



# MANAGER'S MINUTE

The District started issuing manure stickers mid-April with a start date of May 1. If you haven't registered for manure disposal, please come by the District office so that you can fill out the necessary forms. You will need to bring the vehicle that will be used to dispose of the manure so we can place the sticker in the correct location. Without the sticker, you will not be able to dispose of the manure at the Transfer Station.

The Board revisited the Sewer rate schedule, and a new Proposition 218 notice was mailed to all property owners. The public is set for June 11 at 6:00 pm. No rates will be changed until the new public hearing takes place and the Board makes a decision.

The budget season has begun and there are several opportunities for the community to weigh in on next fiscal year's budget. The next opportunity is the joint Finance Committee/ Board meeting May 26, 2026, at 9:00 am.

Now that the weather is warming, the District will be working on several projects including the Bear Valley Road replacement and improvement project. Please sign up for emails through Constant Contact, alerts through Nixle, and check out the project status page on the District's website for updates and important information.



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text BVSAAlerts to 888777



**Beverli Marshall**  
General Manager

# FROM THE ADMIN OFFICE

**What is the difference between a Resolution and an Ordinance?**

**A resolution is a formal document that affirms a decision or statement made by the board of directors by a majority vote. The board will adopt a resolution for approvals, policies, statements, appointments, and recognitions. All resolutions are formalized and signed by both the board president and board secretary. Resolutions are a very important part of the historical data and can help us look back at decisions made.**

**An Ordinance is used to add or amend District Code, and is the local law on how the District is governed. Ordinances require a formal legislative process and multiple readings to be approved by a majority vote by the board of directors. It must also be publicly noticed in the newspaper prior to each reading and after adoption. Ordinances must be signed by the board president, board secretary and District legal counsel.**

**Both serve an important role in establishing the history of the District and how it is governed, you can find an archive of our Approved Resolutions and our District Code on our website: [bvcsdca.specialdistrict.org](http://bvcsdca.specialdistrict.org)**



**Denise Jelleschitz  
Board Secretary  
Assistant to the General Manager**

## **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.

## **Public Hearing on Sewer Rate Adjustments**

**The Bear Valley CSD will hold a public hearing on proposed adjustments to sewer rates on Thursday, June 11, at 6 PM. The CSD's treatment plant serves about 500 parcels in Bear Valley Springs. It is not funded by tax revenue and relies on rate revenues.**

**However, current rate revenues are not covering operating expenses and debt service, meaning the wastewater system is operating at a deficit. The rate adjustment is needed to cover operating costs and repay a loan issued for the development of the treatment plant.**

**A rate adjustment proposed last March failed due to a majority of the affected parcels submitting protest votes. The Board of Directors listened to concerns raised by residents and is now proposing smaller rate adjustments that will only pay for operations and past debts, but will not fund necessary future capital improvements.**

**For more information, visit [bvcsd.org](http://bvcsd.org)**



# POLICE DEPARTMENT



## California Vehicle Code Update

The Bear Valley Police Department has seen a rise in complaints and excessive speeds throughout Bear Valley. This is a growing issue, and our priority remains awareness and prevention.

In late 2025, the Bear Valley Police Department was forced to stop enforcing the California Vehicle Code after issues were raised with Bear Valley's legal road classification.

The Bear Valley CSD is actively working with the County of Kern to resolve this matter. The CSD has submitted all required documents to the county and is now awaiting approval to resume enforcement.

In the meantime, the Bear Valley Police Department reminds all residents to drive carefully and be aware of hazards, including:

- Frequent wildlife crossings
- Equestrian crossings
- Children present in the area
- Cyclists sharing the roadway
- Seasonal changes affecting road conditions

The CSD has also reduced the speed limits on several roads. Those will be enforced once we have the authority to do so again.

Remember, the time you save by speeding is never worth the risk. Slow down, stay alert, and obey all posted speed limits.

## Bear Valley PD Staffing

As we approach the upcoming budget cycle and prepare for expected cutbacks, we remain focused on maintaining strong staffing levels and service to the community.

Recently, the department hired Police Officer Joaquin Parrino and Line-Level 1 Reserve Officer Bryan Clark.

In addition, a new full-time officer is scheduled to join Bear Valley on May 18.

These additions strengthen our team and support our ongoing commitment to public safety.

## Crosswalk Fundraiser

The Bear Valley Springs Police Foundation, in partnership with the Bear Valley Police Department, is launching a campaign to fund two equestrian and pedestrian crosswalks in Bear Valley.

Each crossing will feature solar-powered flashing signs to improve visibility and alert drivers.

These upgrades address a real safety need, reducing risk for riders, walkers, and motorists in high-use areas.

We are asking for your support; every contribution helps move this project forward. The proposal will be presented at the next Board of Directors meeting, with approval as the next critical step.

Watch for an upcoming flyer with project details, locations, and ways to contribute



**Chief Dain Hurst**  
Bear Valley  
Police Department



# BEAR VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT



# E-BIKE, BICYCLE & GOLF CART SAFETY EVENT

**KNOW THE LAW. RIDE SAFE. PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY.**

Join the Bear Valley Police Department for a hands-on community event focused on e-bikes, bicycles, and golf cart safety.



**SATURDAY  
MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>**



**10:00 A.M.**



**OTCC BANQUET ROOM  
@ 29541 ROLLING OAK DR.**



**LEARN THE RULES.  
RIDE SAFELY.  
PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS.**

**THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL AGES.**

**PARENTS & GUARDIANS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

## ★ WHAT YOU WILL LEARN & EXPERIENCE ★



### E-BIKE & BICYCLE LAWS

Understand the laws, classifications, speed limits, licensing requirements, and where you can ride.



### PARENT RESPONSIBILITY

Learn about liability, real case examples, and the legal consequences of unsafe or illegal operation.



### SAFETY CHECKS

Helmet fitting, equipment checks, and tips to keep your bike or e-bike safe and street-legal.



### SKILLS COURSE

Hands-on obstacle course to practice braking, turning, control, and obstacle avoidance.



### RULES OF THE ROAD

Learn right-of-way, traffic signs, signals, road positioning, and safe riding behaviors.



### GOLF CART & OFF-ROAD SAFETY

Understand where golf carts can go, passenger safety, speed risks, and responsible use of off-road vehicles.



### LIVE ACTIVITIES!

- ✓ OBSTACLE & SKILLS COURSES
- ✓ EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS
- ✓ REAL-WORLD SAFETY SCENARIOS
- ✓ MEET AND TALK WITH OFFICERS

**★ FREE ★  
★ GIVEAWAYS ★  
FOR YOUNG RIDERS!**



**SAFE RIDERS. STRONG COMMUNITY. BRIGHT FUTURE.**

★ *Together, we make Bear Valley safer.* ★

**QUESTIONS? TALK WITH A BVPD OFFICER OR VISIT OUR INFORMATION TABLE.**

# PUBLIC WORKS

## Manure Disposal Program

If you haven't signed up for the Bear Valley CSD's new Manure Disposal Program, make sure you do so as soon as possible!

As of May 1, all residents disposing of manure at the Transfer Station are required to pay a monthly \$10.55 fee and have a sticker added to their vehicle as proof.

If you need to enroll, visit the CSD office to pick up a Manure Disposal Enrollment Form.

Residents who are not enrolled will not be permitted to dispose of manure at the Transfer Station.

If you have any questions, contact the CSD at 661-821-4428 or [admincounter@bvcsd.org](mailto:admincounter@bvcsd.org).



## Roads Crew Begins Right-of-Way Mowing

The CSD Roads Team has started its annual right-of-way mowing

This work is critical to reduce the risk of wildfires in Bear Valley Springs.

The Roads Team has already deployed boom and flail mowers to lower roads, and will continue to work their way upward over the following months.

Please be aware that roadside mowers travel in normal traffic lanes. If you come across one while driving, please slow down, be patient, and give the equipment plenty of space to operate. Do not attempt to pass until it is safe to do so.



## BAG YOUR TRASH

ALL TRASH TAKEN TO THE BEAR VALLEY CSD TRANSFER STATION MUST BE PROPERLY BAGGED AND TIED. LOOSE TRASH CAN BLOW OUT OF TRASH TRUCKS AND LAND ON OUR ROADS.



*Do your part and bag your trash.  
Help keep Bear Valley Springs clean.*

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**Paul Paparella**  
**Board President**



**Claude Tabor**  
**Vice President**



**Martin Hernandez**  
**Board Member**



**Michael Lewis**  
**Board Member**



**Geva Frevert**  
**Board Member**

## Board Actions in April

- **Board of Directors Proposes New Sewer Fee Adjustments**
  - Following the defeat of a proposed sewer rate increase in March, the Board of Directors proposed an alternative, smaller set of rate adjustments at the April 9 Board Meeting. Under the revised proposal, rates would increase in year one by the amounts originally proposed. However, in subsequent years, they would increase by 7% annually rather than 15%. A public hearing will be held on June 11 to vote on the proposed rate adjustments. Notices have been mailed to affected parcel owners.
- **Pavement Condition Report**
  - On April 9, the CSD Board of Directors got its first look at the Pavement Management Report from Infrastructure Management Services. The report analyzed the current conditions of roads in Bear Valley, giving the CSD critical data needed to plan future road projects. The report will also be critical to determining future funding needed to rehabilitate and repair our roads.
- **Board of Directors Reviews Potential Conflict of Interest over Bear Valley Springs Association Amenity Agreement**
  - On April 20, the Board of Directors met for a special meeting to address a potential conflict of interest with the BVSA. Under the current lease agreement, the BVSA is responsible for operating amenities in Bear Valley Springs. However, concerns have been raised that this agreement may violate California Government Code Section 1090, which prohibits public officials from having a financial interest in contracts made by the agencies they serve. The CSD has requested a determination by the California Fair Political Practices Commission to determine what, if any, changes the CSD will need to make to address this potential conflict.

## May Meeting Schedule

- May 14, 6:00 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting
- May 21, 3:00 p.m. - Public Safety Committee
- May 26, 9:00 a.m. - Special Joint Board of Directors and Finance Committee Meeting
- May 28, 6:00 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting