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### Greetings!,

Happy holiday season BVRI members! Hopefully more snow will fall in the coming days. We are writing to update you on the status of the Bear Valley post office situation. Many of you have heard that the U.S. Postal Service gave notice last month that mail service in Bear Valley would terminate on December 27th. Residents and businesses in Bear Valley and surrounding communities then rallied together to find a workable solution, with Kimi Johnson taking the lead on this effort. A meeting was held with Sacramento postal officials in Bear Valley on December 6th to discuss our options. Current regulations require that any 'contract postal unit' in Bear Valley needs to be associated with an established business. The Bear Valley Business Association was considering taking on this role, but was not a qualified, incorporated entity. Since BVRI is an incorporated non-profit, we have offered to fulfill this role on a temporary basis while other long-term solutions are explored. This is an unusual role for BVRI, but we were in a position to help the community retain this highly valued service. It is expected that this role will last no longer than 6-18 months and will have little or no cost to our budget.

Sacramento postal officials have prepared

an application with BVRI listed as the contracting entity, and on December 19th submitted this package to the USPS Western Area Office in Colorado for review. Over the next few weeks there will be a budget and contract negotiation and we expect that the labor and expense cost will be covered by the Postal Service. Once the contract is finalized, we will share further details with members via another e-blast and a post on Nextdoor. Because there is now a potential contract holder identified (BVRI), the mail service currently provided by the Arnold Postmaster will continue beyond December 27th and until the new contract is finalized. This is great news for our community, and thank you to everyone who has collaborated to find a solution!

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We wish you all a happy and snowy holiday season!

Sincerely,

The BVRI Board

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