

BIG BEAR AREA REGIONAL WASTEWATER AGENCY NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Action: The Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency issues this Notice of Availability of a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the **Recycled Water Master Plan**.

Project

Location: The project area is located in the central portion of the San Bernardino Mountains. The treatment plant is located in the eastern portion of the Big Bear Valley, adjacent to and south of Baldwin Lake. Future recycled water use sites are located throughout the Valley. Big Bear Valley is located on portions of four USGS topographic maps: Big Bear Lake, Moonridge, Fawnskin and Big Bear City. Most of the Big Bear Valley is located within T2N and R1W/R2W, San Bernardino Meridian.

Project

Description: The Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency (BBARWA or Agency) proposes to adopt and implement a Recycled Water Master Plan, including a specific program of artificial groundwater recharge using recycled water in the Greenspot area of the Big Bear Valley. The Draft Final Master Plan envisions installation of required infrastructure and delivery of an initial 1,000 acre-feet per year of recycled water to users in the Agency's service area, with a maximum design capacity of 2,000 acre-feet per year of recycled water being made available to future recycled water consumers. This could include artificial recharge of up to 1,500 acre-feet of recycled water into area groundwater basins to replenish groundwater supplies.

Review

Period: The period of public review for this Draft PEIR begins on November 14, 2005 and extends to December 29, 2005

Lead Agency

Meeting: BBARWA will hold public meetings to discuss the Draft PEIR on November 22, 2005 at 1:30 p.m., December 14, 2005 at 4:30 p.m., and January 25, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. at the Agency's office located at 121 Palomino Drive, Big Bear City.

Potential Significant Effects:

The Recycled Water Master Plan Draft PEIR identifies a single potential significant adverse environmental impact: aesthetics. The installation of the recycled water recharge facility at Greenspot was evaluated as being a significant modification in the existing visual setting at the proposed recharge facility site in Greenspot. All other environmental impacts were forecast to be either less than significant without mitigation or less than significant with mitigation.

Draft PEIR

Availability: The Draft PEIR can be reviewed at the Agency's office at 121 Palomino Drive in

Big Bear City or at local libraries.

**Presence of
Contamination:**

None of the sites identified in the Master Plan for development with recycled water facilities is known to be contaminated by any hazardous or toxic materials.

BBARWA may hold additional public meetings in the future on the Draft PEIR and the Draft Recycled Water Master Plan. Public notices will be provided of the time and date of any such meetings or hearings.