



MANAGER'S MINUTE

The District will be installing a new generator at the entrance gate over the next couple of weeks. The new generator will include an automatic transfer switch (ATS), so the gate staff will not have to start the generator manually during a power outage. There will be minor interruptions and adjustments to the traffic pattern during excavation and installation. Please drive slowly through the gate on both sides of the gate house and pay attention to any traffic directions (flaggers) and temporary signs.

The Bear Valley Road replacement project, which includes water line replacements, will begin shortly. The District received several bids, and the Board will consider awarding the contract at its August 13 meeting. While this will cause some disruption to the flow of traffic on Bear Valley Road, the new water lines and road conditions will be worth the wait and inconvenience.

Staff has been working with consultants to complete the Proposition 218 analysis of the Roads Division operation and capital improvement needs. The report with the proposed rates will be submitted to the Board in the next few weeks for their consideration and approval. Once the Board approves the report, the consultant will prepare the required notification and mail it to all property owners at the mailing address listed with the Kern County Assessor Recorder's office. The process for approving the proposed rates will be explained in the notice.



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General Manager



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FROM THE ADMIN OFFICE

Happy New Fiscal Year! We are one month into the new 2027 Fiscal Year. The district follows a fiscal year schedule from July 1 through June 30. We are required to submit our adopted budget and tax roll resolutions annually to Kern County. Biannually, we submit a conflict of interest code to the state and, in an election year, a resolution to the county requesting consolidation with the general election for board of directors' seats.

The district held several special and regular board meetings throughout June and July to complete these annual requirements and other district business. All of our meetings are live-streamed and archived on our website. This is the best way to stay informed with the facts and learn how the district operates.

Lastly, a quick update on our Public Records online portal: as of January 1, 2026, we have fulfilled 42 Public Records requests. 88% of requests were fulfilled within the 10-day response period; 12% were reopened to include additional information or were large requests that required staff time to collect, review, and upload a large volume of information.

For more information or to find the items in this article, visit our website, bvcsd.org



Denise Jelleschitz
Board Secretary
Assistant to the General Manager

New Employees at the CSD

- Jessey Esposito, Police Officer
- Ashley Acosta, Police Officer
- Shannon Curran, Accounting Tech

Community Services District Hours

Administration Office:

Mon-Fri, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Transfer Station:

Monday: 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Tuesday: 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Wednesday: 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Thursday: 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday: 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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Request Public Records

We are committed to promoting transparency and open governance. As part of this commitment, we offer a user-friendly platform for the public to access important documents and information.

To enter a records request, visit bvcsd.org/california-public-records-act. In addition to entering requests, you can also view all previous requests that the Bear Valley CSD has fulfilled.



POLICE DEPARTMENT



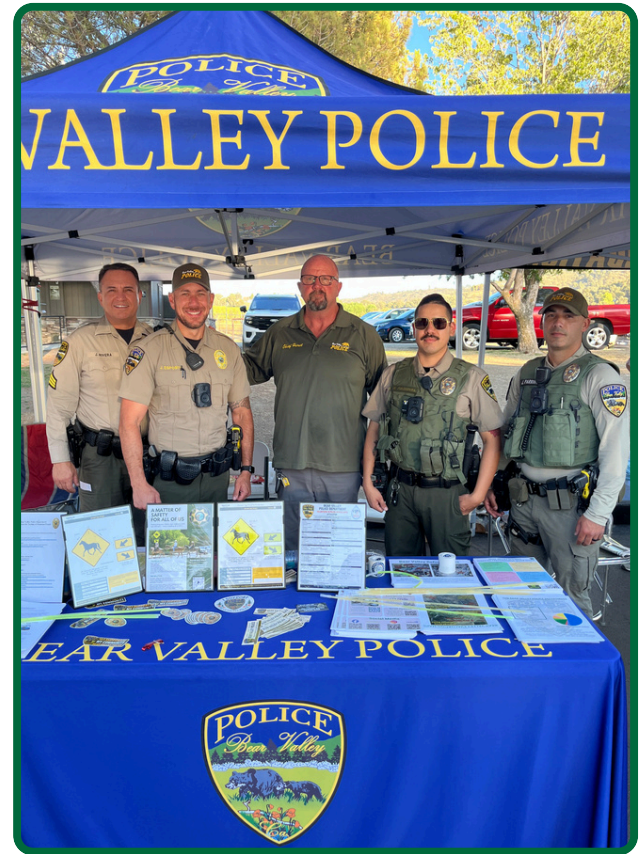
National Night Out

Thank you to everyone who joined us for National Night Out 2026!

The Bear Valley Police Department and Bear Valley Community Services District had a fantastic time connecting with our community. It was a wonderful evening filled with great conversations, fun activities, and community spirit.

A special thank you to Waste Management, the Kern County Office of Emergency Services, the BVS Emergency Radio Team, the Bear Valley Springs Veterans Association, Clarvida, and all of our food and game vendors for helping make the event such a success. We couldn't have done it without you!

We appreciate everyone who came out and look forward to seeing you again next year!



Golf Carts and Other Unregistered Vehicles Prohibited on Roads in Bear Valley Springs

As a reminder, CSD District Code prohibits golf carts and other unregistered motor vehicles on our roads. Starting August 1, the Bear Valley Police Department began issuing Administrative Citations for violations.

The CSD Board of Directors is considering potential changes to District Code to allow them on some roads. We will provide updates to the community if and when that happens.



Chief Dain Hurst
Bear Valley
Police Department

THE BEAR VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Our mission is to keep Bear Valley free from crime, promoting a safe and peaceful environment for all residents and visitors. We are committed to building trust and community support through continuous engagement and service excellence.

January–July 2026

813

Calls for
Service

57

Criminal
Investigations

159

Patrol Checks

7

Arrests

486

Senior Wellness
Checks

55

Non-Criminal
Reports Filed

6:16

Average Response
Time

OFFICER ON DUTY:

6 AM to 10 PM WEEKDAYS

6 AM to 12 AM WEEKENDS

Outside of these hours, officers are on an on-call system and will respond to Priority 1 calls. Priority 1 calls include crimes in progress, life-threatening emergencies, and serious traffic collisions.

EMERGENCY CALLS: 911

NON-EMERGENCY CALLS: 661-861-3110

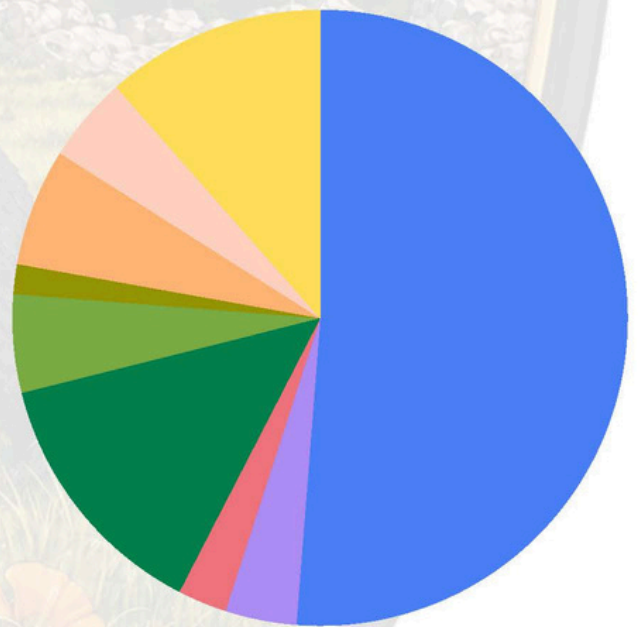
If you are unsure whether your situation is an emergency, call 911. Dispatchers will determine the appropriate response.

All calls are routed through Kern County Dispatch. They communicate directly with officers to coordinate responses.

2026/2027 Planned Spending

Total Operating Budget: \$2.4 Million

- Salaries and Benefits - \$1.2M
- Equipment and Facilities - \$91,000
- Operating Costs - \$63,000
- Administrative Support - \$328,000
- Dispatch Service - \$125,000
- Utilities - \$38,000
- District Insurance - \$150,000
- Other Professional Services - \$109,000
- General Services Support - \$279,000



POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFF:

- 1 Police Chief
- 2 Sergeants
- 5 Full-Time Police Officers
- 1 Reserve Police Officer
- 1 Part-Time Community Service Officer
- 1 Administrative Specialist

Our Officers are Local

4 currently live in Bear Valley Springs
6 live within 15 minutes of the gate

PUBLIC WORKS

Transfer Station Preparing to Enforce Organic Waste Requirements

The Bear Valley Community Services District will soon begin enforcing requirements for the separation of organic waste from regular trash and recycling. The CSD is currently waiting for Waste Management to install organics recycling carts at the Transfer Station. Once the carts are in place, we will announce the implementation timeline and provide details on how the new requirements will be enforced.

In the meantime, please review the information below so you'll be prepared when the changes take effect.

Help Keep Food Waste Out of Landfills

Recycling food scraps and food-soiled paper is easier than ever. Organics recycling carts at the Bear Valley Transfer Station will provide a simple way to keep organic waste out of landfills and help create a cleaner, more sustainable community.

Why Your Participation Matters

California's SB 1383 law requires communities to reduce the amount of organic waste sent to landfills. When food waste is buried in a landfill, it produces methane, a greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change.

By bringing your food scraps and food-soiled paper products to the Bear Valley Springs Transfer Station, you're helping reduce greenhouse gas emissions, conserve natural resources, and support your community's efforts to meet California's organics recycling requirements.

What to Recycle

Place the following materials in the designated organics carts. To make recycling easier, you may use paper bags or cardboard boxes. Please do not use plastic or compostable bags.



Food Waste



Produce



Food Soiled Paper,
Coffee Filters & Tea Bags



Meat, Fish & Poultry



Dairy



Bread, Pasta, Rice,
Grains, Coffee Grounds

Do Not Include:

- | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Batteries | Plastic bags |
| Compostable bags | Trash |
| Fats, oils & greases | Plastic containers |
| Foam containers | Recyclables |
| Hazardous waste | Serveware / utensils |

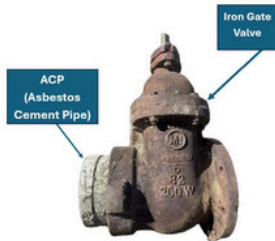
BEAR VALLEY ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECT

Bear Valley Road will be completely reconstructed from the front gate to Oakflat Drive and from Bay Court to Martingale Way – and the aging water mains beneath the road will be replaced at the same time.

WHAT THE PROJECT INCLUDES:

- **Full reconstruction of two segments of Bear Valley Road**
Front gate to Oakflat Drive • Bay Court to Martingale Way
- **Replacement of the water main lines under the road**
Retiring original asbestos cement pipe (ACP)
- **Replacement of water service lines to properties**
- **New mainline gate valves for faster, smaller shutoffs**
Crews can isolate a leak without draining the neighborhood
- **Professional design by Provost & Pritchard engineering**
Construction performed by outside contractors – not your 6-person roads crew

WHY DIG UP THE WATER LINES TOO?



Gate valve cast in 1982, excavated from beneath our roads

- **Dig once, pay once.** Replacing pipe while the road is already open means we never have to cut into brand-new pavement.
- **Our ACP mains are 40+ years old.** As asbestos cement pipe ages it softens, grows brittle, and breaks more often.
- **Old valves make outages bigger.** When a seized valve can't close, one leak can shut down water to an entire area.
- **Emergency repairs cost more.** Broken ACP requires certified handling and regulated disposal – planned replacement is far cheaper per foot.

Your water is safe today – we're replacing these pipes so it stays that way.

PROJECT FUNDING

\$9.3 Million

Current project estimate

- **Road reconstruction**
Paid from the Roads Fund
- **Water line replacement**
Paid from the Water Enterprise Fund

The FY 2026/27 budget dedicates the vast majority of the CSD's \$10.5M capital improvement funds to this project.

PROJECT TIMELINE:

- **Dec 2024**
Board approves engineering study
- **Sept 2025**
Study delivered; best rehab options identified
- **Dec 2025**
Design work begins with Provost & Pritchard
- **April 2026**
Design passes the 65% completion mark
- **July 31, 2026**
Construction bids received
- **August 13, 2026**
Award recommendation goes before the Board
- **Next**
Contract award & construction begins

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Expect delays on our roads once construction begins
- Timely alerts on closures via **Nixle**, the **electronic gate marquee**, the **CSD website**, and **social media**
- Water service interruptions will be announced in advance

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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Board President



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Board Member



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Board Member



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Board Member

Board Actions in July

- **Board Considers Altering District Code to Allow Golf Carts on Some Roads**
 - Current District Code bans golf carts and other unregistered vehicles on all roads in Bear Valley Springs. On July 23, the Board of Directors discussed potentially changing code to allow them on some roads. The Board directed staff to publish an ordinance to make this change, which will be discussed and voted on at a future meeting.
- **Board Considers Adding Traffic Violations to District Code, Allowing Police to Administer Administrative Citations for Offenses**
 - Under current code, Bear Valley Police can only issue traffic tickets under the California Vehicle Code. The Board is now considering adding traffic violations to district code, which would allow police to issue administrative citations. The Board directed staff to publish an ordinance, which will be discussed and voted on at a future meeting.
- **Board of Directors Responds to Resident-Led Initiative to Repeal Water Fees, Police Tax**
 - In Early July, the Community Services District was notified that an initiative petition filed by two Bear Valley Springs residents to overturn recently approved water fees and the 1997 police tax had gathered sufficient signatures for approval. In response, the Board of Directors voted to place the two items on the November ballot.
- **Board of Directors Hires New Legal Counsel**
 - The Board authorized an agreement with Cole Huber, LLC, for general counsel services. The agreement is for three years, not to exceed \$225,000 total.
- **Board Continues Planning for Potential Changes to Amenities Management**
 - The Board approved the creation of a Parks and Recreation Manager position. This position will only become necessary if the CSD receives an unfavorable ruling from the Fair Political Practices Commission regarding a potential conflict of interest between the CSD and Bear Valley Springs Association. To read more, visit bvcsd.org/csd-continues-planning-for-potential-amenities-management-changes

August Meeting Schedule

- August 6, 10 a.m. - Liaison Committee
- August 13, 6 p.m.. - Regular Board of Directors Meeting
- August 20, 1 p.m. - Infrastructure Committee
- August 25, 10 a.m. - Administration Committee
- August 27, 6 p.m. - Regular Board of Directors Meeting