

BIG RIVER COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

MINUTES

July 16, 2026, 6:00PM

PRESIDENT GEBEL CALLED THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 PM

PRESENT: PRESIDENT MIKE GEBEL, VICE PRESIDENT LARRY HUNT, PARK DIRECTOR JIM HOOVER, SAFETY DIRECTOR DEB MOORE.

ABSENT: FINANCE DIRECTOR CHRISTOPHER GREEN

OTHERS PRESENT: Kenny and Lisa Brooks, Mark Armstrong, Shannon Keller, Marvin and Carol Smith, Kristi Keck, Glenn and Penny Swarthout, Frank Schnetz, Brian King, CHP Aaron Zousel, Roger and Ally, Roy Harder, Bob Olson, Dianne Muniz, Robert and Lawny Caracci, George and Nancy Godwin, Laura Hunt, Julie Nelson, Cindy West, Zee Holmes, Jeff Sween, Lou Kerr, Brenda Crutcher, Wendy Peterson, Faith Hardin, Brenda T, SBC Sheriff's R. Flores and M. Yanez, David and Donna Hamilton, Robyn Gaffney, Christina Sorenson, Sandy MacQuarrie, Joel Christison, Mark and Michelle L., Bob Monts, Kurt Peters, Anita Scott, Sandra Burton, Gale Baxter and Traci Holder.

INVOCATION GIVEN BY: PASTOR GLENN

ATTENDANCE AND ROLL CALL: CLERK KAREN SMITH

CONSENT AGENDA: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. May 21, 2026, Meeting Minutes: Approved. Deb, Larry, Jim.
- b. Finance Report/Budget: Approved. Deb, Larry, Jim.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Muriel from Big River Development was at the CSD meeting to discuss the lease and answer any questions from the public. She said they are writing a brand new master lease. The new master lease will be spelled out in "Black and White." The lease will be for 25 years. They do not have definite prices yet and will be taking into consideration people with fixed income. She stated no property will be taken in 2029. You will have the option of paying your lease monthly or annually. She had no knowledge regarding the future of the park. Anyone with questions may call BRDE office Monday through Friday 8-5 (760)665-2385.

OLD BUSINESS:

Memorial Day weekend, Father's Day weekend, and the 4th of July were all a big success. There are new signs throughout the park. The "honor box" has been installed and is being used.

NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

August 8, we will be shredding all documents that we are no longer required to hold on to. The sprinkler system to draw water from the river to irrigate lawns and landscape is 90% complete. A big thanks to all who volunteered. Christopher has been working on getting the assessments to San Bernardino County.

REPORTS AND UPDATES:

Park Report – 80% of the signs have been posted around the park.

Safety Report – No issues, nothing to report.

Fire Station Report- Unable to attend.

Sheriff Department Report- SBC Sheriffs are fully aware of the problems with "squatters" in Big River. People must go through the eviction process with San Bernardino courts. They encourage the public to call them if they see or hear anything unusual. Non-emergency Needles Sheriff's Station (909) 387-8313.

CHP – Please slow down and watch out for the donkeys. It is illegal to feed or interact with the donkeys; it leads to car accidents. Non-emergency (760) 772-8900.

Senior Center Report – Dianne reported 197 boxes of food were distributed in June and 107 in July. Pick up is the second Friday of every month starts at 8 am to 1:00 or until product runs out. She encourages the community to take advantage of the transportation services the Senior Center provides for a small fee. Lunch at the center is served daily at 11:00 for a small donation. Reservations are required.

School Report – Shannon Keller from Monument Peak School reported this is their 4th year in Big River. They now have sports teams for boys and girls. Standardized test scores were high. She thanked the community for their support in making sure each student received a yearbook. The school was given a grant, and they were able to add a literacy teacher to their staff. School will reconvene August 12, 2026, and on August 10th from 2:00 – 4:00 pm the students can meet their teachers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dogs must be on leashes. Also, no glass bottles in the park.

ADJOURMENT: Motion to adjourn 7:00 pm by Mike seconded by Deb. President Gebel adjourned the meeting.