

**BEAR VALLEY RESIDENTS, INC.**  
**Board Meeting Minutes for September 3, 2022**  
**Held by Zoom**

*Steve Schwabauer presiding*

**ATTENDING**

**Board Members:** Steve Schwabauer, Ann Porteus, Tom Fraser, Curt Wozniak, Jill Wegenstein, Sally Swanson, Colin McKee, Randy Mancini, Carlos Guimaeres, Laura Worthington-Forbes, Ron Murphys, J.P. Derouin, Eric Jung

**Guests:** Supervisor Terry Woodrow, Deputy Joel Burnett

**Supervisor's Report**

Woodrow said the chipper program is ongoing. There are many piles for which there's no application; remember to submit an application.

The County approved a new contract with CalWaste. The old contract hadn't been reviewed since 2001. Fees are going up. The transfer station assessment goes from \$95 a year to \$300. The solid waste fee for using Calaveras County's landfill stays the same at about \$100 a year. The fire department assessment goes to \$655.

She will meet with USFS staff on September 13 to discuss fuel reduction projects around Bear Valley, including the 300 foot wide shaded fuel break west of town. It was done 10 years ago but hasn't been maintained.

County funds will be used to take down dead trees on county road right-of-way.

The November ballot will include Measure D which would prohibit a biomass plant in the county.

The CSA Board is considering better signage at the dumpsters. The big recycle dumpster will be replaced with 6 smaller containers. Humans continue to cause problems at the dumpsters with stuff left on the ground.

**Sheriff's Report**

Burnett said all the fire department equipment is working. The new engine with a crew is at a fire in Siskiyou County.

**President's Report**

Wozniak talked with our attorney, Curt Sproul about communication problems. Sproul has added his son to the firm and we expect improvement.

**Post Office**

*Schwabauer moved to raise the Postmistress's salary by \$1 an hour; Worthington-Forbes 2<sup>nd</sup>; unanimous.*

**Meeting Format**

*Porteus moved that we adopt a hybrid live/Zoom meeting format, with the necessary equipment (about \$1,000); Worthington-Forbes 2<sup>nd</sup>; unanimous.*

**Volleyball Court**

*Wegenstein moved that we fix the poles and net at the volleyball court at the big beach; Derouin 2<sup>nd</sup>; unanimous.*

**Task List**

Online discussions will continue after the meeting to develop a Task List toward more equitable distribution of Board jobs.

**Ways and Means**

A written report was submitted.

**Beach**

The porta-potties will be removed soon. The tables will be secured for winter. There was discussion of whether we need an attendant and a revisit of the job description. The discussion will be continued after the meeting.

**Architectural Review**

Kim Lemieux has volunteered to help with the ARC again, perhaps as a Co-Chair. The Chair must be a current Board member. The possibility of hiring contract help was discussed. Discussion to be continued...

**Forestry**

A written report was submitted on the VIP Program.

A homeowner volunteered to pay to have some trees removed from BVRI property. President Schwabauer and Forestry Chair Jung consulted with logger Jay Hylton and said BVRI would approve removal of some but not all the trees requested. The consensus of the Board was that this was an appropriate process to consider the request.

**Nominating Committee**

The consensus of the Board was not to fill a vacancy, since the Board election is coming up soon.

**Membership Report**

A written report was submitted. We have 348 members, down from 385 last year.

Adjournment to the General Meeting.