

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
CITY OF BIG BEAR LAKE,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER
BOARD OF WATER AND POWER COMMISSIONERS
July 6, 2022

OPEN SESSION

A special Meeting of the City of Big Bear Lake, Department of Water and Power (DWP) Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:01 a.m. on July 6, 2022, by Chair Bob Tarras.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Bob Tarras, Chair
Barbara Willey, Vice-Chair
Craig Hjorth, Treasurer
Joe Cylwik, Commissioner
Jim Smith, Commissioner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bob Tarras, Chair

1. PUBLIC HEARING

RESOLUTION No. DWP 2022-13 – Adopt Revised Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP)

Chair Tarras opened the Public Hearing at 9:02 a.m.

Commissioner Smith requested detail information on the hydrant permit process for construction use of water. Reggie Lamson, General Manager, responded that typically a contractor will come into the DWP office and request a construction meter. The DWP dictates where the meter is set which is most likely on Business Circle Drive. The DWP staff will review rules with the contractor regarding dust control, prevention of wasteful water, and the use of a backflow device. Dani McGee, Chief Financial Officer, added that contractors are requested to complete an application for the construction meter which outlines obligations to protect water and the device. Commissioner Smith asked if the hydrants are connected to the water supply. Reggie responded yes. Commissioner Smith asked if there is any potential impact on fire flow if water is being used for construction. Reggie responded that contractors typically will fill up their water trucks in the morning and that it is a remote possibility that contractors are filling their water tank at the same time as a large fire. Chair Tarras added there is not that much construction occurring in the Valley. Chair Tarras stated that several years ago there was a fire complaint in the Lake Williams area claiming the water flow was inadequate. Reggie responded that issue was because the pipelines were originally sized for the then current flow requirement of 500 GPM. The current standard is 1,500 GPM and that the flow will not be possible until the pipelines are replaced.

Commissioner Smith inquired into Table 3 on page 51 and asked if Construction and Hydrant Use are the same. Reggie responded yes because the contractors will obtain a permit and the General Manager will ensure the construction meter is used properly. Commissioner Smith inquired about the reference to “no new turf” in Table 4 and impact to those using private wells. Chair Tarras stated the WSCP is a DWP document for DWP customers. Reggie added the State regulates private wells and allows private well owners up to 2-acre feet a year of water use. Chair Tarras inquired into what it means for a water shortage “up to 20%” and specifically how we determine the 20%. Reggie responded that if the DWP has a 20% reduction in water supply or a Governor’s Order, as we have here, we must implement those water restrictions reflected in the Level 2 Table.

Commissioner Cylwik stated that he thought the DWP did not have to comply with the Governor’s Order because we are not tied into the California Aqueduct. Reggie responded that all public water agencies with more than 3,000 customers or 3,000 connections must follow the State mandates. Reggie further stated that we revised the WSCP to better reflect the DWP’s current water supply conditions. Chair Tarras inquired into MWD’s agreement with Bear Valley Mutual (BVM). Reggie responded that currently the water is sourced from the Valley Water District and their source is the State Water Project. Reggie added that (BVM is incentivized to use State water versus a release from the dam because of the water loss on the way down the mountain. Reggie also stated the

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MWD/BVM agreement is a long-term contract and the cost of water is tied to the amount of property tax revenues received by MWD.

Motion made by Treasurer Hjorth, seconded by Vice-Chair Willey, and carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution No. DWP 2022-13 adopting revisions to the WSCP.

AYES: Cylwik, Hjorth, Smith, Tarras, Willey

NOES: -

ABSTAIN: -

Chair Tarras closed the Public Hearing at 9:20 a.m

ADJOURNMENT

No additional business came before the Board. At 9:21 a.m., Chair Tarras adjourned the meeting.



Leeanne Eagleson, Management Analyst/Board Secretary

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