A G E N D A BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Regular Meeting August 2, 2012

PLACE:

Big Bear Municipal Water District

40524 Lakeview Drive, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

Next Resolution Number: 2012-14

OPEN SESSION: 1:00 P.M.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
- 4. REPORTS
 - A. General Manager
 - B. Lake Manager
 - C. Legal
 - D. Committee
 - E. Other

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of a Regular Meeting of July 19, 2012
- B. Warrant List Dated July 30, 2012 for \$48,376.11
- C. Consider reimbursement for Director Suhay's Spring 2012 ACWA expenses

6. BUSINESS

- A. Consider award of Bear Valley Dam Steel Support Painting project
- B. Consider approval of Tuition Reimbursement Policy

7. PUBLIC FORUM

(The Board will receive comments from the public on items not on the agenda; no action is permitted on these items. Time set aside not to exceed 30 minutes total by all participants)

- 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 9. DIRECTOR COMMENTS
- 10. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: Open Session at 1:00 P.M.

Thursday, August 16, 2012

Big Bear Municipal Water District

40524 Lakeview Drive, Big Bear Lake, CA

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

President Eminger called the Open Session to order at 1:00 PM. Those in attendance included Director Murphy, Director Suhay, District Counsel Wayne Lemieux (via Skype), General Manager Scott Heule, Lake Manager Mike Stephenson, and Board Secretary Vicki Sheppard.

REPORTS

General Manager, Scott Heule reported that it has been a complex couple of weeks since the last Board meeting. He commented that things in the office have stacked up but by next Monday they should be pretty much back on schedule. He reported that he is submitting the first lake wide aquatic plant census tomorrow. He added that Mike Stephenson and his staff conducted a survey of plant species and density at 321 locations last summer. He explained that the survey is a requirement of the TMDL and the District volunteered to perform the sampling and then write the report. Mr. Heule reported that the City, County, and Forest Service are anxious to get the report because they are obligated to submit it by end of business tomorrow. He added that the report will show that dramatic progress has been made on reducing the Eurasian Watermilfoil infestation and as a result, native aquatic plants are thriving. He commented that there will be no need to take extra measures to foster new plant growth. On the contrary, the survey indicates that a return to more extensive use of the harvester or less expensive herbicide treatment on native plant beds will be needed. Mr. Heule reported that the General Managers Special District Leadership Conference that he attended earlier this week was a valuable time of learning and networking. He commented that having some one-on-one time with other special district general managers was really valuable and he is hoping that he will be able to attend again next year. He added that reminders about the role the GM plays in carrying out the policies of the Board and that the role of the Board is to direct and protect the agency was valuable. He reported that updates on pension reform provided additional insight into what might be coming down the road. He added that many other districts are doing exactly what we are in the process of doing regarding a two tiered pension system. Mr. Heule stated that there was also an interesting piece on public engagement and when it is most effective ... not in a "regular" board or committee meeting adding that public engagement happens best and is most productive outside of regular meetings in a "round table" setting. Mr. Heule reported that he spoke with Caltrans this morning. He explained that they said they would be preparing a reimbursement agreement to repay District expenses for the stairs and fencing at the dam. He added that they also said that they would pay for a new stairway from the catwalk to the control building at the right abutment of the dam. He reported that Mr. Stephenson will be securing a cost estimate for this work and we can expect to see a draft version of the agreement in a couple of weeks. He reported that we just finished being audited by the State for our Prop 13 Grant that included dredging the east end. He added that the auditors are satisfied with the backup for all but about 2% of the reimbursement requests, which amount to \$47,000. He explained that we believe these expenses

are employee wages for sample collection and monitoring work. He commented that he and Carrie Shirreffs will be doing some additional research on this in order to attempt to avoid a requirement to repay the money.

Lake Manager, Mike Stephenson reported that massive weed treatments are complete with good results. He commented that the water quality and clarity are a big factor in the natives coming back. He stated that night treatments were successful explaining that windy conditions were a challenge during the day and sometimes at night as well. He reported that there were a few areas that they went out and did contact treatments. He added that they will continue with harvester treatments for a few more weeks. Mr. Stephenson reported that carp eradication will be starting shortly. He explained that he is not seeing as many carp as usual adding that the water clarity and quality is a big factor. He reported that the trout pond renovation has begun. He stated that Kool Kids is scheduled for August 14th and 15th. Director Suhay asked about predictions for water temperatures and algae blooms. Mr. Stephenson reported that he feels it will be very similar to last year where algae blooms were non-existent adding that he does not predict any algae blooms. Director Murphy asked how the fishing is. Mr. Stephenson reported that the water is too warm for good trout fishing adding that they can be caught at certain water depths in various parts of the lake (mostly at the west end). He added that warm water species are booming however.

Director Suhay reported on yesterdays Watermaster meeting that he and Mr. Heule attended commenting that it was an interesting meeting.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon a motion by Director Murphy, seconded by Director Suhay, the following consent items were unanimously approved:

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting of July 5, 2012
- Warrant List Dated July 16, 2012 for \$36,327.60

CONSIDER PROCESS FOR FILLING UNEXPIRED TERM FOR DIVISION 2 DIRECTOR VACANCY

Mr. Heule reported that due to the sad loss of Director Paula Fashempour, the Division 2 seat on the Board of Directors is vacant. He added that the Board has a 60 day timeframe to take action on a replacement. He commented that because the last day to add a Director election to the November 6, 2012 ballot was June 29, 2012 and the Board was informed of the loss on July 9, the seat cannot be on the November 6th ballot. He explained that the Board can either call an election for the next established election or they can appoint a replacement to complete Director Fashempour's unexpired term which runs through calendar year 2014. He stated that if the Board appoints, the person must reside within the boundaries of the most recent Division 2 boundary. He explained the process as follows:

- 1. District was notified of Director Fashempour's death on Monday July 9, 2012.
- 2. Last day to notify County elections official to place another office on the ballot was June 29, 2012. The position cannot be placed on the November 2012 ballot.
- 3. Board can appoint a replacement to fill the balance of the term of Director Fashempour's office, which runs through 2014.
- 4. The appointee must be an elector within the most recent Division 2 boundary.

- 5. The District must notify the County Elections Official of the vacancy within 15 days of the date the District was notified.
- 6. The Board has until Friday September 7, 2012 (60 days) to appoint a replacement or call a special election for the next established election date, which is on August 27, 2013 for a mail in ballot or November 5, 2013 for a regular election.
- 7. The Board must place a notice in three conspicuous places that a vacancy on the Board will be filled at least 15 days prior to taking action.
- 8. After an appointment is made the District has 15 days to notify the County Elections Official that an appointment has been made.
- 9. An appointee cannot use the word "incumbent" in any voter information material until he/she wins an election for the position.

He explained that the Administrative committee met yesterday to discuss how the Board could proceed in filling the vacancy. He added that they considered an approach that begins with soliciting letters of interest from electors within Division 2 to either complete Director Fashempour's term of office or until the next established election date. He commented that the letters of interest could include:

- 1. Name and physical address
- 2. Summary of their occupational background
- 3. Description of their Big Bear history; that is when they moved to Big Bear, what activities they are or have been involved in, any volunteer work etc.
- 4. What particular interests they have concerning the work the MWD is responsible for
- 5. Why they would like to become a Director on the MWD Board

He added that the cost of a special election was quoted by the San Bernardino County elections office as costing between \$16,000 and \$34,000. He explained that was a quote for a valley wide election explaining that costs associated with an election for just Division 2 would most likely be less but we don't know how much at this time. He reported that the Administrative Committee came up with the attached proposed methodology for Board selection and appointment of vacant Division 2 seat. Director Murphy stated that he would like to add to this proposed methodology that the Administrative Committee will meet to develop questions that all applicants will be asked. He added that all of the Directors can submit their suggestions for these questions. Mr. Heule reported that the Committee considered the Brown Act closely when discussing options. He explained that they would like to ask candidates to come into the meeting one at a time adding that it will be a public meeting however so they could choose to attend the entire meeting. Director Suhay suggested that we have a timer and a time limit for answering each question so all candidates have equal time. Director Murphy commented that it would depend on the question how much time was allowed. He added that at the Administrative Committee meeting on August 17th the Committee could develop a recommendation on the timing and questions issue.

Director Suhay moved approval of the proposed methodology for Board selection and appointment of vacant Division 2 seat. Director Murphy seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC FORUM

No comments were made

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Heule reported that Kool Kids is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday August 14th & 15th. He announced that the August 16th Board Meeting will need to be adjourned to August 23rd.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Murphy reminded everyone of the Doo Dah Parade in Fawnskin on Saturday July 28th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:33 P.M.

NEXT MEETING

Open Session at 1:00 P.M. Thursday, August 2, 2012

Big Bear Municipal Water District

40524 Lakeview Drive, Big Bear Lake, CA

Vicki Sheppard Secretary to the Board Big Bear Municipal Water District

(SEAL)

Proposed methodology for Board selection and appointment of vacant Division 2 Seat

- a. Receive letters of interest at the District by August 10th. Staff will screen the letters to determine eligibility regarding residency requirements.
 - i. Full name and physical address
 - ii. Summary of occupational background
 - iii. Description of their Big Bear history; that is when they moved to Big Bear, what activities they are or have been involved in, any volunteer work etc.
 - iv. What particular interests they have concerning the work the MWD is responsible for
 - v. Why they would like to become a Director on the MWD Board
- b. Staff forwards letters of interest to all Board members by August 13th.
- c. If there are more than five candidates Board members individually prioritize the candidates and return their results to the General Manager by August 16th.
 - i. The individual prioritized rankings will be reviewed by the Administrative Committee at a meeting on August 17 at which time the five top ranked candidates will be identified and scheduled for an interview at a special Board meeting on August 23rd.
- d. If there are five or fewer candidates each candidate will be scheduled for an interview at a special Board meeting on August 23rd. Individual Board members will prioritize the candidates and provides their individual results to the General Manager by August 26th.
- e. The Administrative Committee meets on August 29th or 30th to review the prioritized results and prepares a report for Board consideration.
- f. The Board receives the Administrative Report and makes an appointment to fill the vacant Division 2 seat at the regular Board meeting on September 6th.
- g. At the Board meeting on September 6, 2012 the Board makes an appointment to fill the vacancy on the Division 2 Board seat.

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BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT REPORT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING DATE: August 2, 2012

AGENDA ITEM: 5C

SUBJECT:

CONSIDER REIMBURSEMENT FOR DIRECTOR SUHAY'S SPRING 2012 ACWA EXPENSES

RECOMMENDATION:

The General Manager and the Administrative Committee recommend approval of this reimbursement.

DISCUSSION/FINDINGS:

Director Suhay became ill while attending the May ACWA conference in Monterey, was hospitalized and then had surgery there. As a result Director Suhay's expenses were \$828.89 more than the typical conference expenses, including \$253.77 that was paid directly by Director Suhay. The Committee is recommending that the Board approve the entire expense and direct staff to reimburse Director Suhay \$253.77.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: None

FINANCING: Director travel expense

Submitted by: Scott Heule, General Manager

Breakdown of Expenses
Skip Suhay after ACWA emergency medical
5/12 - 5/18/12

Enterprise Rental Car	5/12 - 5/18	\$ 244.16	district billed	receipt copy attached
Howard Johnson Express	5/11	\$ 330.96	Scotts MC	receipt copy attached
Howard Johnson Express	5/14	\$ 157.47	reimburse	receipt original attached
Ontario Airport parking	5/12 - 5/16	\$ 	reimburse	receipt original attached
Rental car fuel fill	5/18	\$ 16.30	reimburse	receipt original attached

Total Expenses \$ 828.89 ·

253.77 Reimbursement Total \$

BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT REPORT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING DATE: August 2, 2012

AGENDA ITEM: 6A

SUBJECT:

CONSIDER AWARD OF BEAR VALLEY DAM STEEL SUPPORT PAINTING PORJECT

RECOMMENDATION:

The General Manager and the Facilities Committee recommends that the Board reject all bids due to the high cost and direct Staff to prepare revised bid documents that are performance based in anticipation of an award in the spring of 2013.

DISCUSSION/FINDINGS:

Bid Results for Dam Strut Painting Project – Bid for the painting of the struts at the dam were opened on Tuesday July 24, 2012. Results were as follows:

1.	Cor-Ray Painting	\$257,000
2.	Everlast Builders Inc.	\$270,000
3.	CT Georgiou Painting	\$340,000
4.	Techno Coatings	\$377,720
5.	Industrial Coating Restorations	\$377,730
6.	Painting Décor LTD	\$415,000
7.	Olympus Painting	\$424,000

The engineers' estimate of probable cost for this work was \$68,000 with a possible range of between \$50,000 and \$100,000. Mike Rogers apologized on behalf of MWH for the significant disparity between their estimate and the bid results. He said that they have identified at least two reasons for their estimators missing the mark but they do not account for the entire amount. Their estimators missed two sets of cross braces and they significantly underestimated the cost for the full containment of the work area to prevent debris falling into Bear Creek. Mr. Rogers suggested that it now appears that the District could probably save some costs on the work if the project was re-bid with a performance specification that allows the bidder to determine how they want to perform the work, including the containment, rather than the way the engineer designed the work.

The Committee also discussed the need for the painting work and concluded that because the steel struts provide some additional lateral strength to the buttresses they should remain and if they remain they still should be recoated to stop their deterioration from corrosion.

The Committee recommends that the Board reject all bids due to the high cost and direct Staff to prepare revised bid documents that are performance based in anticipation of an award in the spring of 2013.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: None

FINANCING: None

Submitted by: Scott Heule, General Manager

BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT REPORT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING DATE: August 2, 2012 AGENDA ITEM: 6B

SUBJECT:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TUITION REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

RECOMMENDATION:

The General Manager and the Administrative Committee recommend approval of this policy.

DISCUSSION/FINDINGS:

The committee recognizes the value of a well-educated staff and one that continues to learn job skills that can be put to use in current or potential future District jobs. When employees are encouraged to pursue job related continuing education the pool of qualified future District job applicants deepens. In anticipation of a variety of District positions becoming vacated due to retirement it is important that the District consider how it can best prepare. In order to encourage this job related continuing education a policy of tuition reimbursement has been drafted. The policy would be applicable to year round employees who have worked for the District at least one year. Eligible course work would be approved by the General Manager and would be limited to \$2000 per calendar year. Reimbursement would require receipts for all eligible expenses and would not include travel time or expenses. The study would be conducted on the employees own time outside of regular business hours at an approved accredited institution.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: None

FINANCING: Employee training

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RESOL	UTION	NO.	
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A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (RESOLUTION NO. 2006-13) BY ADDING PROVISIONS CONCERNING TUITION REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT as follows:

1. Purpose.

This resolution amends the Administrative Code to add provisions for a tuition reimbursement policy for employees.

2. Amendment.

Section 4.304 is hereby added to Resolution No. 2006-13 to read as follows:

"Section 4.304 Education Reimbursement.

It is the policy of the District to promote continuing education of employees. Employees may be reimbursed for authorized education and training at an accredited educational institution within the constraints listed herein and within budget constraints. For the purpose of this policy, an accredited educational institution shall be defined as any technical, vocational, college, university, business or high school which has been accredited by a recognized governmental or professional accrediting body and has been approved by the General Manager:

- (a) Eligibility: Employees of the District shall be eligible to receive reimbursement for General Manager approved courses at an accredited institution provided:
 - (1) Courses are satisfactorily completed. (Grade of "C" or better.)
- (2) Appropriate proof of successful completion is submitted to the Human Resources department.
- (3) The course of instruction will enable the employee to perform their present duties more effectively, or will prepare them for future opportunities into which they could reasonably expect promotion or transfer within the District.
- (4) The hours of instruction for the course do not conflict with the employee's regular work schedule.

(b) Reimbursement:

- (1) Employees shall be eligible for reimbursement up to \$2,000.00 per calendar year of tuition, textbooks, registration fees, parking fees and laboratory fees related to an approved course of instruction.
- (2) Employees shall not be eligible for reimbursement of late registration penalties or fees, transportation costs, interest or any other charge not specified as reimbursable

above.

(3) Employees who successfully complete an approved course shall submit a request for reimbursement to the Human Resources department. Such request must include receipts for all items for which the employee wishes to be reimbursed and a copy of the final grade report with a grade of "C" or better. The Human Resources department must prepare a report with supporting documentation for submittal to the General Manager for approval of payment."

Other.Except as provided herein, Resolution 2006	-13 is hereby reaffirmed	and reenacted.
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on		, 2012.
	John Eminger, Presider	nt
ATTEST:		
Vicki Sheppard, Secretary to the Board		
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