



BEAR VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

DATE OF MEETING:	December 3, 2019
PLACE OPEN SESSION MEETINGS:	28999 South Lower Valley Road
TIME OF OPEN SESSION MEETING:	10:00 am
TELECONFERENCE MEETING LOCATION:	1725 S. 15 Street Las Vegas NV 89102

1. Call to Order

2. Attendance

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Members of the public may address the Board on matters not listed on this Agenda. The Board cannot take action on any item that is not on the Agenda. The Board or staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed, or may ask questions for clarification. These items may also be referred to staff or scheduled on a future Agenda. There will be a separate opportunity for public comment for each item on the Agenda.

6. Action Item:

- A. ADOPT Resolution 19/20-22 Authorizing the General Manager to Execute a Grant Application to California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE) Fire Prevention Program for the Bear Valley Springs Fuels Reduction Project on behalf of the District (Mr. Malinen)

7. Adjournment:

INFORMATION REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS: Copies of the staff reports and other disclosable public records related to each open session item of business referred to on the agenda are on file in the office of the District Secretary and are available for public information during regular business hours. Any person who has a question concerning any of the agenda items may call the District Secretary at 661.821.4428.

ADA Compliance Statement: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the District Secretary to the Board of Directors, Kristy McEwen, at 661.821.4428. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the District to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

Signed, December 2, 2019

Handwritten signature of Kristy McEwen in blue ink.

Kristy McEwen, Secretary of the Board

STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #6A
Execute Grant Application



MEETING DATE: December 3, 2019

PREPARED BY: Kristy McEwen, Secretary of the Board of Directors

AGENDA TITLE: ADOPT Resolution 19/20-22 Authorizing the General Manager to Execute a Grant Application to California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE) Fire Prevention Grants Program for the Bear Valley Springs Fuels Reduction Project on behalf of the District

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board of Directors ADOPT Resolution 19/20-22 Authorizing the General Manager to Execute a Grant Application to California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE) Fire Prevention Grants Program for the Bear Valley Springs Fuels Reduction Project on behalf of the District.

BACKGROUND

Due to extreme drought conditions and the ensuing western pine bark beetle infestation, more than 85% of the conifer forest in Bear Valley Springs is dead. Because of this Bear Valley Springs has been identified in the Greater Tehachapi Community Wildfire Protection Plan as one of the communities most at risk. Therefore, the District is seeking grant funding through the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE) Fire Prevention Grants Program for a proposed Bear Valley Springs Fuels Reduction Project.

The area in question presents a most challenging fire suppression environment, and in the past has been repeatedly threatened by wildfires. In addition, the Public Safety Power Shutoffs have affected our water delivery systems, adding the additional danger of reduced fire fighting resources in this threatened area.

ANALYSIS

The General Manager, along with Jeannie Taylor from the Disaster Preparedness Advisory Council and community volunteer Leana Bowman, with the assistance of Jeff Gletne, a forester from Kern County Fire, have been preparing an application through CALFIRE to “contract with a professional logging company to fall, limb, buck and remove trees and treat slash over 300 acres within the project area of 400 acres in Bear Valley, protecting the nation’s second largest gated community of over 7,500 residents in 3,000 habitable structures valued at over \$782 Million with another \$19 Million of infrastructure located on 25,000 acres.”

The application submission deadline for the requested grant funding is Wednesday, December 3, 2019. We recently learned that a resolution of the Board of Directors giving the General Manager the authority to sign and submit the application is required with the submission.

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FISCAL IMPACT

No matching funds will be required for the grant. However, the District will provide grant oversight and administrative support at an approximate cost of \$66,150. The District also intends to include public safety trainings relating to wildfire prevention and property and forest management.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

“I move the Board of Directors ADOPT Resolution 19/20-22 Authorizing the General Manager to Execute a Grant Application to California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE) Fire Prevention Grants Program for the Bear Valley Springs Fuels Reduction Project on behalf of the District.”

Attachments:
Resolution 19/20-22

RESOLUTION 19/20-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BEAR VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A FIRE PREVENTION GRANT APPLICATION

The Board of Directors of the Bear Valley Community Services District resolves as follows:

Section 1. Findings. The Board finds as follows:

- A. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) has made over \$80 million available for Forest Health and Fire Prevention projects. CAL FIRE is soliciting applications for projects that work to proactively prevent catastrophic wildfires and restore forests to healthy, functioning ecosystems while also sequestering carbon and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- B. Due to extreme drought conditions and the ensuing western pine bark beetle infestation, more than 85% of the conifer forest in Bear Valley Springs is dead.
- C. Bear Valley Community Services District has been identified in the Greater Tehachapi Community Wildfire Protection Plan as one of the communities most at risk.
- D. The District has prepared and intends to apply for a Fire Prevention Grant to fund the Bear Valley Fuels Reduction Project, clearing over 300 acres and protecting the community from catastrophic wildfires.

Section 2. Authority for Execution of Application.

The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the General Manager to execute a grant application to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE) Fire Prevention Program for the Bear Valley Springs Fuels Reduction Project on behalf of the District.

Section 3. Effective Date

This Resolution is effective upon adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on December 3, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Jay Carlyn, President
Bear Valley Community Services District

ATTEST:

I hereby certify that the above Resolution No. 19/20-22 was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the District at a regular meeting held on December 3, 2019.

Kristy McEwen,
Secretary of the Board of Directors

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