



Big Bear Municipal Water District

Lake Management

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Administrative Committee Meeting Minutes May 7, 2024

Present: Director Ludecke
Director Brewster
Mike Stephenson, Chief Operations Officer
Brittany Lamson, Interim General Manager
Public: Anna Yip & Kirsten Hodgson (Blue Forest Representatives)

Agenda:

1. Blue Forest – Forest Resiliency Bond Presentation

- a. Anna Yip is a project manager for Blue Forest, a 503(c)(3) and this company created the Forestry Resilience Bond system.
 - i. As a financial tool to assist in “green” infrastructure repair/ maintenance.
- b. They are a separate entity in the private industry who works directly with the US Forest Service to implement large scale forest maintenance projects.
- c. Science based results from clearing these forests have shown increased water flows into tributaries and reduction in sediment runoff.
- d. Conservation funding backed by large scale investors and private/public partnerships.
- e. Funding would be specific to this North Big Bear Project if any funds were to be invested in this effort.
- f. Director Brewster is concerned about the closing of trails within the project area for the off-roading community because being able to use those roads is a huge revenue stream for the Valley.
 - i. He would like some clarification to what is being decommissioned (if any) through this project, wouldn't want to fund something that would take away from the community.
- g. Director Ludecke wouldn't want to do anything outside of our watershed so we would only want to consider anything within the larger project area.
 - i. Would only want to consider things going directly into the Big Bear Lake.
 - ii. What percentage of inflow or sediment would affect the actual lake to make any determination about funding.
- h. Ms. Yip explained there are strict rules on when and how much they can do at one time, so project may look piece meal but it's all intentional.
- i. Ms. Yip showed the success seen in previous projects in the Yuba area.
 - i. They create very conservative estimates and models which will be shared with you (the District) if you would be interested.
- j. Mr. Stephenson commented that sediment reduction identification would have as much value as in water flow because that would be our largest benefit.
- k. Director Ludecke asked if the forest service was contributing any funds?
 - i. Ms. Yip responded, yes, \$3.6 million this year.



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- l. Director Brewster asked if the project will go forward regardless?
 - i. Ms. Yip confirmed yes, but contributions would complete the effort faster and can grow the area that is currently proposed.
 - m. Cost for the projects will go up, and the forest service will not get enough funds from the federal budget to have the work completed.
- 2. Admin Issues & Updated (swim beach/carp shocking)**
- a. President Ludecke wants a lake improvement committee to discuss carp removal.
 - b. The committee suggested the group saves their money to complete a clear and grub or dredging when possible.