



Big Bear Municipal Water District

Lake Management

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Operations Committee Meeting Minutes September 30, 2024

Present: Director Brewster
Director Bradford
Jared Cheek, General Manager
Mike Stephenson, Chief Operations Officer
Brittany Lamson, Asst General Manager

Public: None

1. GEI Environmental Updates

1. Working through the environmental document for the special use ramp.
2. Received a couple comments back, nothing that could not be changed without changing the scope of the project.
3. Comments from Cultural and FOBBV.
4. We are going to recirculate the document so they can see that we did consider their comments and adjusted the document where additional detail is needed.
5. No one was against the project so that's good news.
6. Committee was in favor for recirculating the document to show we do care about other groups comments and concerns.
7. Director Bradford wants to discuss including a couple more areas in the other environmental document long the swim beach shore to the east and then another project that starts at eagle and follows the shore to the west

2. Countin' Carp Incentive Program

1. What does the committee want to do with this program for next year?
2. Director Brewster is concerned the same people doing it every year, and other, newer participants getting discouraged or disenchanted with the program.
 - i. We should really start a carp education program, loan out bow set ups for the day, switch the focus to really bringing new people to the sport.
3. Director Bradford said the concept was to increase the removal and put an incentive on the group to really remove carp.
 - i. Look at the cost we put into this compared to us doing it, including the tournament, it was way cheaper than hiring a consultant to do it for us or the tournament.
 - ii. Does not care if the same person wins, because people are still out there taking the carp.
4. Director Bradford still wants to consider the full-time carp eradication staff.
 - i. Thought for next year is starting April 1, and do the same incentives as we did this year.



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- ii. Also offering some major goals, like 5,000 lbs and get 500 bucks, and scale up to 5,000 fish, something along those lines.
 - iii. Committee still wants to rent out the bows to new people to the sport.
 5. Should have a safety lesson or movie that they need to present the certificate of completion to the District before allowing them to rent bows from the District.
 6. Need to sponsor a program to actually help new participants and expand the removal.
 7. Two times a year, do a training as a huge group and let people sign up.
 - i. Perhaps have one of the sporting goods store sponsor the education process.
 - ii. Regardless of how it's done, the committee would like to explore options on education and rental bow program.

3. Lake Improvement Issues & Updates

No comments were made.