March 13, 2014

NOTICE OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR BIG BEAR ALPINE ZOO RELOCATION PROJECT

The Board of Supervisors meeting to consider this Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is scheduled for March 25, 2014. The item will be heard in the Covington Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, County Government Center, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, First Floor, San Bernardino, California.

The meeting begins at 10:00 am. Generally Special District Items are toward the end of the agenda. We do not know the time the discussion of this item will begin.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for review at the Big Bear Valley Recreation and Park District Office, 41220 Park Avenue.

The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration may be viewed at the following website: www.BigBearZoo.org

The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration may also be accessed on the Special Districts Department’s website at www.specialdistricts.org by highlighting “Divisions”, “Administration”, then “Engineering” and then clicking on the “Notices” link.

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The following information is from the Clerk of the Board’s website:

PUBLIC COMMENT
Due to time constraints and the number of persons wishing to give oral testimony, time restrictions may be placed on oral testimony. You may wish to make your comments in writing to assure that you are able to express yourself adequately. To address the Board regarding an item that is on the agenda, complete and submit the yellow form entitled “Calendared Item-Request to Speak.” These requests must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board prior to the time the item is called for consideration. The Chairman will call speakers forward to present their comments at the appropriate time. When called, approach the podium and please state your name before giving your presentation.

The Board of Supervisors meeting facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. If assistive listening devices or other auxiliary aids or services are needed in order to participate in the public meeting, requests should be made through the clerk of the board at least three (3) business days prior to the board meeting. The clerk’s telephone number is (909) 387-3841 and the office is located at 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, 2nd floor, San Bernardino. The Agenda and supporting documentation is available on the internet: WWW.SBCOUNTY.GOV/COB
PROJECT TITLE: Big Bear Alpine Zoo Relocation Project

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project consists of the relocation of the Big Bear Alpine Zoo, also known as the Moonridge Zoo or Moonridge Animal Park. The Zoo is currently located on a 2.5-acre site on Goldmine Drive in the City of Big Bear Lake. The proposed location will be on 10.4 acres on the south side of Moonridge Road and east of Club View Drive, approximately ¾ mile north of the current location. The Project is located within the incorporated limits of the City of Big Bear Lake on Assessor Parcel Numbers 2328-472-01, 02 and 03. The Project is located within Section 22, Township 2 North, Range 1 East, Moonridge Quadrangle, San Bernardino Base and Meridian.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Big Bear Valley Recreation and Park District, administered by the County of San Bernardino Special Districts Department, proposes to relocate the Big Bear Alpine Zoo to 10.4 acres at the southeast corner of Moonridge Road and Club View Drive. The Big Bear Alpine Zoo provides for the care, rehabilitation, and when possible, the release of injured, orphaned, or confiscated animals back into the wild. Animals come from the general public, other zoos, and State, County or federal agencies. There are approximately 150 animals representing 85 different species of alpine and sub-alpine species native to California presently living at the facility.

HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES: The project site is not located on any known listed toxic sites pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

Effective Date of Negative Declaration: March 25, 2014

Plans and specifications for the referenced project are available for public inspection at the County of San Bernardino Special Districts Department office, 157 West 5th Street, Second Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0450.

Pursuant to provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act and the San Bernardino County Environmental Review Guidelines, the above referenced project has been determined not to have a significant effect upon the environment. An Environmental Impact Report will not be required. This determination reflects the lead agency's independent judgment and analysis.

Reasons to support this finding are included in the written Initial Study prepared by the San Bernardino County Special Districts Department.

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Date of Determination

February 24, 2014