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**CITY OF BIG BEAR LAKE CITY COUNCIL AND DEPARTMENT OF WATER &  
POWER BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR A  
SPECIAL JOINT WORKSHOP MEETING  
MAY 13, 2019**

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A Special Joint Workshop Meeting of the City Council and Department of Water & Power (DWP) Board of Commissioners of the City of Big Bear Lake was called to order by Mayor Putz at 10:02 a.m., Monday, May 13, 2019, at the Civic Center, 39707 Big Bear Boulevard, Big Bear Lake, California.

**OPEN SESSION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Flag Salute: Led by DWP Chair Bob Tarras

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Randall Putz  
Mayor Pro Tem Rick Herrick  
Councilmember David Caretto

Councilmembers Excused: Councilmember Bob Jackowski  
Councilmember Bill Jahn

Commissioners Present: DWP Chair Bob Tarras  
DWP Vice-Chair Barbara Willey

Commissioners Excused: DWP Treasurer Craig Hjorth  
DWP Commissioner Alan Lee

Others Present: Jeff Mathieu, City Manager  
Kelly Ent, Director of Government Services  
John Harris, Director of Development Services  
Reggie Lamson, DWP General Manager  
Dani McGee, DWP Chief Financial Officer  
Leeanne Eagleson, DWP Board Secretary  
Erica Stephenson, City Clerk  
Rebecca Cannon, Administrative Assistant

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**1. DEPARTMENT OF WATER & POWER (DWP) FISCAL YEAR 2019-20  
PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET**

Council and Board consideration and discussion regarding the DWP's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20.

Reggie Lamson, DWP General Manager, began his presentation by reviewing DWP's accomplishments that have been made over the last Fiscal Year, discussed the grant and loan funding secured for various projects and reviewed the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20.

Mayor Pro Tem Herrick asked if they (DWP) will be depreciating the loan for the Division Well Field Solar Power Plant Project so they can replace the panels; asked if there have been any issues coordinating with the Convention Center.

Reggie Lamson responded and continued with the presentation by discussing groundwater levels, the Radio-Read Meter Replacement Program, distributed pumping operations and also discussed the Replenish Big Bear Project.

Councilmember Caretto asked how long the Radio-Read meters last; asked what other agencies are doing for improvements.

Reggie Lamson responded.

Mayor Putz asked for a brief overview of the Replenish Big Bear's timeline and the big hurdles DWP is expecting to run into and inquired about the lead agency for the project.

Reggie Lamson responded with the project's tentative timeline and funding opportunities; stated the four agencies involved and the amount each agency has contributed to the project thus far; and specified that Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency (BBARWA) is the lead agency involved with the Project as it will be their asset.

Mayor Pro Tem Herrick inquired about the state budget for this project and asked where the requested money will be contributed from.

Councilmember Caretto asked about the maintenance and cost of operation for the Replenish Big Bear Project and if the agencies involved have deliberated how to allocate the responsibilities further associated with the project.

Reggie Lamson responded and continued with the presentation by further discussing financial accomplishments, various DWP projects, upgrades made with respect to their software applications for accounting and customer information, the new mission statement and gave an overview of the financial plan for FY 2019-20 including proposed revenues and anticipated expenditures.

Council and Board discussion regarding the Pipeline Replacement Project.

Reggie Lamson concluded the presentation by discussing proposed growth related projects, proposed sustainability and general plant expenditures and reviewed the needs of the agency identified in the DWP'S 2019 Strategic Review.


Councilmember Caretto asked if there is room for expansion at the Garstin warehouse.

Reggie Lamson and staff responded.  
Council commented on DWP's progress and thanked them for their great work.

Report received and filed. No formal action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council and Commissioners at this joint session, Mayor Putz adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

  
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Erica Stephenson, City Clerk