



# Big Bear Municipal Water District

## *Lake Management*

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A RECIRCULATED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT SPECIAL USE BOAT LAUNCH & DEEPENING PROJECT

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#### **Project Background**

In July 2024, the Big Bear Municipal Water District (District) prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Big Bear Municipal Water District Special Use Boat Launch & Deepening Project (proposed project). In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 21092 and 15073, the Public Review Draft IS/MND for the proposed project was circulated for a 30-day public review period from July 11, 2024 through August 10, 2024. The IS/MND was posted with the San Bernardino County Clerk of the Board and the California Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation, State Clearinghouse, and made available online at <https://cob.sbcounty.gov/ceqa/> and <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2024070431>, respectively. During the 30-day public review process and thereafter, the District received additional information from a local Tribe and one comment letter.

Since the release of the IS/MND, the District has corresponded with both the Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation as well as a local commentator to ensure all project information is properly captured and disclosed. Through this correspondence and outreach, the District has been made aware of a known Tribal Cultural Resource in the proposed project area and has revised the existing setting of the IS/MND's Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources sections, as well as proposed cultural and tribal cultural resources mitigation measures. Additionally, minor text additions have been implemented throughout the IS/MND in response to comments received on the IS/MND. Although the environmental impacts associated with these changes would remain the same as those identified in the IS/MND, the District is recirculating the IS/MND pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15073.5 to clarify the proposed project and its associated environmental impacts. Appropriate revisions have been incorporated into this Recirculated IS/MND.

## **Project Location and Summary**

The District, as the CEQA Lead Agency, proposes the project, which involves dredging and implementation of a new special use boat launch facility located behind the District's main office. The proposed boat launch facility would be located on the south shore of Big Bear Lake (or Lake) in the Big Bear Valley within the San Bernardino Mountains, San Bernardino County, California. Big Bear Lake is approximately 100 miles northeast of Los Angeles and approximately 40 miles northeast of the City of San Bernardino. Implementation of the proposed project would deepen the West Navigation Channel and improve District and first responder access through the proposed boat launch facility and into the Lake.

## **Project Environmental Effects**

The Recirculated IS/MND finds that the proposed project's significant adverse effects on the environment can be mitigated to less-than-significant levels. The project site is not present on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

## **Public Review Period and Project Document Access**

Agencies and members of the public are invited to provide written comments on the Recirculated IS/MND. The comment period is from **February 20, 2025 to March 22, 2025**. The IS/MND can be reviewed at the District office at 40524 Lakeview Drive, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315 or on the Districts web site at: <https://www.bbmwd.com/requests-for-proposals-environmental-notices-projects>

Comments can be sent to Jared Cheek and Brittany Lamson, at P.O. Box 2863, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315, or email at [jcheek@bbmwd.net](mailto:jcheek@bbmwd.net) (cc:[blamson@bbmwd.net](mailto:blamson@bbmwd.net)). All comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on March 22, 2025.