater Agency for the BVBGSA; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Sections 12 and 13 of the JPA, the Board shall adopt a budget as specified in the bylaws, by resolution or otherwise; and

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2017, the Board adopted the BVBGSA Bylaws and pursuant to the Article 7.3 of the Bylaws, the BVBGSA shall operate pursuant to an operating fund/budget adopted in accordance with Sections 12 and 13 of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Directors have conducted a public hearing and adopted the Fiscal Year 2026 Departmental Budget as follows:

1. General Fund appropriated resources in the amount of \$38,500 and appropriated uses in the amount of \$38,500.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of BVBGSA does hereby approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget attached hereto.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 17th day of June 2025.

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Jim Miller, Chair
Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Craig Hjorth, Treasurer
Board of Directors

**BOARD OF BEAR VALLEY BASIN
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
MEETING MINUTES
June 27, 2024**

OPEN SESSION

A meeting of the Bear Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors was called to order at 9:02 a.m. on June 27, 2024, by Chair Miller at 41972 Garstin Drive, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jim Miller, Chair
Steve Ludecke, Vice-Chair
Craig Hjorth, Treasurer

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED:

John Russo, Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Miller led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM:

No comments from the public.

1. PUBLIC HEARING

1.1 Resolution No. 2024-01 Budget for Fiscal Year 2025

Motion made by Vice-Chair Ludecke, seconded by Treasurer Hjorth, and carried 3-0 to adopt Resolution No. 2024-01 approving the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025.

AYES: Hjorth, Ludecke, Miller

NOES: -

ABSTAIN: -

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

2.1 Approve Minutes of Board Meeting Dated November 13, 2023

Motion made by Vice-Chair Ludecke, seconded by Chair Miller, and carried 3-0 to approve the Consent Calendar.

AYES: Hjorth, Ludecke, Miller

NOES: -

ABSTAIN: -

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Approval of Claims Payments

Motion made by Treasurer Hjorth, seconded by Vice-Chair Ludecke, and carried 3-0 to authenticate the claims payments from November 14, 2023 to June 27, 2024.

AYES: Hjorth, Ludecke, Miller

NOES: -

ABSTAIN: -

4.2 Replenish Big Bear Presentation

Chair Miller asked Laine Carlson, Professional Engineer with Water Systems Consulting (WSC), how she sees potable water reuse regulations evolving. Laine responded that currently every type of potable water reuse has some sort of regulation attached. Laine added that state and federal governments are trying to encourage communities to engage in water reuse but that the surrounding regulations make it difficult. Chair Miller asked what alternatives are being proposed for using excess water. David Lawrence, General Manager for BBARWA, responded that the excess water could go to Baldwin Lake, but it would require tertiary treatment. Chair Miller asked what the lifetime of the pipeline carrying wastewater down to Lucerne is. David responded that the pipeline was put in the 80s and should be good for at least 50 years. David added that a section of the line is currently exposed and the costs to replace the line fully would cost approximately \$80 million. Vice-Chair Ludecke asked David if that is why the permit for discharging excess water into Baldwin Lake was applied for. David responded that the permit application was planned for regardless of the state of the wastewater pipeline to Lucerne, and that he was trying to think long-term. Laine added that permits only requiring secondary treatments for excess wastewater will most likely be phased out and that further treatments will most likely be required in the future.

Treasurer Hjorth asked if the pumping stations would be used to pump water to the golf course. Reggie, Administrator for BVBGSA and General Manager for DWP, responded yes, there would be a pumping station pumping water from the lake to the golf course. Laine displayed two pipeline options for getting the reclaimed water to the first discharge point at Stanfield Marsh. Vice-Chair Ludecke asked why the potential new BBARWA pipeline for the reclaimed water going through Baldwin Lake was preferred over the alternative pipeline going down Shay Rd. David responded that the pipeline going through Baldwin Lake was preferred because it wouldn't be going through neighborhoods in Big Bear City which brings numerous complications, and further drives up costs. Vice-Chair Ludecke asked if there would be a spare pipeline added to the preferred pipeline. David responded there would not be a spare pipeline added.

Laine shared how Replenish has so far been awarded \$18 million in grants and \$9 million recommended. Vice-Chair Ludecke asked if the total \$27 million in grants is part of the \$86 million in total project cost. David responded yes; the \$27 million is part of the \$86 million project cost and added that the difference of \$57 million is from the WIFIA loan. Chair Miller asked what the contingency was for the project and David responded that the contingency was \$22 million. Vice-Chair Ludecke asked why the contingency for the project was so large. David responded that they could only go to the lender once, so the lender suggested requesting a higher amount than what BBARWA anticipated they would need. Chair Miller said the purpose of the large contingency is not being communicated effectively to the public and contributes to the overall confusion about the project. Chair Miller emphasized that the project is in a public relations stage and that there needs to be a simpler way to communicate how the project affects the public and how much it will cost residents on an individual level. Vice-Chair Ludecke agreed that there is a lot of confusion surrounding the project. Brittany Lamson, Interim General Manager for MWD, agreed with Chair Miller that there needs to be a shift in advertising to individual residents and how it would affect them personally.

Brittany asked when the administrative draft of the permit would be ready. Laine responded that the regional board is constrained, and it could take up to a year. Secretary Ludecke asked what the monitoring costs for MWD would be. David responded that an estimate will be in the upcoming budget.

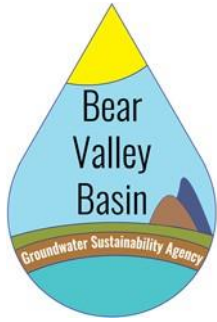
4.3 Management and Board Members Discussion

None.

ADJOURN

No additional business came before the Board. At 10:42 a.m., Chair Miller adjourned the meeting.

Craig Hjorth, Treasurer to the Board



Bear Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Agenda Report

DATE: June 17, 2025
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Reginald A. Lamson, Administrator
RE: **Approval of Claims Payments**

Background & Discussion:

Pursuant to paragraph 7.2 of the Bylaws of Bear Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency, the Board shall authenticate all claims payments. All checks issued for payment of claims have been signed by the Treasurer and the Administrator.

Recommendation:

Authenticate the claims payments as presented in the attached check register

Attachment:

Claims Payment Register.

**Bear Valley Basin GSA
Claims Payment Register
June 28, 2024 through June 17, 2025**

Payee	Payment Date	Payment Number	Description	Account	Amount
ACWA JPIA	07/25/2024	2042	BVBGSA Cyber Liability Insurance 7/1/24 - 6/30/25	Insurance	\$ 100.00
ACWA JPIA	12/19/2024	2046	Liability Insurance for 10/24 - 10/25	Insurance	1,688.00
Association of California Water Agencies	10/16/2024	2044	BVBGSA 2025 Annual Agency Dues	Memberships, Dues, Subscriptions	840.00
Thomas Harder & Co., Inc.	08/22/2024	2043	Technical Support for 2022-23 Annual Report	Professional Services	2,730.00
Thomas Harder & Co., Inc.	03/11/2025	2051	Support for 23/24 Annual Report	Professional Services	7,047.50
Thomas Harder & Co., Inc.	03/20/2025	2052	Support for 23/24 Annual Report	Professional Services	607.50
Thomas Harder & Co., Inc.	04/23/2025	2053	Support for 23/24 Annual Report	Professional Services	4,375.00
				Total Checks	\$ 17,388.00
Lance, Soll & Lunghard, LLP	02/24/2025	DFT0000407	2024 GSA Financial Statement Audit	Professional Services	\$ 3,360.00
US Bank	7/15/2024	3920	June Bank Fees	Bank Charges & Misc Fees	287.19
US Bank	8/15/2024	4030	July Bank Fees	Bank Charges & Misc Fees	295.19
US Bank	9/16/2024	4034	August Bank Fees	Bank Charges & Misc Fees	296.23
US Bank	10/15/2024	4111	September October Fees	Bank Charges & Misc Fees	290.87
US Bank	11/15/2024	4177	October Bank Fees	Bank Charges & Misc Fees	297.22
US Bank	12/15/2024	4211	November Bank Fees	Bank Charges & Misc Fees	285.93
US Bank	1/15/2025	4261	December Bank Fees	Bank Charges & Misc Fees	296.14
US Bank	2/15/2025	4316	January Bank Fees	Bank Charges & Misc Fees	316.73
US Bank	3/15/2025	4367	February Bank Fees	Bank Charges & Misc Fees	308.19
US Bank	4/15/2025	4399	March Bank Fees	Bank Charges & Misc Fees	318.31
US Bank	5/14/2025	4441	April Bank Fees	Bank Charges & Misc Fees	328.10
US Bank	6/16/2025	4461	May Bank Fees	Bank Charges & Misc Fees	311.11
				Total ACH Payments	\$ 6,991.21
				Total Claims Paid	\$ 24,379.21



Presentation



Bear Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Agenda Report

DATE: June 17, 2025

TO: Board of Directors

RE: **Management and Board Member Discussion**

Board Members:

James Miller, Chair
Steve Ludecke, Vice-Chair
Craig Hjorth, Treasurer
John Russo, Secretary

Management:

David Lawrence, General Manager, BBARWA
Glenn Jacklin, General Manager, CSD
Jared Cheek, General Manager, MWD
Reggie Lamson, General Manager, DWP