

BIG RIVER COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
MINUTES

March 19, 2026, 6:00 P.M.

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

NEW BOARD MEMBERS, JAMES HOOVER AND CHRISTOPHER GREEN, WERE SWORN INTO OFFICE.

PRESENT: PRESIDENT MIKE GEBEL, VICE PRESIDENT LARRY HUNT, SAFETY DIRECTOR DEBRA MOORE, PARK DIRECTOR JAMES HOOVER, FINANCE DIRECTOR CHRISTOPHER GREEN.

OTHERS PRESENT: Sherry Simmer, Chris Clements, Kari Vanburger, CHP Officer Severing, Sheriff Steve Cook, Stewart Smith, Christina Sorenson, William Helfer, Marty Johnson, Willard Johnson, Glenn Swarthout, Debbie Valentine, Dianne Muniz, Allyson Harder, Roger Harder, Ed DeMascio.

CONSENT AGENDA: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. Approve/deny Jan 16th CSD Meeting minutes. Approve: Larry Hunt, Debi Moore.
- B. Approve/deny Financial Report – Approve: Debi Moore, Larry Hunt.
- C. Scott Clements Resignation as of February 26th, 2026

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

- Stewart Smith discussed “dogs at large.” His dog has been attacked twice in his own yard. The dogs attacked his through the fence on his property. He went to CRIT and talked to animal control. He was told there is only one person who deals with animal control in the area, and they will be patrolling the area more.
- Others added they are unable to walk their dogs in Big River due to feeling threatened. Sheriffs advised pepper spray, bear spray or even carrying a golf club for protection.
- There were questions regarding the leases. We are still unsure about a set outcome. However, some have heard residents will know more in October. It was advised to email and send letters from our community to our representatives, as well as Department of Interior. Contact information: DOUG BURGUM, 55th DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR MAILING ADDRESS: 1849 C STREET N.W. WASHINGTON D.C. 20240
PH: (202)208-3100. DAWN ROWE, 3rd DISTRICT EMAIL: supervisor.rowe@bos.sbcounty.gov

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Signs have been purchased. Need poles.
- B. Lawn mower has been serviced.

- C. Docks have been fixed. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make it happen.

NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. We will be fixing the sprinklers as well as adding more.
- B. Tractor needs service i.e. leaky seals, hydraulic issue.
- C. One more dock to be fixed; volunteers needed.

REPORTS AND UPDATES:

Park Report – Working on trees. We have had to cut some down. Stucco near clubhouse and bathrooms need repair; volunteers needed.

Safety Report – We will be fixing the remaining dock the first part of April; volunteers needed.

School Report – Shannon Keller (Monument Peak School) gave us flyers to hand out to help raise money so all students can receive a yearbook. For your donations you can get advertisement space in the yearbook for business cards, messages, flyers or to celebrate your child’s milestones.

Senior Center Report –This month 227 boxes were distributed through the drive-through and pick up at the senior center. Dianne Muniz encourages everyone to come and get a box. All food is USDA. Menus were handed out for the month. Transportation has been very busy. They offer rides to doctor appointments, hospitals, Loma Linda, Palm Springs, Las Vegas and Phoenix. A contact number for Heather, our driver, is printed on the monthly menus.

Sheriff’s Department Report- Sheriff Steve Cook has taken over for Sheriff Brian Weck. He will be working nights. He stated they are all aware of the “dog situation” and has been working with CRIT and animal control trying to come up with solutions. He also stated that there was an arrest made in Big River. They seized half a pound of narcotics. Thank you for your service.

CHP – Has been in touch with BLM regarding rounding up the donkeys due to accidents. Also, they will be showing their presence and patrolling the Big River community more.

Fire Station Report- Unable to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tell your friends, family and neighbors about the mobile healthcare unit!

ADJOURNMENT: A Motion to adjourn 6:45 pm by Larry Hunt and seconded by Deb Moore. President Mike Gebel adjourned the meeting.