

REPLENISH BIG BEAR PROGRAM

NEWSLETTER



Dear Neighbor,

As we ramp up communication for the Replenish Big Bear Program, we want to keep you informed and engaged. Look out for upcoming community meetings at BBARWA, where you can hear the latest updates and ask questions during a Q&A session—or contact us to schedule a one-on-one meeting.

Behind the scenes, we're reconnecting with key partners, including the EPA for the WIFIA loan, Program Partners for updated agreements, and the Regional Water Quality Control Board to review the schedule and permitting for discharging Program water into Stanfield Marsh and Big Bear Lake.

These efforts are essential to keep the Program moving forward. To stay informed, subscribe to BBARWA's meeting agendas at bbarwa.org and read the monthly Replenish Big Bear Report for the latest information.

This Quarter's Progress

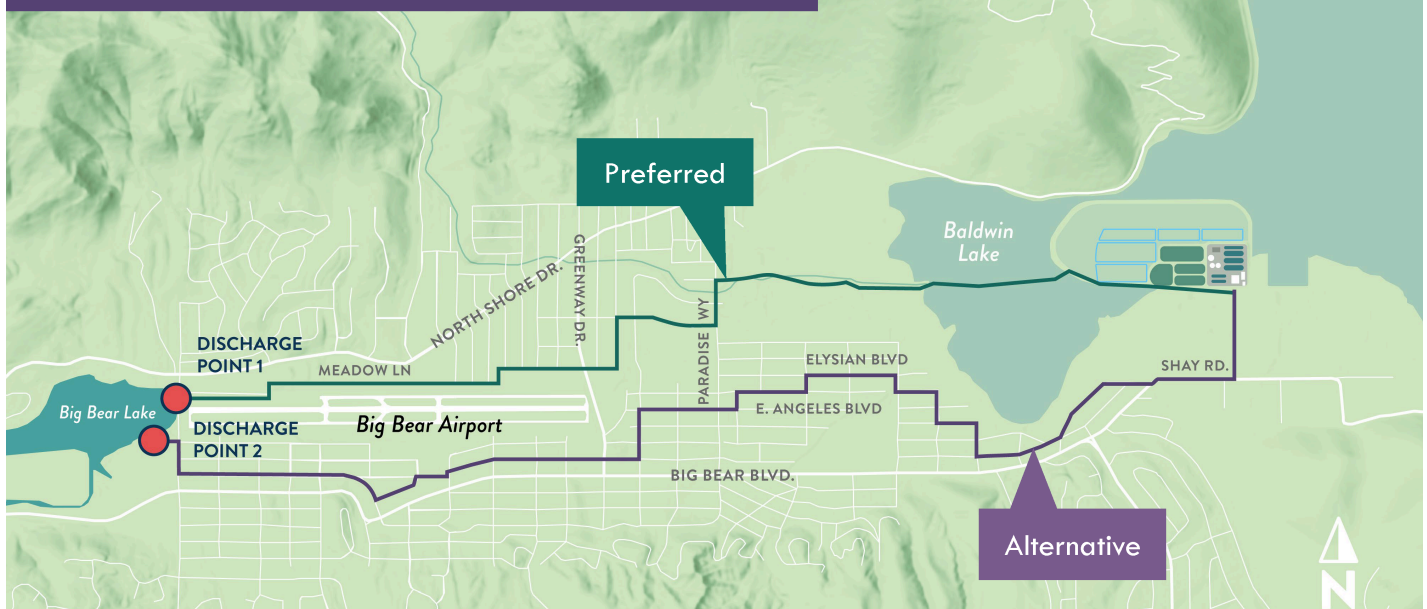
The Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency (BBARWA) Governing Board certified the Program Environmental Impact Report on February 26, 2025.

The BBARWA Governing Board adopted a five-year rate schedule on March 26, 2025 with **no additional rate increase in FY 2026 for BBARWA's Wastewater Treatment Upgrades Project**—one of several projects under the Replenish Big Bear Program.

Final design work is progressing, with a focus on the brine evaporation ponds, process modeling, and preparation of the Preliminary Design Report (PDR).

BBARWA is preparing a combined EPA STAG grant application for 2022–2024 to fund project management, design, and permitting dating back to October 2021. An updated scope, schedule, and budget have been prepared to support Amendment No. 2 for the 2023 Title XVI grant to incorporate \$9M.

BBARWA: Wastewater Treatment Upgrades



What is BBARWA's Wastewater Treatment Upgrades Project?

BBARWA's Project includes multiple treatment process upgrades using the best available technology to produce over 700 million gallons, or 2,200 acre-feet (AFY) per year of purified water – this is referred to as Program water. These processes, including but not limited to, ultrafiltration, reverse osmosis, an advanced oxidation process, and ultraviolet (UV) disinfection, will produce purified water that meets or exceeds all state and federal water quality standards.

New pipeline will deliver Program water to Stanfield Marsh, which will then flow into Big Bear Lake, providing a new and consistent inflow. There are two proposed routes for this pipeline: the Baldwin Lake Pipeline Alignment (preferred) or the East - West Neighborhoods Pipeline Alignment (alternative).

Additional upgrades include the installation of 2 megawatts of solar panels on BBARWA property to reduce energy costs and improve valley wide redundancy for emergency power. Peak flows that exceed plant capacity will continue to be sent to Lucerne Valley.

Did you know?

In addition to water quality parameters tested for the pilot treatment process, 304 other constituents were monitored, of which 16 were detected. Of the 16, only 11 constituents have established objectives, which were all below the most stringent objective. The remaining constituents were not detected.

Presentation to Community Organizations

Would your organization like a presentation with the latest updates on the Replenish Big Bear Program? If so, please contact BBARWA.

For More Information

BBARWA encourages the community to provide feedback and questions about this Program and its Projects. For more information, call us at (909) 584-4018 or email us at admin@bbarwa.org.