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Council Appoints New Planning Commissioners – *Both will take office on May 17*

BIG BEAR LAKE, CA – At their last regular meeting on May 8, Big Bear Lake City Council officially appointed Anne Zimmerman and David Caretto to the City's Planning Commission. After interviewing nine candidates, the Council chose Zimmerman and Caretto to fill two vacancies, serving terms set to expire on June 30, 2007. Both will be sworn into office at the May 17 Planning Commission meeting.

Zimmerman, a local attorney at law, has lived in Big Bear Lake the past 22 years. She currently serves on the board of directors for Operation Breakthrough, the Hospital Foundation and is a member of the Rotary Club. Caretto, who has owned a home in the City the past eight years, retired as general manager of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA) in December 2005 before moving to Big Bear to live full-time. His past work experience also includes serving as City Manager for Irwindale and Assistant City Manager for Pico Rivera.

A vacancy on the Planning Commission was left after former Commissioner Gary Dokter resigned in February of this year when he accepted a position with the Big Bear City Airport as General Manager. Subsequently, current Chairman Tom Beede resigned last month due to time constraints. That left the Council with an additional vacancy to fill.

The Planning Commission consists of a five-member body. Its primary duties include preparing, adopting and maintaining a long-range comprehensive master plan for the City's growth and development; encouraging citizen participation in the implementation of the master plan; serving as an advisory body to the City Council on matters relating to growth and development, such as General Plan Amendments, Specific Plans, and Zone Changes; and analyzing and acting on development applications, such as Conditional Use Permits, Plot Plan Reviews, Subdivisions, Condominium maps and Variances.

The City of Big Bear Lake is a four-season resort located in the heart of the San Bernardino National Forest, approximately 30 miles northeast of San Bernardino. The City serves a population of 6,500 residents and covers a 6.95 square mile area on Big Bear Lake's south shore. Recreation is offered year-round, including skiing, boating, fishing, camping, hiking, golf and fine dining. Visit us at www.citybigbearlake.com

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