



## **BEAR VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

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### **BEAR VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

DATE OF MEETING: June 23, 2016  
PLACE OPEN & CLOSED SESSION MEETINGS: 28999 South Lower Valley Road  
TIME OF STUDY SESSION: 1:00 pm  
TIME OF OPEN SESSION MEETING: 6:00 pm

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**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:20 pm.

**2. Attendance – Roll Call**

President Rick Zanutto  
Vice President Gil Grace  
Director Jane Baron  
Director Charlene LaClaire  
Director Walt Ritchie

All Directors were present. Also present were General Manager David Edmonds, Chief of Police Jeff Kermode and Secretary of the Board Kristy McEwen. General Counsel Don Davis arrived at 6:00 pm.

**3. Study Session**

**A. FY 2016/17 Preliminary Budget Study Session**

The following budgets were reviewed: Police, Parks & Recreation, Wastewater, Dispatch and Miscellaneous budgets. The discussion focused on the challenge of balancing General Fund budgets to revenue. By consensus, the Board directed staff on the following:

Post Office: close – unanimous

Parks & Recreation: no cuts – unanimous

Gate: no further cuts – 4-1 with Director LaClaire stating cuts should be considered

Dispatch: reduce budget by General Fund gap – 3-2 with Directors Grace and Baron dissenting

Police: no further cuts - unanimous

**4. Regular Session**

Regular Session convened at 6:06 pm.

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**5. Approval of Agenda – Roll Call**

The Agenda was approved unanimously by the Board.

**6. Pledge of Allegiance**

Director Ritchie led the Pledge of Allegiance

**7. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

Members of the public may address the Board on matters not listed on this Agenda. The Board cannot take action on any item that is not on the Agenda. The Board or staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed, or may ask questions for clarification. These items may also be referred to staff or scheduled on a future Agenda. There will be a separate opportunity for public comment for each item on the Agenda.

- Amanda Carroll presented a chip reader to the District on behalf of Have a Heart Humane Society. The reader will be kept at the Bear Valley Police Department and will greatly improve the likelihood of reuniting lost pets and their owners. The Board of Directors expressed their thanks and appreciation for the generous donation.
- Roberta Miller, Alan Miller, Mark Anderson, Jerry Pittenger, Ginny Tunks, and others spoke of their concerns on tree mortality, logging, road damage, and fire danger.
- Peter Balian clarified a question on road use by property owners.
- Frank Keeler discussed the possibility of pursuing cityhood.
- Doug Jockinson spoke on District Ordinance Code re: weed abatement for non-compliant property owners. Staff and legal counsel will review the District’s responsibilities and will return with information to the Board at a later date.
- Ed Duvall asked that a comment card be read into the record regarding the lease agreement between BVSA and the District.

**8. Disclosures by the Board of Directors**

Board Members are asked to disclose any outside communications with individuals and organizations that have an action item on this agenda that pertains directly to them or their specific personal or private interests and which communication is not included or disclosed in the agenda package, so that all interested persons have an equal opportunity to express and represent their interests.

**9. Public Hearing/Action Item:**

- A. ADOPT Resolution 15/16-35 and ADOPT the Final Initial Study – Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Solar Project (Mr. Davis)

President Zanutto opened the hearing at 7:25 pm

- o Chris Bersbach from Rincon Consulting Inc, gave a presentation on the Mitigated Negative Declaration. Mo Rousso from Heliopower was also present and both addressed questions from the Board and public.

President Zanutto opened the floor to public questions and comment at 8:34 pm.

President Zanutto closed the hearing at 8:42 pm.

**Motion:** The Board of Directors ADOPT Resolution 15/16-35 and ADOPT the Final Initial Study – Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Solar Project: LaClaire. Second: Ritchie

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	AYE:	Baron, LaClaire, Ritchie, Grace, Zanutto
	NO:	None
	ABSTAIN:	None
	ABSENT:	None

**10. Board Comments**

- A. Director Baron: None
- B. Director LaClaire: None
- C. Director Ritchie: None
- D. Vice-President Grace: None
- E. President Zanutto reported on the Bulky Waste, Community Clean up Day, stating he was very impressed with the District employees who helped with the event.

**11. Staff Comments**

- A. Chief of Police – Chief Kermode commended Police and Dispatch staff for their service and professionalism during the Frontier fire, earlier that day.
- B. General Counsel: Nothing further
- C. General Manager: Mr. Edmonds commended staff for their dedication and hard work during preparation of the Preliminary Budget.

**12. Adjourn to Closed Session**

**13. Closed Session**

- A. Public Employment: Chief of Police  
*Government Code Section 54957*  
No Reportable Action
- B. Threat to Public Services or Facilities  
*Government Code Section 54957*  
Consultation with: General Manager; Chief of Police  
No Reportable Action

**14. Convene Open Session**

Open Session was convened at 10:11 pm

**15. Summary of Actions Taken During Closed Session**

President Zanutto reported as above.

- 16. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors is July 14, 2016.



Richard Zanutto, President of the Board

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Kristy McEwen, Secretary of the Board