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The Bear Valley Springs Water System

Submitted by

Paul Paparella

BVCSD Infrastructure Committee

Part 4: The Cost of Operating, Maintaining, and Improving our Water System

This is the fourth in a series of articles that are intended to inform and educate residents about our water system and the issues we face. In our first three articles, we discussed the water system history, sources of supply, and the state and federal regulations we follow to keep our water safe and reliable. In this article, we will review what it costs to provide this essential service and how we pay for it.

General budgeting overview

Our water utility is operated as an “Enterprise Fund,” which means that all revenues and expenditures associated with the water system are separately accounted for in the overall annual budget for the CSD. The water utility is budgeted to be self-supporting, meaning that all expenditures are covered by revenue that is specific to the water utility, which is predominantly the revenue generated from water bills sent to every homeowner. The Water Utility does share some resources with other departments of the CSD, and this is ac-

counted for through proportional allocations of general costs, such as management and administrative salaries to each department.

Running the water utility as a self-supporting enterprise fund is consistent with best practices followed by most multi-function governmental bodies throughout the country. Therefore, it would be a misconception to believe that using property tax revenue for purposes other than water is limiting our ability to invest in water infrastructure improvements. The fact is that significant capital improvements are already being made in water, and that if the water utility needs more budget for more improvements, that money should come from increases in water utility revenue.

Annual expenditures

The recently approved annual CSD budget for Fiscal Year 2023/24 establishes a total annual expenditure budget of \$5.95 million. Major components of this budget include:

If we add debt servicing (which is repayment of loans for past capital improvements) to capital outlay, we see that the budget is

Item	Approximate Amount (\$ millions)	Approximate Percentage of Total
Salaries and Benefits	1.93	32
Services and Supplies	2.06	35
Debt servicing	0.16	3
Capital outlay	1.80	30

approximately one third each for Salaries and Benefits, Service and Supplies, and capital investments.

Most of the capital outlay planned for the 2023/24 budget will go towards rehabilitation and repairs to various wells and booster stations, although in a notable change from past years, \$0.5 million is allocated towards water main replacement. This will be the first substantial investment in renewal of our 50-year-old water mains, as a first step in what should become a long-term annual water main renewal program.

In the Service and Supplies category, two major line items include electricity for wells and boosters (approximately \$460,000) and purchased/banked water (\$448,000). These items together total about \$908,000, or 15% of the total budget, and can be called our “variable costs,” meaning that they are proportional to the amount of water produced or purchased. The other 85% of the budget is comprised predominantly of “fixed costs,” meaning that variations in the amount of water produced cause little to no change in these expenditures.

Revenue

The large majority of water utility revenue comes from residential and commercial sales to metered customers. Our current water rate schedule was approved in 2019 and included annual increases through 2023. A residential home pays a base charge of about \$85/

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Want to give the Bear Valley aquatic animals a Christmas gift?

Submitted by
Fred Hicks
Lake Quality Advisory
Committee (LQAC) member

The LQAC would like to re-cycle your used Christmas trees into functional aquatic habitats within Four Island and Cub Lake. The goal is to collect Christmas trees, then recruit local community volunteer help to create and place the newly created habitats within the lake in January. Over the past four years of surveying the lakes, it has been found that there is little to no aquatic habitat or structures within the lakes. This makes it very difficult for small fish to survive and thrive within our lakes as they spend most of their

energy swimming rather than on growing. The Christmas tree recycling program is a cost effective first step towards correcting this deficiency within our lakes.


For this program, please make sure all the lights, ornaments, and tinsel have been removed from the tree. Additionally, if your tree has been flocked, it will not be able to be used. You can drop off your tree any time after Jan. 1 to the marked tree drop off location by the Jacks Hole parking lot. If we reach 300 trees, the drop off area will be taped off, and signs will be hung indicating no more trees will be accepted.

In January, after the trees have been collected, our hope is to make this a community event by working with local volunteers



and youths for the creation and placement of the newly created aquatic habitats. These habitats provide the base building block for a food web to begin. First microorganisms and small insects attach to the bark and thrive. Small fish are then attracted because of the small organisms upon which they feed. Small fish also utilize the space between the branches and trunks for safety and shelter. Larger fish are then attracted by the smaller fish which they prey upon. Within the Bear Valley lakes, birds and turtles are at the top of the food pyramid and will utilize these habitats as they feed upon the fish that reside around and within them. Essentially, think of these aquatic habitats as your refrigerator and if you're like most people (fish in this case), your most comfortable chair is

relatively close to the fridge, not on the farthest end of the house.

To create these habitats, the trees will be weighted down with cinder blocks and placed within the lakes next to one another. The habitats will be placed so they lay horizontally on the bottom and are underwater at full pool level, creating the new aquatic habitats. These aquatic habitats will be placed in key places around the lakes to initially improve spawning and young of the year survivability. A later second phase will focus on increasing angling opportunities. A future article will publish lake depth maps that contain the GPS coordinates for all placed aquatic habitats. If you or someone you know would like to participate, please email BVLQAC@gmail.com with your name and phone number. 

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Sign up now for Smart 911

Submitted by
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In years past, most calls to 911 were made from home (landline) telephones. When someone called 911, call-takers knew the location from where the call originated, which was critical.

Today, over 80% of calls to 911 come from mobile phones. And when call-takers take such calls, they have little to go on other than the phone number and a general sense of location (NOT an exact address).

When seconds count, wouldn't it be great if these call-takers immediately had life-saving information such

as critical medical conditions, disabilities, family contact information, or any other information helpful to first responders?

Smart911 provides that service and is now available to Kern County residents, including Bear Valley. It can be used for home and mobile phones, it's free, and it's secure.

Security

Information is confidential and cannot be released to the public or other entities. Your data can never be used for investigative purposes. Your data can only be viewed by call-takers when a 911 call is made from the user's phone number. Your information is stored in

facilities that utilize encryption technologies used by leading financial institutions.

Uses

There are numerous uses for Smart911. Information stored by users often includes:

Names - Names, physical descriptions, and photos will help responders act quickly if a child goes missing or help identify individuals in an emergency.

Phones - By adding all phones for your household, 911 will have a better idea of where you are when you need help.

Animals - Keep all members of your household safe by including pets, livestock, or service animals that responders need to be aware of.

Medical Information - You can include medical details for any member of your household, enabling responders to have more information before they arrive on the scene.

Disabilities and Equipment - If special equipment is needed to assist a person with a physical disability, or if specific

tactics need to be used to approach or interact with someone with a developmental disability, these details can ensure a safe response.

Medications - Knowing current medications can help assess a patient and avoid dangerous drug interactions during treatment.

People are also using Smart911 for listing locations of gas lines and other utilities, vehicles, communication preferences (including deaf or hard of hearing issues and primary language preferences), even photos of your residence for first responders to locate quickly.

Sign Up

Users sign up online at <https://www.smart911.com> and enter any information they feel essential to first responders. The website also includes helpful information to maximize the service.

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The reality for many of us is de-icing car windows in the dark early morning and manic attention to weather reports and our appointment books.

WHAT'S IN YOUR CAR EMERGENCY KIT?

Everyone should have a basic car emergency kit containing jumper cables, work gloves, battery-operated flare lights, water, snacks, flashlight, first aid kit, and fire extinguisher. Consider adding a jacket, some cash, and walking shoes.

For the winter months, some of us add snow chains. Keep your vehicle's tank full and always let someone know where you're going and when you plan to be there. Put together an

overnight bag with a coat, extra clothing, toiletries, medications, and what you might want or need to spend the night in a hotel at lower elevations. Also, add a blanket, hat, and warm gloves in case you get stuck.

But what if you get stranded in your vehicle during a storm? The American Red Cross offers the following advice at www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/winter-storm#During.

IF YOU BECOME STRANDED

- Stay in the vehicle and wait for help. Do not leave the car to search for assistance unless help is visible within 100 yards (91 meters). You can quickly become disoriented and confused in blowing snow.

- Display a trouble sign to indicate you need help. Hang a brightly colored cloth (preferably red) on the radio antenna and raise the hood after snow

stops falling.

- Run the engine occasionally to keep warm. Turn on the engine for about 10 minutes each hour (or five minutes every half hour). Running the engine for only short periods reduces the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and conserves fuel. Use the heater while the engine is running. Keep the exhaust pipe clear of snow and slightly open a downwind window for ventilation.

- Leave the overhead light on when the engine is running so that you can be seen.

- Do light exercises to keep up circulation. Clap your hands and move your arms and legs occasionally. Try not to stay in one position for too long.

- If more than one person is in the vehicle, take turns sleeping. If you are not awakened periodically to increase body temperature and circulation, you can freeze to death.

- Huddle together for warmth. Use newspapers, maps, and even the removable floor

mats for added insulation. Layering items will help trap more body heat.

- Watch for signs of frostbite and hypothermia. Severe cold can cause numbness, making you unaware of possible danger.

- Drink fluids to avoid dehydration, which can make you more susceptible to the ill effects of cold and heart attacks.

- Avoid overexertion. Cold weather puts an added strain on the heart. Shoveling snow or pushing a vehicle can bring on a heart attack or make other medical conditions worse.

Additional advice can be found at www.ready.gov/winter-weather for all aspects of weather preparedness.

This article was provided by the Bear Valley Community Services District's Disaster Preparedness Advisory Council, which reminds you while disaster preparedness is every person's responsibility, we are all in this together, and together we are resilient.



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Just some side notes: the sign is solid wood construction, recently refurbished by our friends at the Cultural Arts Association, and weighs in at about 60 lbs. The dimensions are four feet tall at the highest point and 6 feet in length. Proceeds from the auction will go to refurbishment of the "Old Red School House" project. A special thank you to the Cultural Arts Association, who is so willing to improve Bear Valley Springs with their labor and talent.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the BVSA administrative office at 661-821-5537. 🐾



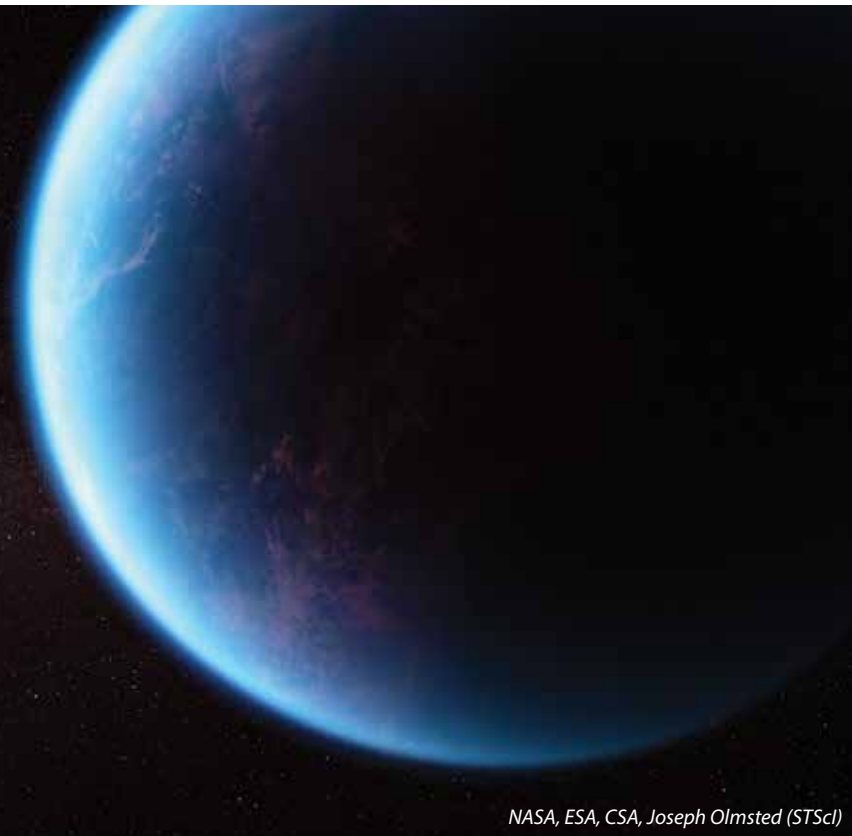
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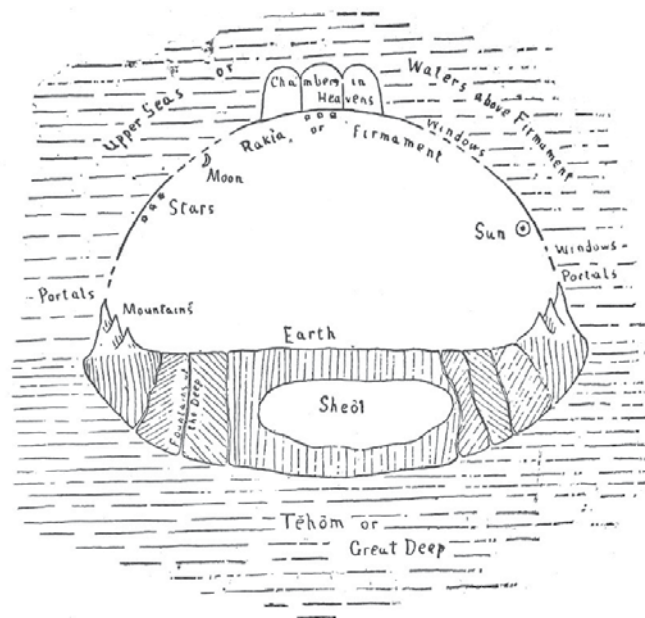
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Submitted by
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Galileo Galilei championed observational astronomy and launched modern-era classical physics in the seventeenth century. Prior to that, our view of the cosmos was based on Babylonian and Chaldean myths. The authors of the Middle Ages held that the heavens are a solid crystalline vault from which the sun, moon and stars are suspended; that rain falls through holes in a celestial cistern. Earth, of course, was at the center of the universe.

From a vantage point of one million miles from Earth, the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) has been scanning the cosmos and advancing cosmology. It can detect objects up to 100 times fainter than the Hubble Space Telescope, allowing a glimpse of the formation of the first galaxies less than 200 million years after the Big Bang — permanently sealing the medieval fairy tales of our origins.

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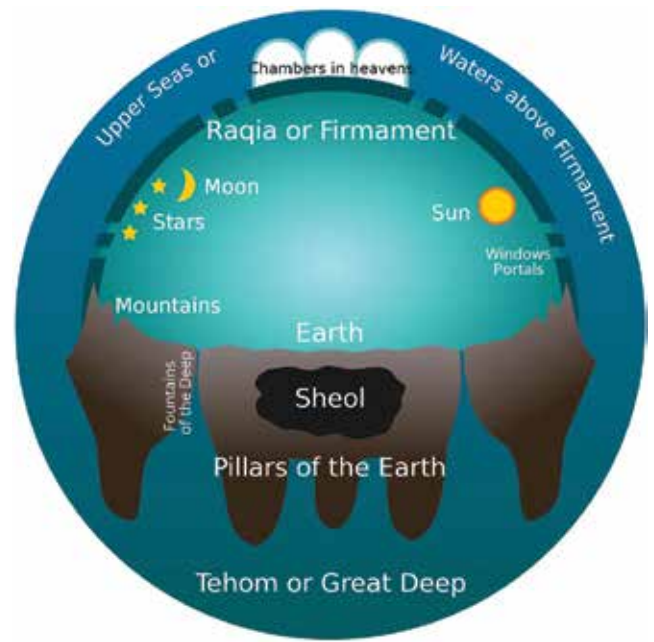
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The search for life will be enhanced by Artificial Intelligence (AI), such as Google's AI chatbot, Bard, which was used recently with limited success, but that software is still on a steep learning curve. Eventually, AI will dominate space research with the goal of cataloging habitable-zone exoplanets and searching for the building blocks of life, as we know it. Our focus will be on detecting key signatures of life, such as elevated oxygen levels, water, methane and carbon

dioxide. A special molecule called dimethyl sulfide would be the jackpot for identifying life — produced by bacterial metabolism. CFCs would indicate industrial activity, the ultimate jackpot. Simple life forms are probably prevalent in the universe, but a tech-savvy civilization would be a very rare event indeed. If it takes three billion years of evolution, then humans may be the first technological species in the Milky Way Galaxy. Against incredible odds, we may have won the cosmic lottery.

That would make us exceptional, but are we wise enough to save ourselves from extinction? 🐾



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- **BVS CYCLE CLUB** - Recreational and informative. Please contact Zack Crum at bvscycleclub@gmail.com
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- **BVS POKER CLUB** - Provide good fellowship, comradery, and sharing of mutual friends. Contact Bill Snow at 562-922-2661 for more information.
- **BVS SOCIAL BRIDGE CLUB** - Social interaction and play. Call Ann Peyton @ 661-821-0926
- **BVS VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION** - Commander Bill Kritlow @ 949-394-4525.
- **BVS WILDLIFE COALITION** - Educates and advocates for living in harmony with wildlife through fun activities, presentations, and special events. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 6 PM in the OTC reception room. Email: BVSWildlifeCoalition@gmail.com
- **BVS WOMEN'S CLUB** - Provides an opportunity for good fellowship among the women of BVS. Contact Deanna Hurst - deannahurst10@yahoo.com. Website: www.bvswomensclub.com.
- **CARRIAGE DRIVING** - Meetings are the 2nd Thursday each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Equestrian Center Lounge. We promote safe driving, drive-and-ride outings and good horsemanship. Contact Debbie Mayer @ (661) 238-8444
- **CRAFTY LADIES** - Meet at the Equestrian Center Lounge every Tuesday, 1-3 p.m. Bring your own project and get acquainted! Contact Robin Goodwin (831) 212-5643.
- **CULTURAL ARTS ASSOCIATION (CAA)** - CAA provides performing arts programs to enhance our way of life. Contact President: Linda Coverdale 661-330-7426.
- **DRESSAGE** - Dressage, working equitation, cavaletti, other equine activities. We meet on the second Saturday evening of each month. Meeting and more info on our website: https://bvsc.org/. Please contact Kathe Rich katherich@gmail.com.
- **ECLECTIC BOOK CLUB** - Meets the first Monday of the month at noon at the Equestrian Center Lounge. Call Kay Klinker for more information at 821-1621.
- **GARDEN CLUB** - The Garden Club is a resource for all Bear Valley residents who would like to make the most of their garden. Bring your questions, lessons learned and gardening enthusiasm to our meetings, which take place every third Friday (February-October) @ Equestrian Center lounge. Dues are \$10.00. Contact Ivette Farrell at 661-544-0087.
- **GREENHORNS** - Provides an environment for horse and rider to learn cattle-handling skills that are used in working cattle operations throughout the west. Contact President Denise Togami @ 805-231-8676, or Don McLaughlin @ 208-781-8746.
- **HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION** - Promotes fellowship, equestrian activities and facilities. Supports acquisition and preservation of riding trails. Contact President Susan Mustaffa @ 661-538-0995 or smustaffa@outlook.com.
- **MAKE IT SEW** - To promote the advancement of sewing and quilting skills. Robyn Woodhouse 821-0603 or Teri Lindsey 805-304-7351.
- **OAK TREE BRIDGE CLUB** - Experience and enjoy the benefits the Bridge has to offer! Bob Nixon 661-823-9483.
- **OAK TREE MEN'S GOLF** - For Information Call President, Mark Poindexter at (805) 320-9444. The Oak Tree Men's Golf Club holds their meetings on the Wednesday before a tournament.

ment or the second Wednesday of the month, if no tournament that month, at 8:00 am in the Mulligan Room.

- **OAK TREE WOMEN'S GOLF** - Open play - Monday at 10:00; 9-hole playday - Wednesday at 10:00; 18-hole playday - Friday at 9:30. Those interested in playing or joining, contact the Pro Shop at 821-5144 or Joy Webber at 661-300-1536 or email: joyw2121@icloud.com.
- **PICKLE BALL** - Promote Pickle Ball Play. Contact Rhonda Arbolante, 661-428-7461, rhondaarbolante@gmail.com.
- **PONY CLUB** - The Bear Valley Springs Pony Club works with young riders, both English and Western, to develop their horsemanship and horse management skills. Contact Jena D'Cruz (661) 817-2173 or Jennifer Bankston (661) 204-1274.
- **RC MODELERS** - Anyone interested in RC Model Aviation or Cars are welcome to join us at the field and track (Jack's Hole). We meet regularly on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. Contact Mitch McDiffett 661-378-5596.
- **SPORTSMAN'S CLUB** - The club coordinates a wide variety of social, sports and RV activities. Contact Will Handley at 661-414-6489.
- **SWING DANCE CLUB** - Learn to swing dance Fridays in OTTC Banquet Room. R New dancers from 7:00 PM to 7:30, and intermediate dancers from 7:30 to 8:30 PM. Contact Brian at SwingDanceClub.BVS@gmail.com or 818-961-4622. Facebook BVS Swing Dance Club.
- **TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB** - Contact Tailwaggers President, Pam Miller, 661-203-5725.
- **TENNIS CLUB** - Contact Julian Leon at weedyleon@gmail.com.
- **WILDLIFE COALITION** - Join our Facebook page, become a dues-paying member of the Club or join our email list by contacting us at BVSWildlifeCoalition@gmail.com.

BVS SPECIAL INTERESTS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** - Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings are held at Bear Valley Community Church, Rm. B, Monday, 5:30pm (Literature) - Tuesday, 5:30pm (Men's Stag), Tuesday 4:00 PM, (Women's group), Thursday, 5:30pm (Participation). For More Information, please call: 661-202-8553.
- **BVS LAKE QUALITY GROUP** - Provides information on the quality of the Lakes in Bear Valley Springs. Please contact us at bvlqac@gmail.com
- **CERT** - Training BVS residents to be prepared and ready to serve in the event of a local disaster situation. Contact David Shaw at tehachapicert@gmail.com, 661-609-8365, <https://www.facebook.com/tehachapicert/>
- **CO-ED SOFTBALL** - Come on out for a non-competitive pickup game of softball. It's perfect for anyone who can't run, throw, or catch but wants to get a little exercise and a lot of laughs. Ages 50+ Tues. and Thurs. 3:00 pm. All Ages Sundays at 3:00 pm. Contact Lisa Burt @ 821-0850 or the_burt_family@yahoo.com
- **CUB SCOUT TROOP 135** - Grades 1st through 5th grade. Contact Cub Master Jon Read 909-268-3297.
- **EMERGENCY AMATEUR RADIO TEAM** - This team is made up of licensed amateur radio operators in BVS who donate their services in times of an emergency. Weekly net check-in Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. 146.700Mhz(-) PL123.0. Contact John Dan Mason @ (661) 203-8398
- **FRIDAY NIGHT BRIDGE PARTY** - Relaxed atmosphere for couples and singles to enjoy social Bridge. Contact Carol Burdick @ 821-7213 or Elaine Williams @ 821-5768
- **GRIZZLIES SWIM TEAM** - We swim year-round. Recreational and competitive. Contact Debbie Papac @ 821-6541
- **HISTORICAL SOCIETY** - Provides an opportunity for good fellowship and encourages the residents of Bear Valley to become interested in the preservation of this community's historical past. Contact Judy Reynolds @ 821-7035.
- **LADIES BUNCO NIGHT** - The dice start rolling at 3:00 PM and ends at 6:00 PM. We meet at the Whiting Center the second Sunday of every month. Contact the Whiting Center 821-6641
- **P & J BRIDGE CLUB** - Contact Chris Schaeffer @ 661-771-2373
- **TRAIL TREKKERS** - Enhancing club member enjoyment of existing trail system within Bear Valley. Increase knowledge in the safe long-distance. Contact Carol Miller @ 821-8966.
- **SPINNERS AND WEAVERS** - Exchanging of techniques & support. Contact Elaine Maxwell @ 821-1680 or Rona Samuels @ 821-5828.
- **VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICE (VIPS)** - Contact 661-271-0413 for brochure and information.



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We had a very minimal showing for our Oct. 28 trash pickup. Only six people the day of and two more signed up to do an area later, or eight people out of a community of almost 4,000 homesites. Even with only six people, we managed to pick up 13 bags of trash and lots of large items, as well. It is out there. You may not see it driving in your car, but it is there.

We would like to have more younger people (under 60) get involved in trash pick up. Most of our trash picker uppers range in age from mid-60s to 80. If you are interested in doing an area one time, or on an ongoing basis when it is convenient to you, please

let us know and we will sign you up. We would also love to see some of our Bear Valley Clubs consider adopting an area to keep clean on an ongoing basis.

Thank you for anything you can do to help. Look for the announcement of the Spring Trash pickup date. Come out and join us. We need you.

For more information, or to volunteer, contact Kathy Underwood at 805-895-4067 or Laurie Rude Betts at 559-259-3236. 🐾



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BVS Environmental
Control Committee

The Environmental Control Committee will be referred to as the ECC in this article. How does the ECC work and what is the goal of that committee? The ECC committee is comprised of three members, who are in good standing and have a working knowledge of the ECC rules. The committee meets four times a month, with the exception of weeks that have a holiday. The committee reviews requests for exterior projects, otherwise known as submittals. They also look at requests for cooperation, or what most people know it by is, "A Violation."

The ECC secretary holds the

meeting, records the minutes and details the ECC committees' responses. Members are always welcome to speak directly with the ECC committee or present their requests in person by making an appointment with the ECC secretary. The ECC secretary is then responsible for notifying the members of the committee's decision.

The ECC employs a field representative who drives around the community in an effort to educate and inform members of their responsibilities to keep their property maintained and clean. The ECC field representative will not contact members in person. A letter requesting cooperation will be mailed to property owners outlining the violation. I know this sounds counterproductive and not the best way to

handle it, but unfortunately the association has specific rules set by the Davis Stirling Act as to what and how these types of issues need to be addressed.

When a property falls out of compliance, the ECC field representative will photograph the issue and prepare a letter of cooperation. The ECC field representative cannot enter private property unless he/she is given written permission for that specific time and date. All photographs are taken from the public street unless the ECC field representative is invited to take a photograph from a neighboring property.

The association has very specific timelines to notify members. We receive numerous calls regarding properties that appear out of compliance. I can assure you that we follow the timelines accordingly. Unfortunately, there are members who just don't respond or care.

The process is: the owner receives a first notice, or request for cooperation, that owner has 7-15 days to respond to, depending on the type of violation. If there is no response, a second notice is sent out and another 15 days is allotted for response. If there is no response, the property is sent back to the ECC committee for an assignment of a fine. Subsequently, the violations are sent to the Board of Directors for discussion and confirmation. A hearing notice is then mailed to the property owner to meet with the Board of Directors. The property owner is given 30 days to meet with the Board of Directors. If the property owner fails to attend, the fine will be confirmed and the owner noticed. If the property owner then decides to reply, they are allowed to address the Board of Directors at a later meeting. This can become frustrating not only for the staff, but the Board of Directors and the neighbors of properties in violation. It becomes a very time-consuming process and requires hours of staff labor, not to mention the

materials and postage.

There are three potential outcomes from this process. The first is the member/property owner complies and it goes no further. The second is that we go through this process and when it gets to the Board of Directors and a fine is confirmed, the property owner requests a meeting with the BOD to discuss the issue. The third is that we receive no response at all, fines are issued and accumulate until the threshold of fines is maxed out, then a process of small claims court and suspension of amenity privileges can be pursued. This third process can take months or years, depending on the situation and court system availability. Additionally, the cost to the membership must always be weighed against the benefit.

As you can see, the process takes time and may be drawn out. I know that it appears that we are not doing everything possible or in a timely manner, but we are following the rules set by the state and doing our best to minimize exposing the association to liability.

I know I went through this process quickly and probably left a few things out, but the ECC is an essential part of maintaining the beauty of Bear Valley Springs. I understand that sometimes we think certain things are petty, but if we let the little things go, they sometimes grow into bigger problems and have a larger effect. I encourage all members to please call the ECC office if you have any questions or may be in doubt of what can and cannot be done. We are here to help, answer questions and keep Bear Valley Springs beautiful.

I want to thank all the members/property owners who maintain their properties and continue to keep our community looking good!

If you are interested in being on the Environmental Control Committee, please contact Vicky Laier, ECC Secretary, at vickyl@bvsa.org, or 661-821-5537 ext. 211.



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BVSVA honors surviving spouses at luncheon

The holiday season has arrived. It is a time to reflect on what we are grateful for and give thanks for all we have in our lives, including this beautiful valley we call home.

The Bear Valley Springs Veterans Association (BVSVA) is a service organization, and as such, we have just held on our Second Annual Surviving Spouses (widows) Luncheon at the Equestrian Center Lounge. It was initially the idea of our unit chaplain and both years it has been a huge success. The women in attendance had a safe place to share about their loved ones who have passed on. For some it was the first time sharing in a long time and very emotional. Our BVSVA Honor Guard put the lunch together and served the ladies to a sit down meal. We wanted them to feel special for standing by their husbands during their active duty, and in their grief, we wanted to support them. We succeeded in creating

a bond among the attendees, resulting in phone trees and monthly lunches, etc.

When serving the women, one woman looked at me with such gratitude, and said, "I feel so special being served."

Our Honor Guard just celebrated its fourth year of existence and stands ready to serve. I am so proud of how our Honor Guard volunteers have such passion for being of service, always doing so with dignity and respect. A big thank you to our Honor Guard members, who helped with this annual luncheon, and a bigger thank you to the ladies who attended our luncheon and allowed us to serve them. 🐾

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Day	TIMES	ACTIVITIES	AGE	FEE	INSTRUCTOR
M O N	5:30 AM - 8:45 PM	WEIGHTROOM OPENS-FITNESS CENTER	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY, SEE BELOW	NO INSTRUCTOR
	8:00 AM - 9:15 AM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY, SEE BELOW	STAFF
	9:15 AM - 10:20 AM	HIIT TRAINING-CAITLYN- \$5 DROP IN \$45 A MONTH	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY, SEE BELOW	CAITLYN SCHAEFER
	10:30 AM - 11:15 AM	MOVE WITH MARGARET (MwM) FREE CLASS	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY, SEE BELOW	MARGARET BOLD
	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	HAPPY STITCHES-FRIENDSHIP (GREEN RM) 12/11	ADULT	2ND MONDAY: GUEST FEES APPLY	LINDA RICKETTS
	12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	PICKLEBALL (GYMNASIUM) DURING BAD WEATHER	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY, SEE BELOW	RHONDA ARBOLANTE
	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	LQAC MEETING (GREEN RM) 12/4	ADULT	1ST MONDAY: GUEST FEES APPLY	FRED HICKS
	11:30 AM - 8:45 PM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY, SEE BELOW	STAFF
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	8:30 AM - 11:30 AM	WATER THERAPY \$5 A CLASS	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY, SEE BELOW	MARTI SPRINKLE
	10:30 AM - 11:15 AM	MOVE WITH MARGARET (MwM) FREE CLASS	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY, SEE BELOW	MARGARET BOLD
	11:30 AM - 4:00 PM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY, SEE BELOW	STAFF
	5:00 PM - 8:45 PM	ADULT PICK-UP (GYMNASIUM)	ADULTS	GUEST FEES APPLY, SEE BELOW	STAFF
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	12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	PICKLEBALL (GYMNASIUM) DURING BAD WEATHER	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY, SEE BELOW	RHONDA ARBOLANTE
	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	KIDS READING TO THERAPY DOGS (GAME RM) 12/13	KIDS	GUEST FEES APPLY, SEE BELOW	MARY THOMPSON
	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	OAK TREE MEN'S GOLF CLUB MTG (GREEN RM) 12/6 Canceled	ADULT	1ST WEDNESDAY: GUEST FEES APPLY	MARK POINDEXTER
	11:30 AM - 8:45 PM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY, SEE BELOW	STAFF
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	8:30 AM - 11:00 AM	VETERANS MEETING (GREEN RM) 12/7	ADULT	SEE VETERANS	BILL KRITLOW
	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY, SEE BELOW	STAFF
	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	BVS VINTAGE DANCE (GREEN RM) 12/7	ADULT	2ND THURSDAY: GUEST FEES APPLY	MARTHA VELAZQUEZ
	4:00 PM - 8:45 PM	BASKETBALL PRACTICES (GYMNASIUM)	KIDS	SPORTS LEAGUES	STAFF
	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	BVS ASTRONOMY CLUB BOARD (GREEN RM) 12/21 Canceled	ADULT	LAST THURSDAY: GUEST FEES APPLY	CLAUDE PLYMATE
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	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	VETS BINGO (GYMNASIUM) 12/2	ADULT	1ST SATURDAY: GUEST FEES APPLY	JED HANNON
	2:00 PM - 8:45 PM	OPEN GYMNASIUM (EXCEPT DURING BINGO)	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY, BELOW	STAFF
S U N	12:00 PM - 6:45 PM	WEIGHTROOM OPENS-FITNESS CENTER	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY, SEE BELOW	NO INSTRUCTOR
	12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	FREE SKATE (HELMET REQUIRED) NO HOCKEY STICKS	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY, SEE BELOW	STAFF/PARENTS
	2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	RC CLUB (GYMNASIUM) 12/10	ADULT	2ND SUNDAY: GUEST FEES APPLY	MITCH MCDIFFET
	2:00 PM - 6:45 PM	OPEN GYMNASIUM (EXCEPT DURING RC CLUB)	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY, SEE BELOW	STAFF

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- **Dec. 2nd** -Vets Bingo doors open at 12:30
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- **Dec. 5th** - Houchin Blood Drive 12-6pm
- **Dec. 9th** - "Sierra Pops" musical performance 2
pm
- **Dec. 13th** - Tailwaggers "Read to dogs"
3 pm game room
- **Dec. 16th** - Astronomy Club "Lights out Night"
at Cub Lake 6-10 pm
- **Dec. 19th - 22nd** -Christmas Family Events see
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- **Dec. 22nd** - "Night before Christmas" Play
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What is Western Dressage?

Western Dressage is an equestrian sport where a horse and rider perform specific tests, individually, at various levels of difficulty in a rectangular arena, and receive numerical scores on each part of their tests. Using western saddles and gear, Western Dressage training strives to create the relaxed, effective partnerships that are the hallmark of traditional working western horse and rider pairs associated with ranching and riding in the western United States.

Related to Classical Dressage as seen in the Olympics, Western Dressage horses perform to demonstrate their harmony and accuracy to the judge(s) at various gaits in tests that may include circles, loops, diagonals, and straight lines and

halts. Gaits include the walk, jog, and lope in collected, working, extended, and free frames.

As teams increase their skills, they can 'move up the levels' by competing in more challenging levels and in different tests within each level. Divisions are offered for open riders, amateurs (non-pro adults) youth riders, and even gaited horses like Tennessee Walking Horses. Western Dressage starts with Introductory Level where competitors show their skills at the walk and jog only, all the way up to Level 5, which includes sophisticated movements like extended and collected gaits, flying lead changes, half passes, side passes, pivots, and pirouettes.

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Photo: Stine

Shown competing at the Western Dressage World Championships in Guthrie, Oklahoma, Bear Valley Springs amateur horsewoman Suzanne Vlietstra loves her Haflingers... and Western Dressage!

ing, Western Dressage is a sport of precision, partnership, and beauty. It is also a wonderful way for riders and horses of all skill levels to improve their communication and polish their presentation in a show

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Bear Valley equestrian professional Julie Renfro, shown here on a beautiful Spanish Lusitano horse, trains, competes, and judges Western Dressage.



Photo: Katherine E.

Western Dressage develops a relationship of harmony, trust, skill, and fun for horses and riders of all experience levels. Bear Valley rider Suzanne Vlietstra and her 21 year-old Haflinger gelding, Wise Lee, show off their prizes and smiles!

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paramount: even at the walk, riding an absolutely round 20 meter circle takes time to perfect. Changes of gait must be made exactly where required on the written test, halts must be square, and turns must be smooth and fluid. Speed must be constant until a change is asked for; lines must not wander or bow.

Dressage has been described by some participants as 'golf on horseback' and there are certainly similarities: each sport

looks deceptively simple until you try it, and both are addictive and fun!

To learn more, visit the Western Dressage Association of America at www.wdaa.org or check out www.cawda.org, the California affiliate club. Better yet, come to the Bear Valley Springs Dressage Club's shows at the Equestrian Center (www.bvsdc.org) to watch, ask questions, and get hooked on Western Dressage!



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Tailwaggers give hope and service to Mt. Vernon shelter dogs

This year, the Tailwaggers Rescue Division is focusing on helping the staff and dogs at the Kern County's City of Bakersfield Animal Care Center. This shelter is understaffed and underfunded. The shelter was originally built to contain only half the animals than are there right now. Last month, according to Josh Proctor with the BACC, the shelter takes in an average of 200 dogs a week. Josh feels that one of the biggest ways to keep dogs out of the shelters is to support more responsible dog owners that will spay and neuter their dogs.

Tailwaggers is in the first phase of helping out the shelter which involves the following:

- Donating needed supplies
- Walking dogs both at the shelter and away from the shelter
- Having Adopt a Dog days locally

We are donating what is on the needs list for Mt Vernon Shelter. In the first two weeks of November alone, the community donated over 90 Kongs, a flatbed cart, a bunch of leashes, 55 blankets, 71 sheets, 151



towels, 500 disposable potty pads, six containers of dog wipes, assorted health items, electric clippers, a doggy buggy, a walker for a two or three-legged dog, and many boxes of Lucy dog food rolls. This community rocks!! Word from the shelter was, "Thank you, thank you!" You already made a huge difference to the dogs at the shelter and provided fantastic support for the staff.

For Thanksgiving we provided the shel-



Dorothy Ramirez with Reggie, a shelter dog.

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ter with 16 ProSelect Heavy Duty 6-Quart Stainless Steel Pails. The "Christmas present" we want to give to the shelter is Kuranda anodized aluminum outdoor dog beds that are 35"x23". They are guaranteed to last five winters. The cost is approximately \$120.87 each,

depending how many we buy, and they need 100 beds. If you can buy a bed for a dog, let us know!

We have a team of people who have been to the shelter to walk dogs and hold newborn puppies. We are training dogs to sit and be "polite" so as to make them more adoptable. We even put beds together so the dogs will be able to get off the cold floor this winter. So far it has been a great experience for those participating in this endeavor.

We will continue to let the community know the needs of the shelter and how you can help through the Tailwaggers' Facebook and community flyers. If you want to help, call Molly at 818-512-9836 and we will be happy to hear how you can help! Let's show the shelter that our community, not just the Tailwaggers, is there for them, to help and to serve! 🐾

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<u>Friday December 8th</u> Tracey Peoples	<u>Saturday December 23rd</u> Jaret Miner
<u>Saturday December 9th</u> Karaoke with Eric	<u>Friday December 29th</u> ACME Music Company
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FOOD & BEVERAGE HOLIDAY HOURS

Thanksgiving - Thursday November 23rd



Mulligan Room - 7:30am-2pm
OTCC - Thanksgiving Buffet
11am-5pm - Reservations only

Christmas Eve - Sunday December 24th

Mulligan Room - 8am-2pm
OTCC (Oaks and Saloon) - Closed



Christmas Day - Monday December 25th



Mulligan Room - Closed
OTCC (Oaks and Saloon) - Closed

New Year's Eve - Sunday December 31st

Mulligan Room - 7:30am- 2pm
OTCC (Oaks and Saloon) - 4pm-12am



New Year's Day - Monday January 1st

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Mulligan Room- 7:30am-8pm
OTCC (Oaks and Saloon) - Closed



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month (which does not include any amount of metered water), plus volumetric charges based on amount of water used. After an initial lower priced tier, additional water use is billed at a higher rate, to encourage conservation.

Average water consumption in the community is about 300 to 350 gallons per day per home, which results in an average annual water bill of about \$1,700 to \$2,000 per home. Many people believe that this is expensive, and our water is certainly not the cheapest compared to

similar public systems in Kern County. However, to put this in context, consider what it would cost to buy bottled water by the gallon at our local Walmart: about \$1.30 per one-gallon bottle in August 2023. So, if you need 300 gallons per day, that would be \$140,000 per year. Many people pay more per year for internet and TV service that they do for tap water. Which is more important to life?

About 50 to 60% of the annual bill is comprised of the base charge, and the rest is based on metered volume of water. Residents may ask why they do

not get any water for the base charge; or why they must pay the base charge even if they are using no water. Basically, the answer is that, as noted above, 85% of our expenditure budget is in fixed rather than variable costs. It is also important for CSD operations that annual revenue be stable and predictable. If most or all the revenue were based on usage, and we were forced to impose water use restrictions during a drought, we could come up short on necessary revenue.

While the CSD cannot increase "special taxes" (i.e. the current police, gate, or road special taxes) without a 2/3 majority vote on an election referendum, rates for our enterprise funds, including water, are not "special taxes." Water rates may be increased by resolution of the CSD Board of Directors, but subject to certain conditions under state law. Primarily, these are requirements for public notice and hearing, and preclusion of using water rate revenue for

purposes not related to the water utility. Water rates must be based on the cost of service, and therefore it is good practice to have a water rate study prepared prior to proposing a rate increase.

With the recent uptick in the number of new homes constructed in BVS, residents may wonder if new residents are either paying their fair share for past investments or may cause our water demands to grow beyond our capacity to deliver. This is addressed in Title 5, Chapter 3 of the District Code. Basically, for each new home, there is a capacity fee, which goes into the Water Development Fund. That fund is reserved for projects that add capacity to the water system.

In our next final part of this series, we will explain what capital improvements have been made in recent years, and what may be needed in the future to ensure the long-term reliability and safety of our water supply.





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TEXT OF PROPOSED CHANGES

ARTICLE 18

AMENITY SPECIAL ACTIVITIES USE BY INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS

(Adopted 7/9/88 & Amended 1/18/92; Repealed & Adopted new 6/10/08)

SECTION 1800. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

(a) The purpose of this Article is to accommodate reasonable "Special Uses" and "Commercial Uses" of the facilities and common areas by groups of individuals where that use does not unduly conflict with the ordinary and regular use of facilities and common areas by Association Members; to provide for "Service Providers" for Association Members and to establish uniform criteria for Special Uses, Commercial Uses and Service Providers.

(b) As used in this Article, the following words and terms have the following meanings:

(1) "Special Use" means any use of a facility or common area by any individual or group of individuals that is in addition to or materially different than the regular and ordinary use of the facility or common area to which Members are entitled under the Governing Documents.

(2) "Special Use" shall not include any of the following:
(A) Association employees who provide services for Association Members and their guests for a fee, pursuant to employment contracts or within the scope of their employment.

(B) Persons who qualify as Service Providers under the provisions of Section 1809.

(C) Activities sponsored by the Association.

(3) "Special User" means any individual or group of individuals who applies for and is granted permission to make a Special Use of a facility or common area in accordance with this Article.

(4) "Commercial User" means any use through which the Special User collects— fees, charges, rents, payments, or any other compensation for the use or occupation of the facility or common area.

(5) "Commercial User" means any user who applies for and is granted permission to make a Commercial Use of a facility or common area in accordance with this Article.

(6) Service Providers include, but are not limited to, instructors, coaches, and trainers who provide services for Association Members for a fee at a facility or common area, under the conditions set out in Section 1809.

(7) (A) "Recognized Club" means any nonprofit club, group, or other association of persons, whether incorporated or unincorporated, recognized by the Association as making a significant and material contribution to the social, welfare, educational, or recreational activities or interests of Association Members, comprised of fifteen or more members, the members of which consist solely of Association Members and Bear Valley Springs resident tenants who are non-Association members who have been assigned Use Privilege Cards under Section 305(fg).
(Amended 3-10-10)

i. Individuals who are not Bear Valley Springs property owners, and are Recognized Club participant guests, must be sponsored by a Recognized Club Member who is a Bear Valley Springs property owner in good standing, or, a Bear Valley Springs tenant who has been assigned amenity privileges.
(Added 8/10/11)

(B) The organizational documents of Recognized Clubs shall not conflict with the Governing Documents or purposes of the Association.

(C) All Recognized Clubs shall maintain an official roster of club members (including Name, Lot and Tract Numbers of Association Members and Bear Valley Springs resident tenants who are non-Association members who have been assigned Use Privilege Cards under Section 305(fg). *(Amended 8/10/11)*

(D) It is the responsibility of the Club to keep its membership list up to date and make the list available to the Association upon request. Association recognized groups approved prior to the effective date of this Article, shall file a roster of its members within sixty days after the adoption of this Article. *(Amended*

12/10/12)

(D) Except for Association recognized groups approved prior to the effective date of this Article, applications for Recognized Club status, as set out in Section 1812, must be filed with the Association Secretary and approved by the Board at its regular monthly meeting in order to be given Recognized Club status. *(Amended 12/10/12)*

(E) The Board of Directors may remove Recognized Club status if a club fails to meet status requirements. To maintain Recognized Club eligibility and the afforded privileges therein, the Recognized Club must:

(i) Adhere to all BVSA policies, rules and governing documents,

(ii) Annually file Club By-Laws, membership lists, and insurance coverage (as needed) with the BVSA and maintain (at least), the minimum membership threshold with BVSA members in good standing. *(Amended 9/10/12)*

(iii) Continue to operate with community in mind. Recognized Club status requires that clubs and organizations operate as a nonprofit organization. *(Added 03/10/10)*

(c) Association Members, Recognized Clubs and groups consisting solely of Association Members and their families will be given priority in scheduling dates of Special Uses and Commercial Uses.

(d) This Article is applicable to all persons who make or request a Special Use of a facility or common area for either profit or non-profit activities not conducted or sponsored by the Association.

SECTION 1801. SPECIAL USE REQUEST AND AGREEMENT

All users of a facility ~~or~~ common area subject to this Article must execute the Section 1811 Special Use Request and Agreement. If the request is approved by the Facility Manager it will be sent to the General Manager or Board of Directors for final approval or denial, as provided in Section 1807. Until a Special Use Request and Agreement has been finally approved as provided under this Article, no person or group shall have any right to make a Special Use of a facility or common area. Special Use request forms are available at each amenity. *(Amended 06/01/19)*

SECTION 1802. FEES AND DEPOSITS

(a)(1) Except as expressly provided otherwise in this Article, all Special Users of a facility shall be charged a rental fee, in an amount to be established by the Board, for the purpose of at least partially reimbursing the Association for the estimated overhead and administrative costs incurred by the Association because of the Special Use of the facility, including, but not limited to, utilities and payroll costs. A Special User that is otherwise subject to the rental fee may receive an exemption from this fee for an event if a significant percentage of the gross revenue derived from the event will be used in Bear Valley Springs to contribute to the social, welfare, educational or recreational activities or interests of Association Members. The request for exemption must be in written form, addressed to the General Manager and include the gross revenue from the event and the amount and purpose of the revenue that will be used in Bear Valley Springs. Approval or denial of the request will be at the discretion of the General Manager and the Board of Directors, who will so indicate their decision on the original of the request, which will be returned to the Special User, and will file a copy of the request with the Association Secretary.

(2) Recognized Clubs shall be permitted to make Special Use of amenities and common areas without paying a rental fee unless such use is in conflict with Sections 1803 and/or 1804. If a conflict does exist the Recognized Club may negotiate the Special Use Request with the Facility Manager and the General Manager. ~~There will not be a fee charged to Recognized Clubs for use of BVSA Facilities and/or equipment that the Recognized Club has built or has paid to be built.~~ A fee schedule, established by the General Manager (or Board of Directors) will be applied for use of BVSA equipment by Recognized Clubs that BVSA staff must erect or transport, including but not limited to: tables,

chairs, BBQ's and tents. Outside vendors, when utilized, shall have all appropriate health department certificates, insurance that indemnifies BVSA and signed release of liability.

(Amended 02-10-11)

(b) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this Article, all Special Users of an amenity must, at the time of submitting the required Special Use Request and Agreement, deposit with the Association a cleaning and repair deposit in a reasonable amount established by the Board. If the Special User leaves the amenity as clean and in the same condition and state of repair as existed prior to the Special Use, the deposit will be refunded. The deposit shall be forfeited to the Association if any cleaning or repair is required.

(2) Repetitive Special Users may elect to have monies remain on deposit during the term of their reservations, which may not exceed twelve months.

(3) Recognized Clubs will be exempt from the cleaning and repair deposit requirement so long as the Club leaves the amenity or common area in a clean and good condition.

(c) (1) All Commercial Users must pay, in addition to the rental fee required under Section 1802(a), a fee not to exceed twenty percent (20%) of the Commercial User's gross revenue derived or attributable to the Commercial User's use of the facility or common area. This fee shall be due and payable to the Association promptly (but no later than two business days) after the end of the Commercial User's use of the facility or common area.

(2) The Association reserves the right to inspect and audit the books and records of any Commercial User at any reasonable time to verify the gross revenue and the amount of the fee to be paid.

(3) ~~Recognized Clubs are exempt from this fee.~~

SECTION 1803. UNUSUAL AMENITY HOUR

If a facility is kept open for a Special Use during unusual hours, (hours when the facility is normally closed), the Special User must reimburse the Association for all additional operational costs incurred by the Association for keeping the facility open during the unusual hours.

SECTION 1804. CLOSURE OF FACILITIES

(a) Any request to close a facility, entirely or partially, to general use by all Association Members in order to accommodate a Special Use, will require approval of the Facility Manager and the General Manager and must be stated in the Special Use Request and Agreement Form.

(b) In order to be considered for approval, the form must be executed by an Association Member and be submitted to the Association not less than 30 days in advance of the requested date of closure.

SECTION 1805. INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

(a) All Special Users and recognized clubs shall agree, by their use of Association facilities, to indemnify and hold the Association free and harmless from all claims arising out of, or related to, the use of a facility or common area.

(b) In addition, if the use of a facility or common area includes activities or events that, in the sole discretion of the Facility Manager, General Manager or Board, involve a degree of risk or injury to or death of persons or damage to property, the Special User shall obtain at its sole expense, and maintain at all times during the Special Use, a policy of general liability insurance with policy limits satisfactory to the Association and naming the Association as an additional insured. If this insurance is required, the Special User must provide a certificate of insurance evidencing the policy to the Association at least five working days prior to the Special Use of the facility or common area.

SECTION 1806 ADVERTISING

(a) Any proposed advertising, solicitation, news items, or invitations to the general public (persons who are not Association Members or District residents)

relating to Special Users must first be approved by the General Manager before publication, distribution or other dissemination.

(b)–The Association is not responsible in any manner whatsoever for the results of any unauthorized advertisement or solicitation. Any members of the general public responding to advertisements, solicitations or other similar materials not so approved, may be denied access to Special Use of the Community Facilities and Common Areas at the sole discretion of the General Manager.

(c) Any advertising, news items or invitations to the public relating to Special Uses permitted under this Article must include instructions describing the procedures for obtaining a road or guest pass required for public access into Bear Valley Springs and the Community Facility or Common Area.

(d) It is the responsibility of the Special User to ensure that these instructions are included in any advertising, news items, or invitations, and the Association shall not be responsible for the instructions or a denial of access to members of the public that may result if the instructions are not given.

SECTION 1807. SPECIAL USE REQUEST AND AGREEMENT PROVISIONS

(a) All Special Use Requests and Agreements must contain all terms of the Special Use.

(b) All Special Use Requests and Agreements must be signed by an authorized representative of the Special User and by an authorized representative of the Association, which may be the Facility Manager, the General Manager, or the Board President or designee, depending on the circumstances and as prescribed in subdivisions (c), (d) and (e).

(c) All requests for Special Use of facilities or common areas by a Recognized Club must be approved by the Facility Manager unless the use by the Recognized Club will to any substantial degree preclude the use of the facility or common area by other Association Members, in which case the request must also be approved by the General Manager.

(d) All requests for non-commercial Special Use of facilities or common areas by any person or persons, other than a Recognized Club, must be approved by the Facility Manager and the General Manager.

(e) Except for Recognized Clubs, all requests for Commercial Use of facilities or common areas must be approved by the General Manager ~~and~~ or the Board and the Special Use Request and Agreement must be signed by the Board President or his or her designated representative at least thirty (30) days before the requested use is to begin.

SECTION 1808. TIME LIMITS

(a) Approvals or denials of Special Use requests will be made not less than seven (7) business days after receipt of the Special Use Request and Agreement by the Association representative responsible for approving or denying the request.

(b) Any Special Use for a period longer than eight (8) hours in any single day or for more than one day must be approved by the General Manager ~~and~~ or the Board.

(c) Special Use of facilities and common areas by Recognized Clubs on a regular, periodic basis, as for example, once per week, once per month, twice per month, quarterly, may be approved by the General Manager ~~and~~ or the Board, so long as a Special Use Request and Agreement is in effect covering those periods of time.

(d) Cancellations of approved Special Uses must be made by the Special User not less than ten (10) days prior to the first day of the requested Use.

SECTION 1809. SERVICE PROVIDERS

(a) Service Providers (Providers) must meet all of the following conditions in order to maintain their status as Service Providers:

(1) Annually register with the Facility Manager and the Association and pay an annual administrative fee established by the Board. This registration process will include a registration card.

(2) Obtain at their sole expense, and maintain at all times during their services, a policy of general liability insurance with policy limits satisfactory to the Association and naming the Association as an additional insured. The Provider must provide a certificate of insurance evidencing the policy to the Association at least five working days prior to their use of the facility or common area and indemnify and hold the Association and the District free and harmless from all claims arising out of, or related to, the use of the facility or common area.

(3) Register any persons using their services with the Facility Manager and the Association. This must include names and lots and tracts of Association Members and names and addresses of Bear Valley Springs resident tenants who are non- Association members who have been assigned Use Privilege Cards under Section 305(fg). In addition, Association Liability Release Forms for Adults and Minors, must be filed with the Association, and signed by any and all persons using their services, that indemnify and hold the Association and the District free and harmless from all claims arising out of, or related to, the use of a facility or common area.

(4) May only provide services for Association Members and Bear Valley Springs residents who have been assigned Use Privileges Cards under Section 305(fg).

(5) May not, in the course of their services, partially or exclusively close a facility, or common area, or prohibit any other Association Members from the enjoyment of the facility or common area due to the number of participants or extent of the usage.

(b) Providers that do not adhere to all portions of this subdivision will be deemed Commercial Users and are subject to all the provisions of this article applicable to them.

(c) Service Providers must check in at each service occurrence with Amenity Management/staff prior to providing any services and apprise staff of service length and clients served.

(d) Providers who are not Association Members will require a road pass furnished by the Association Member using their services, and be accompanied at all times by said Association Member.

TEXT OF ADOPTED CHANGES

(Deletions are shown in ~~strikethrough~~ type and additions in bold underlined type)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES

Association Rules Section 305: Use Privilege Cards

(a) Subject to this Section 305, ~~The~~ Association will issue Use Privilege Cards to ~~New~~ Members and their immediate family upon application and presentation of evidence of eligibility for membership in the form of a recorded grant deed or a currently effective title insurance policy on property within Bear Valley Springs (BVS).

(b) (1) If more than one person owns a lot or condominium, all of the owners ~~together~~ are deemed to be one Member or one Membership, pursuant to Par. 11b(2) of the Covenants and Restrictions (C&Rs) ~~and~~ Art. III, Section 4 of the Association Bylaws.

(2) Pursuant to Art. VII, Sec. 2 of the Association Bylaws, the persons included in the Membership have the right to designate the members of one single family residing together who may use the Community Facilities and Common Areas in BVS.

(c) Designation of family members must be made on an application form provided by the Association ~~and is~~ that will be subject to the Association's verification that the information provided by the Membership qualifies the persons designated as family members.

(d) (1) Use Privilege Cards will be issued to the persons designated by the Membership and found to be qualified family members by the Association.

(2) The minor children of parents, who are divorced or separated and who have been awarded

their joint physical custody as defined in Family Code Section 3004, are deemed to reside with each parent.

(e) Applications for changes in the designated family and family members may be made to the Association upon surrender of the Use Privilege Cards issued to that Membership.

(f) Residences, residential lots, condominiums and condominium lots are intended to be used for residential purposes only. Short-term rentals or leases (less than ~~6 months~~ thirty (30) consecutive days in length at any one time negatively impact Association resources, resulting in undue costs and liability for the Association, and therefore, are disallowed. This includes Air BNB's, VRBO, or any other vacation, weekend, or short-term rentals. The renters or users of the short-term rentals shall not qualify for Use Privilege Cards.

(g) Members who assign their rights to a tenant must immediately surrender their Use Privilege Cards and give the Association written notice of the assignment and the names of the tenant and the tenant's family qualifying for a Use Privilege Card. Upon termination of the tenancy, the Association will return or replace the Member's Use Privilege Card upon application by the Member. The Member should make every effort to ensure that the cards issued to tenants and their families are returned to the Association Office upon termination of the tenancy.

(1) Use Privilege Cards will not be issued to tenants who have not been assigned use privilege rights by Members as provided in Article VII, Section 3 of the Bylaws.

(2) A non-refundable deposit, in accordance with the BVSA Fee Schedule, must be deposited for each Use Privilege eCard before issuance of the ~~eCards~~.

(3) Tenants who have been assigned use privilege rights by Members must obtain Use Privilege Cards from the Association in order to use Community Facilities and Common Areas. Their use of the Community Facilities and Common Areas as guests of Members or other tenants will not be permitted.

(4) Property Owners who have an Environmental Control Committee (ECC) approved Accessory Dwelling Unit/Guesthouse and/or Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit may assign up to two amenity Use Privilege eCards per unit to tenants. A completed application by the Member with accompanying lease verifying that the rental is ~~six (6) months~~ thirty consecutive days or longer in length and an annual fee (or pro-rated amount of the annual fee), in accordance with the BVSA Fee schedule, must be paid for each Use Privilege eCard before issuance. The annual fee per card will then be charged to the Property Owner each fiscal year with the annual assessments until the Association is ~~informed~~ informed in writing of termination of the tenancy.

(5) Occupants, ~~tenants and all~~ other persons who have been assigned use privileges by the Members as provided in Article VII, Section 3 of the Bylaws who have violated the BVSA Rules, ECC Rules or other Bear Valley Springs governing documents will be subject to loss of amenity use privileges as determined by the Board of Directors and will be required to surrender their amenity Use Privilege eCards.

(h) Upon sale, exchange or transfer of a Member's lot or condominium, the Member must surrender to the Association the Use Privilege Cards outstanding on that property. Upon failure to return the ~~eCard(s)~~, the Association may impose a fee in accordance with the BVSA Fee Schedule for each ~~eCard~~, issued with respect to the Member's property, which is not returned to the Association. This fee may be collected through the sale, exchange or transfer escrow or any other means provided by law.

(i) Use of BVS Community Facilities and Common Areas is limited to persons qualifying for Use Privilege Cards or Guest Passes. The Association shall require production of the Use Privilege eCard or Guest pPass prior to use of any facility. Persons operating a business on their BVS property may not extend use of BVSA common areas, facilities or amenities to outside

persons as a component of their commercial enterprise.

A. Due to the unique use of the Mulligan Room (a food establishment) and in accordance with the C&R's section 7.f.(1) sub-section a-e. The Mulligan Room will be exempt from this rule allowing anyone with a valid gate pass to patronize the Mulligan Room only without showing an amenity Use Privilege eCard or eGuest pPass.

(j) Lost, stolen or destroyed cards will be replaced by the Association upon payment of a processing charge in accordance with the BVSA Fee Schedule and execution of an affidavit of loss, theft or destruction.

(k) Multiple owners of lots or condominiums who do not qualify as a family as defined by subdivision (n)(g), and who acquired ownership of their property prior to September 19, 1987, are entitled to receive no more than six Use Privilege Cards.

(l) ~~An individual or a husband and wife-~~ Members Natural persons who own two or more lots or condominiums may designate, for each lot or condominium owned, one single family related to the owners by blood or marriage, residing together, who may use the Common Areas and Community Facilities.
(m) (1) ~~Persons other than individuals or husbands and wives~~ natural persons who own a single lot or condominium may shall designate one single family residing together who may use the Common areas and Community Facilities.

(2) ~~Persons other than individuals or husbands and wives~~ natural persons who own two or more lots or condominiums may designate for each lot or condominium owned, one single family residing together who may shall use the Common Areas and Community Facilities.

(n) The term "person," as used in ~~subdivision (h)~~ this Section 305, means any and includes natural persons, corporations, partnerships, association; limited liability company companies, trust or and other entity entities recognized by the laws of the State of

California.

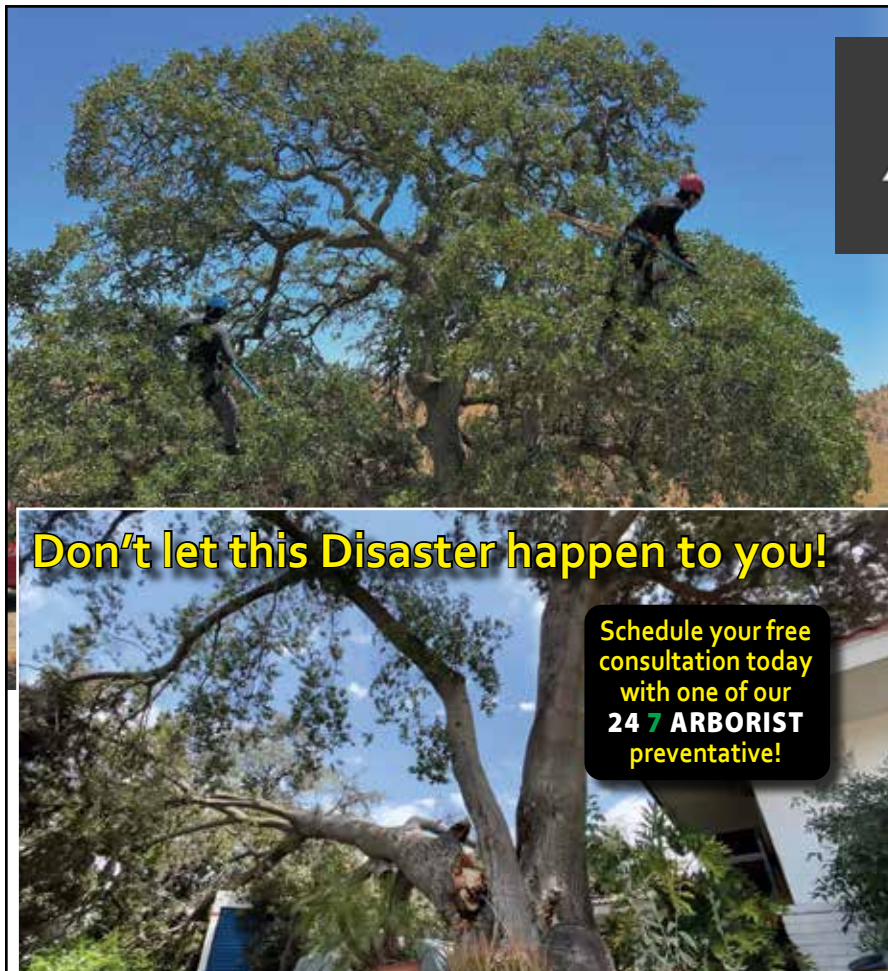
(o) The term "family" as used in ~~the section~~ this Section 305 means an individual a natural person or two or more individuals natural persons related by blood, marriage, domestic partnership or legal adoption, or a group of individuals natural persons living together as a single housekeeping unit on a permanent basis, and all having equal access to all areas of the lot or condominium.

(p) Notwithstanding any other provision of these

Rules, in no event shall a Member whose use privilege rights have been suspended, in whole or in part, for any reason, including but not limited to the nonpayment of assessments, be entitled to use or enjoy the Common Areas or Community Facilities during the period of any such suspension. Any attempt by a Member in good standing to designate such suspended Member as a person qualified to hold or exercise such use privilege rights shall be null and void.

2023/2024 OTMGC Golf Tournament Schedule

Date		Format	
December	6	Wednesday	Tournament @ Rancho Vista G.C., Individual Net
January	3	Wednesday	Tournament @ The Links at Riverlakes Ranch G.C., Individual Net
February	7	Wednesday	Tournament @ Kern River G.C., Individual Net
February	10	Saturday	2 Person Scramble
March	9	Saturday	Two Man Better Ball
April	13	Saturday	Par 3
May	11	Saturday	3 Clubs & A Putter
June	8	Saturday	President's Cup
July	13	Saturday	Red, White & Blue, Individual Net
August	9 & 10	Friday/Saturday	Member/Guest
September	14 & 15	Saturday/Sunday	Club Championship
October	5	Saturday	Play for Pink (Hosted by OTWGC)
October	12	Saturday	Best Ball (9) & Alternate Shot (9), 2 Man Team



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*** CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH TO BECOME BETTER PREPARED:

☐ **Know what to do while waiting for an ambulance to arrive.**

Call 911 instead of trying to take an injured or ill person to the hospital yourself. It seems like waiting for an ambulance will make it take longer to get help, but ambulance crews can start providing care as soon as they arrive. They can get the patient to hospital quickly, legally, and more safely.

1. Stay on the line with 911 and follow emergency instructions.
2. Stay calm and try to keep the patient calm.
3. Don't move a patient who was injured in an automobile accident or fall, or who was found unconscious.
4. If the patient is cold, cover them with a blanket.
5. Don't give an injured person anything to eat or drink (unless instructed by the 911 dispatcher).
6. Have someone watch for the ambulance and show the crew how to get to the patient. (This is especially important in an apartment or office building, or if your address is hard to see from the street).

☐ **Make or buy first aid kits for your home and car.**

Ready-made first aid kits are available at most department stores or your local American Red Cross chapter. These kits come in a variety of sizes and prices. You can also make your own kit from supplies you probably already have around the house.

Some items that should be included in a basic first aid kit are:

- Adhesive Tape
- Antiseptic Ointment
- Band-Aids (assorted sizes)
- Blanket
- Cold Pack
- Disposable Gloves
- Gauze Pads & Roller Gauze (assorted sizes)
- Hand Sanitizer (liquid or wipes)
- Plastic Bags
- Scissors and Tweezers
- Small Flashlight and Extra Batteries
- Triangular Bandage



☐ **Take training in first aid, CPR, AED, or pet first aid.**

Helping others in a medical emergency isn't as hard to learn as you might think. Knowing how to apply a bandage, identify the signs and symptoms of shock, perform CPR or use an automatic external defibrillator (AED) can save a life.

First responders may not be on the scene for five minutes or more. It is up to individuals like you to be ready to help someone who is injured. The person whose life you save may be someone that you love.

Many American Red Cross chapters now offer training in pet first aid. Training may also be available through your local humane society, kennel club, or pet store. Check with your veterinarian to see what special items you may need to include in a first aid kit for your pets. If you travel with your pet, or if they are service or hunting animals, you may want to make a travel-sized pet first aid kit as well.

Contact your local fire department or American Red Cross chapter to learn what first aid classes are available in your area. Ask your employer if they will sponsor a class for your workplace, or take a class with your family or on your own. Many classes are offered free of charge. Courses may also be offered at your place of worship, school, or community organization. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training also includes first aid training.

Being prepared doesn't have to be hard or expensive. By doing one thing a month, you can make sure that you and the people who depend on you will be better prepared for whatever happens.



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