



MANAGER'S MINUTE

The state legislature enacted AB 1572 (Non-Functional Turf Ban) in 2023 prohibiting irrigation of commercial non-functional turf with potable water. This legislation requires BVCSD to revise our District code to implement the ban before January 2027. Non-functional turf is defined as grass that is not designated for specific recreational purposes like golf courses, soccer field, baseball diamonds, etc.

Properties owned by the BVCSD will have to stop using potable water for irrigation of non-functional turf effective January 1, 2027. The areas likely to be affected are the turf areas at the Whiting Center, Williams Pavilion, and in front of the Oak Tree Country Club. This has no effect on residential turf (grass) irrigation. The BVCSD will be sending out more information in upcoming water bills and posts. You can also go to www.nonfunctionalturfca.org.

The BVCSD completed the FY 2023/24 audit, which was accepted by the Board of Directors, and has started working on the FY 2024/25 audit. While the auditor found some material issues related to backup documentation for journal entries, the District had no material findings related to its finances and statements. BVCSD staff is working to complete the implementation of the new financial software system that will provide more transparency and ability to create reports directly from the software in a timely manner.



Beverli Marshall
General Manager



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FROM THE ADMIN OFFICE

You may have noticed a new, or different format for our meeting agendas. The Granicus Peak Agenda management software that was implemented months ago has been used for all Board and Committee agendas for about two and a half months. That is a total of 15 meetings. We have updated, revised verbiage, and adjusted as needed to find the perfect format for our agendas. Staff have completed all of the training webinars and have provided feedback to Granicus to adjust the platform to our needs and we can proudly say that this project is now complete!

To find our meeting agendas, live stream videos and full agenda packets go to our website bvcsdca.specialdistrict.org and click on Meeting Agendas.

All regular meeting agendas are published on our website and in the glass at the District Office 72 hours prior to the meeting, and special meetings are published 24 hours prior to the meeting, per Ralph M. Brown Act requirements.



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.

Want to be notified as soon as we post Board and Committee meeting agendas? Sign up for automatic alerts today!

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Transfer Station Sorting Requirements

When you bring waste to the Bear Valley Transfer Station, please remember to sort your waste before you arrive.

California's SB 1383 requires separation of organic waste from regular trash and recycling. Organic waste includes food scraps, meat, fish and poultry, dairy products, bread, pasta, rice, grains, coffee grounds, and food-soiled paper products.

Please place each type of waste in its designated area:

- Organic Waste
- Recycling
- Regular Trash

For organics, please use paper bags or cardboard boxes only. Plastic and compostable bags are not accepted in the organics carts.



POLICE DEPARTMENT



Prepare for Winter Storms and Possible Isolation

Winter weather in Bear Valley can change quickly. Heavy snowfall, ice, fallen trees, power outages, and blocked roads could isolate portions of our community for an extended period and delay access to stores, medical services, and emergency assistance.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is forecasting a very strong El Niño during the 2026-27 winter season. No seasonal forecast can predict the timing or severity of individual storms, but the outlook gives us good reason to prepare early.

Every household should be prepared to remain safely at home without outside assistance for at least seven days. Build your supplies gradually, consider the needs of everyone in your home, and replace expired items before winter arrives.

Is Your Vehicle Ready?

Winter travel also requires preparation. Inspect your vehicle, carry properly sized tire chains, keep at least half a tank of fuel, and pack warm clothing, water, food, medication, a flashlight, and a first-aid kit. Check conditions before leaving and delay unnecessary travel during severe weather.



7-Day Emergency Supply:



Water: Store at least one gallon per person per day for drinking and sanitation, with additional water for pets.



Food: Keep a seven-day supply of shelf-stable food that requires little preparation, along with a manual can opener and food for pets.



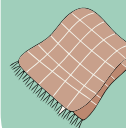
Medications and medical needs: Maintain an adequate supply of prescriptions, over-the-counter medications, first-aid supplies, oxygen, batteries, and other essential equipment.



Power and communications: Have flashlights, batteries, charged power banks, a battery-powered radio, backup charging options, and printed emergency contact information.



Heat and fuel: Fill propane tanks early, maintain heating equipment, keep safe backup heat available, and confirm that smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are working.



Household supplies: Keep warm clothing, blankets, hygiene items, sanitation supplies, shovels, ice melt, and other items needed by children, older adults, and pets.



Chief Dain Hurst
Bear Valley
Police Department

Contact Bear Valley Police
Emergency Calls: 911
Non-Emergency Calls: 661-861-3110



BEAR VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

WINTER READINESS WORKSHOP

OCTOBER 1 | 6:00 PM | OTCC

Free community workshop | All Bear Valley residents welcome

Prepare before winter weather arrives.

Learn how to protect your household during snow, ice, power outages, road closures, flooding, fallen trees and communication failures.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- **Build a seven-day household emergency supply kit**
- **Prepare your home for outages and safe backup power**
- **Make safer decisions during snow, ice and road closures**
- **Plan for medications, seniors and mobility needs**
- **Protect pets, horses and livestock during severe weather**
- **Receive reliable alerts when phones or internet fail**

BE READY TO REMAIN SELF-SUFFICIENT FOR 7 DAYS

Bring your questions. Leave with a practical household readiness plan.

Workshop updates will be shared through official BVPD and BVCSD channels.

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SERVICE WITH INTEGRITY. PROTECTION WITH PURPOSE.

PUBLIC WORKS

The Bear Valley Road Rehabilitation Project



Construction on the Bear Valley Road Rehabilitation Project will start this month!

On August 13, the CSD Board of Directors awarded the \$8.7 million contract to Bowman Asphalt. Since then, the CSD Public Works team has been working with Bowman on final project planning.

The project includes removing the existing road, replacing water pipes underneath the roadway, and completely reconstructing the road.

There will be frequent lane closures on Bear Valley Road while this major infrastructure project is completed over the next several months.

PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY THROUGH CONSTRUCTION ZONES AND OBEY ALL INSTRUCTIONS FROM FLAGGERS AND TRAFFIC CONTROL PERSONNEL. Failure to do so can result in significant fines and, more importantly, put construction workers and other drivers in danger.

Alerts about road closures will be sent via Nixle and posted on the CSD website and social media pages. If you have not signed up for Nixle, visit bvcsd.org/Nixle to sign up.

Gate Tree Safety Concerns

In August, the CSD started work on a generator replacement project at the gatehouse. The upgraded system includes a 10,000 kW generator, which is a typical house-sized generator, with important safety changes, most notably an automatic transfer switch. This means staff will not have to go outside during a power outage to start a generator manually. During the initial work, the team identified potential safety concerns involving the large sycamore tree next to the gatehouse.

The CSD had the tree inspected by an arborist, who confirmed that the tree's roots were damaged and that this could affect the tree's stability and long-term health. The tree's roots were also causing damage to the roadway. Due to the potential risk of the tree falling and its proximity to the road and gatehouse, it was recommended that the CSD remove the tree. The CSD will continue to evaluate the situation and provide further updates as they become available.

Future Road Project Planning

A revised CSD Pavement Management Index will be reviewed by the Board of Directors on September 10. The report found that Bear Valley Springs roads have an average Pavement Condition Index of 43 out of 100. Forty-six percent of roads are rated "poor" or "very poor," while 23% are "good" or better.

With a current pavement budget of about \$170,000 annually, the report finds funding is insufficient to maintain current conditions. The findings will help prioritize future road maintenance, rehabilitation, and budgeting.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board Actions in August



Paul Paparella
Board President



Claude Tabor
Vice President



Martin Hernandez
Board Member



Michael Lewis
Board Member



Geva Frevert
Board Member

- **Board of Directors awards \$8.7 million contract to Bowman Asphalt for Bear Valley Road Rehabilitation Project.**
 - The Board also approved a \$600,000 construction management contract with Provost & Pritchard as part of the project.
- **The Board of Directors officially received the Notice of Completion for the Oakflat Booster Station project on August 13.**
 - The Oakflat Booster Station upgrade will improve long-term water reliability and water pressure for homes in the surrounding area.
- **The Board voted to direct staff to publish an ordinance amending District Code to disband the Disaster Preparedness Advisory Committee and roll its duties into the Public Safety Committee.**
 - The ordinance will be voted on at a future meeting.
- **The Board voted in favor of continuing the CalFire Hazardous Fuels Reduction Phase III Grant, including a \$204,000 matching contribution.**
- **The Board discussed an ordinance that would modify District Code to allow golf carts to operate on certain roads in Bear Valley Springs.**
 - The ordinance will be further discussed and voted on at a future meeting.
- **The Board of Directors held multiple special meetings to discuss and respond to two resident-led initiatives that would repeal recently approved water fees and the 1997 police tax.**
 - The two measures will appear on the November ballot.
- **The Board voted to appoint community volunteer Rick McPherson to the Administration Committee.**

September Meeting Schedule

- **Special Administration Committee, September 8, 10:00am**
- **Special Closed Session Board meeting, September 8, 1:00pm**
- **Regular Board Meeting, September 10, 6:00pm**
- **Public Safety Committee, September 17, 3:00pm**
- **Finance Committee, September 22, 9:00am**
- **Regular Board Meeting, September 24, 6:00pm**