

A G E N D A
BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Special Meeting
January 9, 2014

PLACE: Big Bear Municipal Water District
40524 Lakeview Drive, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

Next Resolution Number: 2014-01

OPEN SESSION: 1:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of a Regular Meeting of December 19, 2013
- B. Warrant list dated December 24, 2013 for \$45,313.05

5. REPORTS

- A. President Smith reports on the 2013 accomplishments

6. BUSINESS

- A. Appointment of Board Officers for Calendar Year 2014
- B. Appointment of Committee Members for Calendar Year 2014 & President's goals
- C. Appointment of the District's JPIA Representative for Calendar Year 2014
- D. Consider approval of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of Big Bear Municipal Water District in support of the Association of California Water Agencies' Statewide Water Action Plan

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. REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. General Manager
- B. Lake Manager

9. DIRECTOR COMMENTS

10. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: Open Session at 1:00 PM
Thursday, January 16, 2014
Big Bear Municipal Water District
40524 Lakeview Drive, Big Bear Lake, CA

PLEASE NOTE:

If you wish to address the MWD Board of Directors during discussion of an agenda item, or during the PUBLIC FORUM, please complete a Speaker Request card (blue in color) and give it to the Board Secretary. Unless a detailed presentation of an agenda item is required by the Board of Directors, it is requested that each speaker limit comments to FIVE MINUTES. All testimony given before the Board of Directors is tape recorded.

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***MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2013***

CALL TO ORDER

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Mr. Heule reported that there was no reportable action at the closed session of November 21st.

REPORTS

Mr. Heule reported that there is clutter in the Board room showing that Santa is on his way. He explained that the Board room is Santa Central for the next three days as the Rotary Club stages Santa visits here. He added that they promise it will all be cleaned up next week. Mr. Heule reported that work on modeling the proposed In lieu agreement amendment continues with Don Evenson advising the Valley District consultant on the intricacies of fishery releases, flood control releases, evaporation and the ramifications of where Mutual takes delivery of Lake water. He added that Valley will not see any losses when they use their lake account to meet Mutual demands because Mutual takes delivery of the water at the base of the dam. He explained that the cost to Valley District based on this information will be considerably less than the numbers that earlier modeling suggested. He added that more information should be available next month. Mr. Heule stated that it appears that the District could receive a substantial amount of money from the San Bernardino County storm water program members for an in lake alum treatment program. He explained that money that they had anticipated to be used as a match for grants last year is potentially available in 2014 to contribute to an in lake project. He reported that he has been discussing this with Mike Stephenson and the City of Big Bear Lake the past couple days and the Lake Improvement Committee will see this discussion in a meeting right after the first of the year. He explained that with the Lake level down we have an opportunity to accomplish an effective treatment of lake-bottom sediments where the highest phosphorous concentrations are known to occur.

Lake Manager Mike Stephenson reported on the Marina Point project. He explained that they had equipment operating on the site in violation of the original agreement adding that it will remain on site for now. He stated that the ice safety program is moving in full speed. He explained that advertisements are being run and signs are placed around the valley highlighting the dangers of walking on the ice. He added that the ads are in color this year explaining that it may attract more people to pay attention to them. Director Lewis asked if the Grizzly charges for these ads. Mr. Stephenson explained that they do. Director Lewis asked if people who walk on the ice and require fire department rescue are charged. Mr. Stephenson responded that there is a

threat of a fine but he has not heard of anyone receiving a bill for that service. He explained that the signs are universal with a stick figure of someone falling through the ice so even people who don't read English can understand the risk. Mr. Stephenson reported that the District is testing for Lake Patrol positions from an internal opportunity that was presented to last year's seasonal employees. He added that two applications have been received. He stated Merry Christmas to all adding that he will be off starting next week Christmas day until January 12th.

District Counsel Wayne Lemieux reported that there has been a change in the date that Directors take office explaining there is no need to worry about it adding the rotation of the President can occur in January as it has in the past.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting of November 21, 2013
- Minutes of a Special Meeting Workshop of November 22, 2013
- Warrant List dated December 11, 2013 for \$106,327.23
- Consider approval of a Special Event Permit for Aaron's Big Bear Lake Bass Tournament Championship Series
- Consider approval of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of Big Bear Municipal Water District amending Resolution No. 2013-01 (Administrative Code) as it relates to Longevity Incentives

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE DOROTHY ALLEN PORTER TRUST FAWNSKIN DREDGE PROJECT SALE OF A SLIVER FILL EASEMENT FROM THE DISTRICT

Mr. Heule reported that this proposed dredge project in Fawnskin requires the purchase of a sliver fill easement (parcel 0304-131-12) from the District. He added that the sliver fill easement area occupies 4224 square feet. He explained that using the current District wide assessed valuation and the formula in the District's resolution 2011-06 the easement purchase would cost the applicant \$28,470. He reported that the sliver fill easement area and a significant portion of the applicant's property lies below the high water elevation of the Lake (6743). He explained that the sliver fill parcel and the proposed dredge area in the Lake bottom are thickly covered with willows. Mr. Heule reported that both the sliver fill parcel and the private property would receive dredged fill material to raise them to finished elevations of 6746 feet and 6750 feet respectively. He added that the dredge itself will extend to elevation 6735 feet to match Lake bottom elevations on either end of the proposed dredge. He explained that this would avoid having an isolated puddle of water in the area when the Lake drops below this elevation. Mr. Heule reported that the applicant has already discussed the proposed dredge project with his westerly neighbor and the neighbor had no objections to the plan but did make some requests of the applicant that would not affect any District interests with the plan. He explained that the Committee recommends that the District should sell the 4224 square foot sliver fill easement in accordance with the formula defined in Resolution 2011-06 after the project has permits from the

Army Corps of Engineers, California Fish and Wildlife and the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board but prior to issuing a shore zone alteration permit for the project.

Director Eminger moved approval of the Sale of a Sliver Fill Easement to the Dorothy Allen Porter Trust. Director Suhay seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A PROPOSAL FROM TOM DODSON & ASSOCIATES TO PREPARE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION FOR THE DOROTHY ALLEN PORTER TRUST/GIEBELHOUSE FAWNSKIN DREDGE PROJECT

Mr. Heule reported that the proposed Dorothy Allen Porter Trust/Giebelhouse Fawnskin Dredge Project will require environmental documentation via the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). He explained that District policy stipulates that the CEQA effort can either be performed by the project applicant or by the District at the District's discretion. He added that in this case CEQA will be performed by District environmental consultant Tom Dodson and Associates at the applicant's expense. Mr. Heule reported that using the applicants engineering drawings and description of the proposed project Tom Dodson and Associates returned a proposed scope of work and cost of \$28,750 for the CEQA work. He explained that the Committee recommends that the Board authorize Tom Dodson and Associates to begin work subject to District receipt of a deposit from the applicant for the full \$28,750. He added that invoices from the consultant will be paid from this deposit and if unusual or complicating factors arise during the course of work that would require an increase in scope and cost the additional amount would need to be deposited by the applicant before the additional work is authorized.

Director Lewis moved approval of a proposal from Tom Dodson & Associates to prepare environmental documentation for the Dorothy Allen Porter Trust/Giebelhouse Fawnskin Dredge Project. Director Eminger seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT ADOPTING WORKERS COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR VOLUNTEERS

Mr. Heule reported that the District currently utilizes volunteers for shoreline cleanup. He added that there could be other opportunities in the future for using volunteers to perform other work for the District. He explained that volunteers working for the District are currently not covered by workers compensation insurance and could sue the District for injuries and illnesses suffered while performing volunteer service. He advised that District Counsel has drafted a resolution that would deem volunteers to be District employees solely for the purpose of Workers' Compensation Insurance benefits provided by law for an injury or illness sustained while engaged in the performance of services for the District. He added that the Committee recommends that the Board adopt this resolution. He reported that Counsel also drafted a volunteer waiver and release form that could be used in conjunction with the Workers' Compensation policy whenever volunteers are providing service to the District explaining that this form is not a part of the Resolution that is being considered today. Director Lewis asked about the financing of this insurance. District Counsel Wayne Lemieux explained that this

insurance is a gift to volunteers and cost would be added to the existing premiums that the District pays adding that the cost is very little. Mr. Heule explained that we now use volunteers with Adopt a Shoreline program and will possibly use volunteers for other programs in the future.

Director Suhay moved approval of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of Big Bear Municipal Water District adopting Workers Compensation coverage for Volunteers. Director Lewis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC FORUM

No comments were made

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Heule announced that the next two Board meetings will occur on the second and fourth Thursdays in January (January 9th & 23rd). He explained that this is in response to the timing of the office closure between midday Christmas eve and Monday January 6, 2014.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

No comments were made

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 1:46 P.M under Government Code Section 54956.8 Conference with Real Property Negotiator, Scott Heule General Manager, concerning 440 Catalina, Big Bear Lake, California, APN #2328-202-15, #2328-202-08, #2328-291-27

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 2:12 P.M.
No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:13P.M.

NEXT MEETING

Open Session at 1:00 P.M.
Thursday, January 2, 2014
Big Bear Municipal Water District
40524 Lakeview Drive, Big Bear Lake, CA

Vicki Sheppard
Secretary to the Board
Big Bear Municipal Water District

(SEAL)

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Big Bear MWD
Warrant List Detail
 December 12 - 24, 2013

Num	Type	Date	Name	Account	Paid Amount
151980	Liability Check	12/24/2013	MID AMERICA APPLE PLAN	1001-01 · General Checking Account	
				2100-21 · Apple Plan - Company Pay	-157.50
				2100-20 · Apple Plan - Employee Pay	-157.50
TOTAL					<u>-315.00</u>
151981	Check	12/24/2013	DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF BIG B...	1001-01 · General Checking Account	
419	Credit Memo	12/16/2013		2800-01 · Board Room Deposits	-100.00
				2800-01 · Board Room Deposits	-5.00
				4300-02 · REV ADMIN - Conf Room Rental	-25.00
TOTAL					<u>-130.00</u>
151982	Liability Check	12/24/2013	LINCOLN NATIONAL	1001-01 · General Checking Account	
				2101-01 · Deferred Compensation	-1,525.00
TOTAL					<u>-1,525.00</u>
151983	Liability Check	12/24/2013	ACWA HEALTH INSURANCE	1001-01 · General Checking Account	
				5530-14 · ADMIN Professional Service Gen	-104.64
				24000 · Payroll Liabilities	-1,432.04
				24000 · Payroll Liabilities	-447.40
				24000 · Payroll Liabilities	-22,005.38
TOTAL					<u>-23,989.46</u>
151984	Bill Pmt -Check	12/24/2013	ALL PROTECTION ALARM	1001-01 · General Checking Account	
484517	Bill	12/4/2013		5630-43 · OPS-Bldg/Fac Mtn/Rep-WEST R...	-94.62
484732	Bill	12/4/2013		5630-10 · ADMIN-Bldg/Facility Maint/Rep	-204.40
484604	Bill	12/4/2013		5630-10 · ADMIN-Bldg/Facility Maint/Rep	-38.21
484357	Bill	12/4/2013		5630-10 · ADMIN-Bldg/Facility Maint/Rep	-43.22
TOTAL					<u>-380.45</u>
151985	Bill Pmt -Check	12/24/2013	BVE	1001-01 · General Checking Account	
120620...	Bill	12/6/2013		5507-41 · OPS-Utilities-Main Office	-17.58
120620...	Bill	12/6/2013		5507-42 · OPS-Utilities-RV Park	-28.67
120620...	Bill	12/6/2013		5507-41 · OPS-Utilities-Main Office	-983.63
121020...	Bill	12/10/2013		5507-44 · OPS-Utilities-Trout Pond	-26.37
TOTAL					<u>-1,056.25</u>
151986	Bill Pmt -Check	12/24/2013	CSB SOLID WASTE MANAGEM...	1001-01 · General Checking Account	
023595	Bill	12/12/2013		5630-30 · MAINT-Bldg/Facility Maint/Rep	-1,309.89
TOTAL					<u>-1,309.89</u>
151987	Bill Pmt -Check	12/24/2013	ENDURA STEEL	1001-01 · General Checking Account	
5495623	Bill	12/6/2013		5630-40 · OPS-Bldg/Fac Mtn/Rep	-188.97
TOTAL					<u>-188.97</u>
151988	Bill Pmt -Check	12/24/2013	MCMMASTER-CARR	1001-01 · General Checking Account	
677997...	Bill	12/9/2013		5630-30 · MAINT-Bldg/Facility Maint/Rep	-26.37
678893...	Bill	12/10/2013		5630-30 · MAINT-Bldg/Facility Maint/Rep	-52.22
TOTAL					<u>-78.59</u>

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Num	Type	Date	Name	Account	Paid Amount
151989	Bill Pmt -Check	12/24/2013	MISSION PROPERTY ADVISORS	1001-01 · General Checking Account	
1286	Bill	12/12/2013		5530-09 · ADMIN-Prof&Spec-Trout Pond	-5,000.00
TOTAL					-5,000.00
151990	Bill Pmt -Check	12/24/2013	QUILL	1001-01 · General Checking Account	
7764244	Bill	12/6/2013		5502-01 · ADMIN-Printing	-245.73
TOTAL					-245.73
151991	Bill Pmt -Check	12/24/2013	SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORAT...	1001-01 · General Checking Account	
121620...	Bill	12/16/2013		5507-42 · OPS-Utilities-RV Park	-75.83
TOTAL					-75.83
151992	Bill Pmt -Check	12/24/2013	VERIZON CALIFORNIA	1001-01 · General Checking Account	
120120...	Bill	12/1/2013		5505-02 · ADMIN-Phones Ramps Local Svc	-50.38
120120...	Bill	12/1/2013		5505-03 · ADMIN-Phones Long Distance	-38.78
				5505-01 · ADMIN-Phones Local/Hardware/...	-375.10
TOTAL					-464.26
151993	Bill Pmt -Check	12/24/2013	VERIZON WIRELESS	1001-01 · General Checking Account	
971603...	Bill	12/3/2013		5505-06 · ADMIN-Phone Cell Phones	-76.02
				5505-11 · ADMIN-Phones Ramp Aircards	-62.42
				5505-11 · ADMIN-Phones Ramp Aircards	-62.42
TOTAL					-200.86
151994	Bill Pmt -Check	12/24/2013	SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORAT...	1001-01 · General Checking Account	
121620...	Bill	12/16/2013		5507-41 · OPS-Utilities-Main Office	-385.86
TOTAL					-385.86
151995	Bill Pmt -Check	12/24/2013	VERIZON WIRELESS	1001-01 · General Checking Account	
971635...	Bill	12/9/2013		5505-06 · ADMIN-Phone Cell Phones	-160.77
TOTAL					-160.77
151996	Liability Check	12/24/2013	INFINITY TRUST (VSP)	1001-01 · General Checking Account	
				5509-03 · ADMIN-Memberships-Subscriptions	-10.00
				2100-09 · PR VSP Vision	-100.49
TOTAL					-110.49
151997	Bill Pmt -Check	12/24/2013	BBARWA	1001-01 · General Checking Account	
545	Bill	12/18/2013		5660-02 · Aquatic Plant Control LAKE	-1,647.15
TOTAL					-1,647.15
151998	Bill Pmt -Check	12/24/2013	BIG BEAR TODAY	1001-01 · General Checking Account	
755895	Bill	12/23/2013		5510-04 · ADMIN-Public Info-Ice Info/Sign	-700.00
TOTAL					-700.00

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Big Bear MWD Warrant List Detail December 12 - 24, 2013

Num	Type	Date	Name	Account	Paid Amount
151999	Bill Pmt -Check	12/24/2013	BUTCHER'S BLOCK AND BUIL...	1001-01 · General Checking Account	
264798	Bill	12/12/2013		5631-02 · OPS-Quagga Prevention Equip	-33.79
265644	Bill	12/16/2013		5631-02 · OPS-Quagga Prevention Equip	-5.03
265802	Bill	12/17/2013		5630-10 · ADMIN-Bldg/Facility Maint/Rep	-21.17
TOTAL					-59.99
152000	Bill Pmt -Check	12/24/2013	CHEM-PAK	1001-01 · General Checking Account	
84557	Bill	12/19/2013		5504-31 · MAINT-Janitorial Supplies-Admin	-69.36
TOTAL					-69.36
152001	Bill Pmt -Check	12/24/2013	COMPUTER VILLAGE	1001-01 · General Checking Account	
130209	Bill	11/27/2013		5530-02 · ADMIN-Prof&Spec-ComputerCon...	-150.00
130394	Bill	12/18/2013		5530-02 · ADMIN-Prof&Spec-ComputerCon...	-450.00
TOTAL					-600.00
152002	Bill Pmt -Check	12/24/2013	MCMASTER-CARR	1001-01 · General Checking Account	
684100...	Bill	12/16/2013		5630-31 · MAINT-Bldg/Facil Maint/Rep-Shop	-37.22
TOTAL					-37.22
152003	Bill Pmt -Check	12/24/2013	MERCER AUTOMOTIVE	1001-01 · General Checking Account	
55727	Bill	12/11/2013		5600-31 · MAINT-Vehicle Maint-ON ROAD	-15.00
TOTAL					-15.00
152004	Bill Pmt -Check	12/24/2013	MICHIGAN MOTORZ	1001-01 · General Checking Account	
QUOT...	Bill	12/20/2013		5580-41 · OPS-Boat Maintenance-Patrol	-2,610.00
TOTAL					-2,610.00
152005	Bill Pmt -Check	12/24/2013	NAPA AUTO PARTS	1001-01 · General Checking Account	
169234	Bill	12/12/2013		5580-41 · OPS-Boat Maintenance-Patrol	-45.77
TOTAL					-45.77
152006	Bill Pmt -Check	12/24/2013	PITNEY BOWES SUPPLIES	1001-01 · General Checking Account	
384601	Bill	12/7/2013		5501-01 · ADMIN-Post&Ship OFFICE	-79.85
TOTAL					-79.85
152007	Bill Pmt -Check	12/24/2013	QUILL	1001-01 · General Checking Account	
7998925	Bill	12/16/2013		5502-01 · ADMIN-Printing	-162.95
TOTAL					-162.95
152008	Bill Pmt -Check	12/24/2013	SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORAT...	1001-01 · General Checking Account	
121720...	Bill	12/17/2013		5507-44 · OPS-Utilities-Trout Pond	-23.43
TOTAL					-23.43
152009	Bill Pmt -Check	12/24/2013	TERMINIX	1001-01 · General Checking Account	
330559...	Bill	12/9/2013		5630-40 · OPS-Bldg/Fac Mtn/Rep	-477.24
TOTAL					-477.24

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Warrant List Detail
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152010	Bill Pmt -Check	12/24/2013	COMPUTER VILLAGE	1001-01 · General Checking Account	
130295	Bill	12/9/2013		5620-12 · ADMIN-Computer Maint/Repair	-3,127.68
TOTAL					-3,127.68
152012	Bill Pmt -Check	12/24/2013	CBSOA	1001-01 · General Checking Account	
2014 M...	Bill	12/23/2013		5509-10 · ADMIN-Member/Subs/Permit-Orgs	-40.00
TOTAL					-40.00

**BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
REPORT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MEETING DATE: JANUARY 9, 2014

AGENDA ITEM: 6A

SUBJECT:

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014

RECOMMENDATION:

This process is described below.

DISCUSSION/FINDINGS:

At the first meeting of each year Board Officers are appointed. The District's Administrative Code determines the selection of the Board Officers as follows:

“The office of President shall be rotated from Division to Division annually on a numerical basis. If a Director declines the office, or has served less than one year, the Director serving the next numerical Division shall be President. The office of Vice President shall be rotated from Division to Division annually on a numerical basis to the Director whose Division is scheduled as the following year's President. If the Director declines the office, or has served less than one year, the Director serving the next numerical Division shall be Vice President”

Director Smith of Division 5 served as President during calendar year 2013. Division 1 is represented by Director Murphy who shall automatically rotate to the office of Board President for calendar year 2014. Additionally, Director Lewis of Division 2 shall automatically become Vice President for 2013.

The Administrative Code establishes that the District's Administrative Assistant shall serve as Secretary to the Board, and the District's General Manager shall serve as Board Treasurer. The General Manager shall serve as Deputy Secretary to the Board to act in cases where the Secretary is not available.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: None

FINANCING: None

Submitted by: Scott Heule, General Manager

**BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
REPORT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MEETING DATE: JANUARY 9, 2014

AGENDA ITEM: 6B

SUBJECT:

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014 AND
PRESIDENT'S GOALS**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the committees and committee assignments be announced at this meeting.

DISCUSSION/FINDINGS:

Each year, at the first meeting in January, the Board President announces the Committee Members and distributes the committee descriptions for the upcoming year. The President of the Board will announce the committees and assignments at today's meetings and will share his major goals for the upcoming year. Also, in order to increase Board transparency and involve all Board Members in pressing issues confronting each committee, monthly workshops will be held. Proposed dates and committee subject matter is included in the attached sheet.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: None

FINANCING: None

Submitted by: Scott Heule, General Manager

BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

2014 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Todd Murphy
Mary Ann Lewis

Alternate: Skip Suhay

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Vince Smith
Mary Ann Lewis

Alternate: Todd Murphy

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Skip Suhay
Vince Smith

Alternate: John Eminger

LAKE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

John Eminger
Mary Ann Lewis

Alternate: Todd Murphy

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Todd Murphy
Skip Suhay

Alternate: Vince Smith

WATERMASTER COMMITTEE

John Eminger
Skip Suhay

Alternate: Mary Ann Lewis

WATERSHED COMMITTEE

John Eminger
Vince Smith

Alternate: Skip Suhay

AD HOC – CIP COMMITTEE

Todd Murphy
Vince Smith

Alternate: Mary Ann Lewis

Note: One year Ad Hoc to complete detailed short range (5 years) and long range (10 years) Capital Improvement Plan.

***BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
2014 BOARD COMMITTEES***

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Responsible for:

1. Personnel
2. GM evaluation/contract
3. Projects list/schedule
4. District voting recommendations for organizations
5. Lobbying
6. Litigation
7. Special Contracts
8. Employee benefits

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Responsible for:

1. Wages and salaries
2. Budget
3. Quarterly Financial Reports

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Responsible for:

1. Surplus property
2. Maintenance
3. New construction/remodeling
4. Dam maintenance
5. Dam pedestrian bridge
6. Security
7. Boats
8. Vehicles

LAKE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Responsible for:

1. ACOE
2. Fisheries
3. Dredges
4. Sea walls
5. Big Bear Marina contamination
6. Encroachment issues
7. CEQA
8. Easements
9. Weed control and mapping
10. Program EIR for lake dredging
11. Winterize/de-winterize Stanfield Marsh Island
12. Boardwalk
13. Stanfield corner maintenance/improvements
14. Stanfield grounds/trees and shrubs

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Responsible for:

1. Docks
2. Marinas
3. Special Events
4. Navigation
5. Lake Hazards
6. Derelict docks/boats
7. Concessions
8. Quagga inspector training
9. Decon. facilities/equipment
10. Quagga advertising & public information
11. Ramp security (ingress & cameras)

WATERMASTER COMMITTEE

Responsible for:

1. Watermaster meetings
2. In Lieu agreements
3. Bear Creek issues

WATERSHED COMMITTEE

Responsible for:

1. Trout Pond issues
2. TMDL
3. Tributary issues
4. Sediment basins

AD HOC – CIP COMMITTEE

One year Ad Hoc Committee to complete detailed short range (5 years) and long range (10 years) Capital Improvement Plan.

Workshop Dates

January 22

February 19

March 19

April 16

May 14

June 18

July 16

August 20

September 17

October 15

November 19

Committee

Lake Improvement

Operations

Budget and Finance

Facilities

Watershed

CIP

Lake Improvement

Budget and Finance

Operations

Facilities

CIP

**BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
REPORT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MEETING DATE: JANUARY 9, 2014

AGENDA ITEM: 6C

SUBJECT:

APPOINTMENT OF THE DISTRICT'S JPIA REPRESENTATIVE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014

RECOMMENDATION:

The President of the Board will appoint a member of the Board as the District's JPIA representative for calendar year 2014.

DISCUSSION/FINDINGS:

The District utilizes the services of the Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) for its property and liability insurance requirements. JPIA meetings are held for two days, twice a year in conjunction with the Association of California Water Agencies' (ACWA) conferences. The District's representative attends these meetings to keep the District informed about insurance issues. There may also be other occasional insurance meetings that would require attendance.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: None

FINANCING: None

Submitted by: Scott Heule, General Manager

**BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
REPORT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MEETING DATE: JANUARY 9, 2014

AGENDA ITEM: 6D

SUBJECT:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT IN SUPPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES' STATEWIDE WATER ACTION PLAN

RECOMMENDATION:

The General Manager and the Watermaster Committee (Directors Eminger & Suhay) recommend approval of this resolution.

DISCUSSION/FINDINGS:

ACWA's Board of Directors unanimously approved a Statewide Water Action Plan for California on September 27, 2013. Developed by a broad cross-section of member water interests convened by ACWA over several months, the plan outlines 15 actions to improve water supply reliability, protect water rights, protect the integrity of the state's water system and promote better stewardship. It also includes guiding principles for implementation of the plan to help ensure actions benefit the entire state, respect water rights and contract terms and reflect a new regulatory approach that can better meet the needs of water users and ecosystems. The Statewide Water Action Plan was submitted to Governor Jerry Brown on October 2, 2013, as the water community's recommendations for developing the Administration's water plan for the state. A copy of the ACWA plan is attached. Although the District does not receive any direct benefit, the District's in-lieu partner San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District does and could benefit from its implementation. The Committee recommends that the District express support for the ACWA plan by adopting the attached resolution and forwarding it to the Governor's office in Sacramento.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: None

FINANCING: None

Submitted by: Scott Heule, General Manager



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STATEWIDE WATER ACTION PLAN FOR CALIFORNIA



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About the Statewide Water Action Plan

The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) convened a broad cross-section of member water interests in spring 2013 to develop a statewide plan addressing the state's overall water supply reliability and ecosystem health. The goal was to craft a specific plan that could be broadly supported by water interests throughout the state and serve as a sustainable path forward for California.

The resulting Statewide Water Action Plan was completed in September and unanimously approved by the ACWA Board of Directors on Sept. 27, 2013. ACWA submitted the Statewide Water Action Plan to California Governor Edmund G Brown Jr. on Oct. 2, 2013, as the water community's recommendations for developing the Administration's water plan for the state.

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ACWA's mission is to assist its members in promoting the development, management and reasonable beneficial use of good quality water at the lowest practical cost in an environmentally balanced manner.

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STATEWIDE WATER ACTION PLAN FOR CALIFORNIA

Introduction

California's complex water management system is facing unprecedented challenges. Local investments in water supply reliability and ecosystem health have built upon the legacy infrastructure projects that served us well in the past, but the backbone water supply system we rely on today no longer satisfies the state's needs. California's statewide water system cannot respond effectively to our growing population, changing ecosystem needs, increasing flood risks and consecutive years of drought. Climate change and its impacts on public safety and long-term water supply reliability also pose a significant challenge to this generation of water and flood managers.

These problems are extraordinary, and their solutions will require an extraordinary commitment from state, local and federal agencies. They also will require a more evolved regulatory approach that will allow the system to operate efficiently and predictably to meet 21st century water supply and ecosystem needs.

The state has recognized the need for action in venues and initiatives such as the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) California Water Plan, the Delta Stewardship Council's Delta Plan, and the multi-agency Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP). Now California's public water agencies are stepping forward to recommend this set of principles and actions to enhance these individual efforts and integrate them in a comprehensive Statewide Water Action Plan. Our recommended plan, submitted to the Governor for his consideration, provides context for a Delta solution and other critical actions as components of a broader set of strategies to address overall water supply reliability and ecosystem health in California.

When implemented together, this suite of statewide actions will serve as a sustainable path forward for California. Governor Brown's leadership and commitment will be central to the success of this action plan and to moving water policy forward in California.

Guiding Principles for Implementation of the Statewide Water Action Plan

1. **Long-term water supply reliability and improved ecosystem health** are the core objectives of this statewide water action plan. In the course of achieving them, however, we must ensure that one region's increased reliability does not adversely affect another's near- or long-term water supplies.
2. **A new regulatory approach** is essential to reflect today's realities and better serve the needs of California water users and the ecosystem. This is critical if we are to reduce scientific uncertainty and incorporate new understanding of operational and ecosystem dynamics. Under the current approach, regulatory agencies tend to focus only on their specific goals, resulting in duplicative and contradictory requirements that fail to deliver benefits to our water supply, water quality or ecosystem. To combat this, state agencies should commit to using collaborative processes as extensively and transparently as possible to achieve regulatory goals in a way that satisfies water supply, water quality, and ecosystem needs. This new approach should embrace enhanced sharing of data, consistent use of peer-reviewed science (including climate change models), coordinated review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and improved integration and coordination of all related processes. This approach will help ensure continued ecosystem protections and increase the water community's confidence that regulatory investments will achieve benefits.
3. **The best available science** should be used to support every action, report or decision made as part of this Statewide Water Action Plan. The science should be inclusive, objective, transparent, and peer reviewed.
4. **Water rights and contract terms**, including area-of-origin protections, are foundational to our water system and should be respected and adhered to whenever projects and initiatives are implemented. State and federal facilities should be operated consistent with the conditions of water rights, contracts, and other entitlements.
5. **Bold actions guided by strong leadership** at the state, federal and local levels are essential for the successful implementation of this action plan. In particular, increased commitments by federal partners are needed to ensure the plan moves forward. The Department of Water Resources should provide leadership and support for these efforts from the department's highest level.
6. **Financing:** The state should fund investments that provide broad public benefits such as improved water supply reliability, water quality and ecosystem health. The state should also incentivize local projects that advance statewide water priorities and require public assistance to be cost effective.

Statewide Actions

To be most effective, the following suite of statewide actions should be implemented as a comprehensive package. Indeed, many elements — including a Delta conveyance solution — are much more likely to succeed if they are part of a broader action plan. Statewide support for the action plan is essential. Advancing all elements of the plan simultaneously will help secure and maintain that support and build a statewide coalition capable of achieving these ambitious goals.

1. Storage

California's water infrastructure has proven inadequate to meet the state's needs in a two-year drought, let alone a multi-year drought. This deficiency, coupled with the already measurable effects of climate change, makes construction of new storage facilities and expansion of existing storage imperative. A wide range of options should be on the table, including new surface water projects; re-operation and expansion/enlargement of existing storage projects; groundwater and conjunctive use; and development of other local and regional storage facilities. Additional storage will add flexibility to the water management system and help ensure a more reliable water supply to serve California's diverse needs, including drought resilience and ecosystem protection (e.g., improved temperatures and flows for fish).

Actions

- **Studies.** In coordination with DWR, the responsible state, federal or local water agency proponents of projects should complete storage studies by June 2014 and formally determine whether a particular project is environmentally and economically sound and will provide benefits for water supply and the ecosystem.
 - **Permitting.** Within six months of a local determination based on these studies, DWR and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDF&W) should begin coordinating with local agencies to expedite permitting and CEQA compliance for new storage facilities. For storage projects found to have statewide benefit, DWR and CDF&W should take the lead in expediting the permitting process.
- The state also should coordinate with federal agencies as needed on permitting, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), water rights issues and potentially construction.
- **Financing.** Under comprehensive water legislation enacted in 2009, the California Water Commission is tasked with defining and quantifying the public benefits of water storage projects eligible for funding with state dollars. By June 2014, local water agencies that would receive identifiable water supply benefits from water storage projects should provide a plan outlining their commitment and steps they will take to pay for those benefits. This Statewide Water Action Plan recommends that any water bond that moves forward in 2014 provide for continuous appropriation of funding for the public benefits of storage as outlined in the bond measure currently slated for the November 2014 ballot.
 - **Construction.** By January 2018, construction should commence for new groundwater and surface water storage projects with an initial target of 1.5 million acre-feet of new storage capacity, as documented in the 2000 CALFED Record of Decision.
 - **Local Construction.** As soon as practicable, construction of local facilities with a target of 1 million acre-feet should be completed.
 - **Reoperation.** DWR should complete its study of reservoir reoperation by June 2014, including reoperation of existing reservoirs and integration of new storage into system operations.

2. Water Use Efficiency

Water conservation and water use efficiency are central elements of the state's strategy to enhance water supply reliability, restore ecosystems and respond to climate change and a growing population. It should continue to be the state's policy to encourage investments in water conservation and water use efficiency by ensuring that the right to conserved water remains with the conserving entity. Local and regional water agencies have made significant multi-decade investments in water conservation and water use-efficiency activities and continue to do so under new state requirements

enacted in law. The state should acknowledge that local agencies are in the best position to determine compliance with these requirements and should respect local determinations as sufficient.

Actions

- The state should provide funding for water use efficiency activities in disadvantaged communities and support programs that are not locally cost effective but contribute broad benefits to California.
- DWR and local water agencies should coordinate with groundwater management agencies where applicable to enhance conjunctive use opportunities and minimize potential impacts on groundwater recharge that may result from water use efficiency and conservation efforts.

3. Water Supply Assurances

California law establishes a goal of improving water supply reliability throughout the state. Water supply reliability in regions that rely on water conveyed across the Delta is of obvious importance to the California economy. A BDCP is being developed in part to improve and protect water supply reliability for the agencies that will benefit from its completion. However, it is important that these improvements be accomplished in a manner consistent with this principle.

When the Central Valley Project (CVP) and the State Water Project (SWP) were built, assurances were incorporated in their authorizing statutes that water needed to meet present and future beneficial uses in the areas of origin (i.e., the Sacramento Valley, the east side of the San Joaquin Valley and the Delta) would be available to those areas when needed. All of California has benefited from these fundamental assurances. The state should commit to implementing an action plan that augments storage and modifies regulatory approaches to ensure that positive storage balances can be maintained at all times to provide for improved water supply reliability and ecosystem health and protection of the state's economy.

Actions

- As the state implements this plan, all relevant agencies should adhere to water rights protections in state law and comply with existing water rights and contractual requirements.
- The Administration should continue to affirm through its policies and actions that the

implementation of a BDCP will not adversely affect existing water rights of those in the watershed of the Delta, nor will it impose any obligations on area-of-origin water users, including in the Delta, to supplement flows in and through the Delta.

- Those seeking to secure permits for a BDCP will be responsible for meeting all applicable conditions in their BDCP permits, including any obligations in those permits for Delta flow, which as required by law must avoid redirected impacts to area-of-origin water users, including in the Delta, unless provided for in voluntary agreements or settlements.

4. Operational Assurances

Recent modeling indicates that, in the driest 10% of years, some major reservoirs will hit "dead pool," the condition in which water levels fall below a dam's lowest outlets and no operable storage exists to deliver water for supply, environmental, and power generation purposes. The ramifications of hitting dead pool at that frequency could be catastrophic for water users who rely on these facilities for a portion of their supply, for the environment, and particularly for affected water agencies that do not have another viable source of water supply for their customers.

Allowing reservoirs to reach dead pool is not sound policy and is at odds with overall efforts by the state and federal governments to address California's water supply reliability and ecosystem health. Adaptive strategies that address this issue are critical to ensure that the operational rules for California's water delivery system will provide the water supply assurances needed by water users throughout the state. It should be the policy of the state to adopt regulations, develop operating rules, or take other actions that will ensure that reservoirs are not drawn to dead pool conditions, even in multiple dry years.

Actions

- The Administration should develop a strategy in coordination with state agency leadership and federal agency partners by January 1, 2015, to ensure reservoirs are not driven to dead pool levels. This strategy should identify needed regulatory changes, infrastructure improvements including increased storage capacity, and changes in reservoir operations, as well as support for additional local resources development.

- Initial actions identified through this process that can be implemented prior to January 1, 2015, should be included as part of the report outlined in the Governmental Coordination section of this Statewide Water Action Plan.
- As part of this strategy, the Governor should direct state agencies to implement new and existing water management and water quality programs in a manner that will help ensure California's reservoirs do not reach dead pool conditions.

5. Improved Regional Self-Reliance

In addition to water use efficiency and water conservation, California's water agencies utilize a variety of methods to increase local water supplies and reliability for water users and the environment. The state should continue to support development of local and regional water resources that improve each region's water supply reliability and, where applicable, augment imported water supplies. This includes surface water diversions for in-basin uses, conjunctive use, stormwater capture, recycled water, desalination, and groundwater cleanup. Projects and programs that achieve multiple benefits should be a priority.

Actions

- Local agencies should improve self-reliance by planning and implementing projects consistent with decisions made by local and regional water agencies.
- DWR should consult with local and regional agencies to develop a statewide strategy to improve regional supplies, in accordance with the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act.
- The state should continue to support Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) efforts that successfully provide for regional and local needs.
- DWR should work with existing IRWMP programs and stakeholders to evaluate the state's Integrated Regional Water Management program and identify areas for improvement, including streamlining the application process, developing specific criteria to determine successful plan implementation, and reducing transaction costs. This effort should include ways to enhance the program's effectiveness in serving disadvantaged communities in IRWMP-eligible areas.

6. Headwaters

Because nearly all of the state's water supplies originate in California's headwaters, more effectively managing these areas is integral to optimizing the water supplies that nature provides. Adapting to climate change and improving watershed resiliency to reduce the likelihood of catastrophic wildfires and increase water yield and quality will require substantial investments by the state.

Actions

- State land and resource management agencies with jurisdiction in headwaters areas should draft a joint report to the Governor and the Legislature analyzing the impacts of climate change on headwaters. The report should identify the benefits that headwaters currently provide, identify models to assess the impacts of climate change on these resources and outline strategies to adapt to those impacts. The appropriate state agencies should invite their federal agency partners to participate in the development of the report.
- The Natural Resources Agency, in consultation with the Sierra Nevada Research Institute (UC Merced) and the U.S. Departments of Agriculture and the Interior, should provide a report to the Governor outlining and prioritizing investments that can be made on public lands to improve the condition and functions of California's headwaters to benefit water supply reliability for the state.
- Working with local agencies, the state should assess and support solutions for legacy issues affecting water quality and supply to improve the condition of affected watersheds.
- The state should seek to partner with the U.S. Forest Service in meadow restoration projects that can control excessive soil erosion and sediment delivery in California's watersheds to help maintain reservoir storage capacity, reduce flood risks and increase conjunctive use capability.

7. Water Quality

Protecting water quality is a critical aspect of water management in California. The state should continue to pursue actions to protect, maintain and enhance surface water and groundwater quality for all applicable beneficial uses, consistent with meeting all applicable standards, agreements and regulatory requirements.

Actions

- The Department of Public Health should fund the development and use of new analytical methods and cost-effective treatment technologies to better detect and remove chemical and microbial contaminants from drinking water supplies.
- The state should provide funding support for local water agencies to develop and implement salt and nutrient management plans that will reduce salinity in surface and groundwater supplies and provide enhanced conjunctive use opportunities.
- The State Water Resources Control Board and the Regional Boards should review and better match water quality standards to the locally appropriate and demonstrated use of the water. Water quality program expenditures should be focused where they will provide the greatest water quality benefits. Source water quality for municipal uses should continue to be protected.
- The state should continue to develop solutions for assisting disadvantaged communities that do not have safe drinking water.

8. Bay Delta Conservation Plan

A Delta solution, including a BDCP, is a critical component of a broader set of actions that will address water supply reliability and ecosystem health in California.

Actions

- Within the scope of existing regulatory statutes, all state agencies involved in developing a BDCP should exercise their discretion and authority to ensure the final project is consistent with the principles of this Statewide Water Action Plan.
- A Delta solution is expected to provide substantial public benefits, which will be funded from public sources including a revised 2014 water bond. The state should work with its federal partners to secure long-term, non-reimbursable federal funding to pay for the federal share of these public benefits.
- Any large construction project, including a BDCP, may have adverse impacts related to the project's "footprint." Where feasible, a BDCP should be designed to avoid or minimize adverse impacts in the first place. When adverse impacts cannot be avoided, the permittees of a BDCP should

mitigate project-related environmental impacts, including water supply impacts, in accordance with existing law.

- The permittees of a BDCP, including the Central Valley Project and State Water Project contractors, should work collaboratively with other water users in good faith on all statewide water issues to find mutually acceptable solutions on the broader statewide water issues.

9. Levee Improvement and Maintenance

Levees in the Delta and throughout California are key features of the state's water system and are subject to many risks, including those associated with earthquakes and floods. To protect against and prepare for future levee failures, the state should continue to support and prioritize the maintenance of levees in accordance with state law, including critical near-term actions and the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan.

Actions

- The Delta Stewardship Council should complete its prioritization plan by July 1, 2014.
- The state should continue to support DWR's Delta Levee Maintenance and Special Projects programs and provide support for local flood protection measures throughout the Central Valley by partnering with local agencies in projects that can incorporate public benefits.

10. Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety

Recent events in California and other states have demonstrated that water-related emergencies can have significant impacts and put public safety at risk. A robust emergency response plan is essential for minimizing disruption due to floods, earthquakes, wildfires, power outages or contamination of drinking water supplies. The state, working with federal partners, should continue efforts to improve response strategies to enhance public safety during these unforeseen events.

Actions

- DWR should implement pertinent recommendations of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Multi-Hazard Coordination Task Force Report of 2012.

- To reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) should review and, if necessary, revise relevant state regulations to better accommodate and effectuate the use of forest management tools such as forest thinning, biomass removal and controlled burns that reduce fuel loading.
- DWR should coordinate with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to ensure public safety in the Delta and upstream will not be compromised by actions that might otherwise degrade the performance of flood management facilities; create or redirect hydraulic impacts; or, interfere with or impede flood facility improvements, operations or maintenance.
- DWR should implement the pathway strategy adopted in its draft Delta Flood Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan and supported by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This effort includes all measures to facilitate restoration of an emergency freshwater pathway to water export facilities in approximately six months.

11. Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan

Multiple regulatory agencies, including, but not limited to, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), CDF&W, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), DWR, Army Corps of Engineers, and the Delta Stewardship Council are tasked with making decisions affecting California's water supplies. Continued coordination among these agencies is essential to avoid duplicative and possibly conflicting policies and regulations, and to make the most efficient use of the state's resources. Negotiated programs and planning efforts have been and likely will be the most effective tools to protect beneficial uses in the Bay-Delta. The State Water Board has the opportunity to lead this coordination through its review and update of the 2006 Water Quality Control Plan (Bay-Delta Plan). In its review of the Bay-Delta Plan, the State Water Board should:

Actions

- Encourage and facilitate negotiated programs, planning efforts and settlements that will implement flow and non-flow actions consistent

with the need to protect beneficial uses and public trust balancing.

- Require a tri-annual review of water quality objectives and implementation accountability through annual reports by local agencies, state offices, departments and boards with responsibility to implement the Bay-Delta Plan.

12. Water Bond

Significant investments in California's water infrastructure, water management improvements and ecosystem health are critically needed and long overdue.

Actions

- The water bond currently set for the November 2014 ballot should be modified, consistent with the ACWA Board of Directors' Water Bond Policy Principles, in early 2014 to ensure its placement on the November ballot. An appropriately crafted general obligation bond can fund broad public benefits associated with investments identified in this Statewide Water Action Plan. Priorities for funding should include new surface and groundwater storage; local and regional projects that support greater regional self-sufficiency; investments in Delta ecosystem restoration; safe drinking water projects and water quality improvements; water conservation and water use efficiency; and watershed management.

13. Groundwater Resources

Many regions of the state rely on groundwater for a significant portion of their water supply. In recent years, climate change, regulatory restrictions on surface water supplies, and increased demands have forced greater reliance on groundwater as a principal or supplemental supply for urban, agricultural and environmental uses. More sustainable management of groundwater is needed, but in order to succeed the state must invest in improvements to its water storage and Delta conveyance infrastructure to optimize both surface and groundwater supplies. Consistent with ACWA's strategic policy document, *Sustainability from the Ground Up: A Framework for Groundwater Management in California*, the state should support and incentivize effective local and regional groundwater management, resolve conflicting state regulatory requirements and streamline its policies to optimize and increase surface and groundwater storage opportunities.

Actions

- DWR should convene a multi-agency workgroup with participation by local groundwater agencies to coordinate, review and facilitate implementation of local and regional groundwater management performance objectives.
- Groundwater recharge, banking and conjunctive use projects are critical to the future sustainability of California's groundwater resources. DWR and State Water Board (and Regional Boards) should support and facilitate these activities when programs are implemented as part of an IRWMP or legally recognized groundwater management plan.
- DWR, in consultation with other agencies that gather data, should develop a single data portal on a publicly accessible website for groundwater quality information. DWR also should continue to expand the CASGEM database for groundwater quantity.
- The state, through the Regional Boards, should support and incentivize local agencies' efforts to develop long-term, sustainable solutions for cleanup of existing groundwater contamination and prevention of future contamination.

14. Water Transfers

Water transfers can provide much-needed flexibility in meeting water supply and environmental needs and have proven invaluable in dry years and droughts. A well-defined set of policies and procedures that provide certainty to transferring parties is essential to facilitate future transfers and promote local and statewide economic, social and environmental sustainability.

While federal and state laws promote transfers, DWR's current approval processes should be streamlined. These issues should be resolved as expeditiously as possible so water transfers can be implemented quickly — when they are needed — without adversely affecting third parties.

Actions

- DWR should convene stakeholder meetings, including with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, to identify and resolve, at a minimum, the following issues by December 1, 2013:

- Identify a process to expedite transfers within a region;
- Assess the role of CEQA in water transfers,
- Review DWR and Reclamation processes and criteria that are used to determine what water is transferable; and
- Investigate and review contracting practices within Reclamation and DWR for approving agreements to use conveyance and storage facilities of the Central Valley Project and the State Water Project.

- DWR also should review the 2002 SWRCB report, *Water Transfers Issues in California*, for background and relevant recommendations to further facilitate water transfers.

15. Governmental Coordination

For this plan to be successful, improved coordination among state agencies and between the state and federal government will be critical.

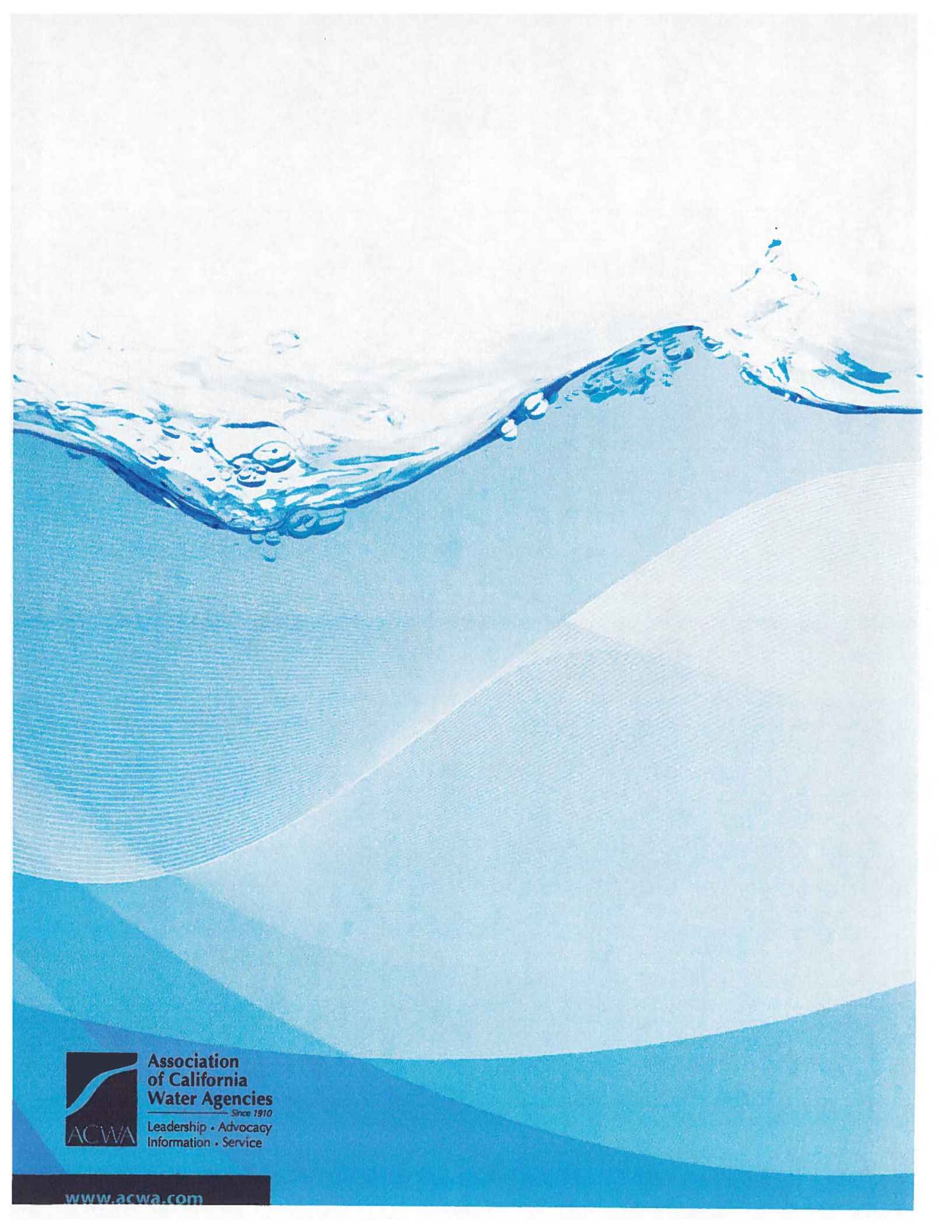
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- The Governor and state agency leadership should follow up with their federal counterparts, including the President, to assess actions, policy direction and commitments in response to the memo from the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) to his cabinet directing that a BDCP be a priority for the Obama Administration. The state should further coordinate with federal agencies to advance other actions identified in the CEQ memo, including conservation and water use efficiency, enhancing water supplies and storage, and facilitating water transfers during times of shortage.
- The secretaries of the Natural Resources Agency, California Environmental Protection Agency and the Health and Human Services Agency, in coordination with their respective boards, departments, offices, councils, commissions and conservancies that have a role in implementation of this plan, should produce within 90 days of the Governor's approval of this plan a joint report that details how the agencies and entities they oversee will exercise their authorities to implement this plan in an expeditious and integrated manner.

Statewide Water Action Plan Participation



** Participation in plan development does not necessarily imply formal endorsement of final document.*



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RESOLUTION NO. 2014-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
IN SUPPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES'
STATEWIDE WATER ACTION PLAN**

WHEREAS, a broad cross-section of water interests convened by the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) has developed a Statewide Water Action Plan to address overall water supply reliability and ecosystem health in California; and

WHEREAS, the ACWA Board of Directors unanimously approved the Statewide Water Action Plan at its Sept. 27, 2013 meeting and directed that it be submitted to California Governor Jerry Brown as the water community's recommendations for developing the Administration's water plan; and

WHEREAS, ACWA's Statewide Water Action Plan outlines 15 actions to improve water supply reliability, protect water rights, protect the integrity of the state's water system and promote better stewardship; and

WHEREAS, the plan also includes guiding principles for implementation to help ensure actions benefit the entire state, respect water rights and contract terms, and reflect a new regulatory approach that can better meet the needs of California water users and ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the Statewide Water Action Plan provides context for a Delta solution and other critical actions as components of a broader set of strategies to secure California's water future; and

WHEREAS, when implemented together, this suite of statewide actions will serve as a sustainable path forward for California; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT hereby supports ACWA's Statewide Water Action Plan and encourages its adoption as the basis for statewide action by Governor Brown.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on January 9, 2014.

Todd Murphy, President

ATTEST:

Vicki Sheppard, Secretary to the Board

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