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**BBARWA DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) COMMENT PERIOD  
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**Big Bear City, CA – January 2, 2006** – Under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, the Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency is accepting comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for their Recycled Water Master Plan which includes the study of groundwater recharge. Written comments must be submitted to BBARWA by Thursday, January 5, 2006. All comments will be responded to and incorporated into the final EIR document.

Hard copies of the draft EIR are available for public review at the City of Big Bear Lake, Big Bear City Community Services District, Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency, Big Bear Lake Library, and the City of Big Bear Lake's Department of Water. Copies of the document can also be purchased from BBARWA (either hard copy, CD or DVD) for a nominal fee or it can be downloaded at [www.bigbearwatersolutions.org](http://www.bigbearwatersolutions.org).

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The purpose of the draft EIR is also to ensure that public agencies will examine all possible alternatives and feasible mitigation measures available, which would substantially lessen the significant environmental effects of a project. BBARWA's draft EIR contains evaluations of potential adverse environmental effects including but not limited to air quality, biological and cultural resources, hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality.

Due to the constraints on local groundwater supplies, BBARWA staff was urged by their Governing Board and other local agencies to consider examining ways to utilize recycled water, which is produced by their wastewater treatment plant for beneficial uses in the Big Bear Valley. Recycled water is currently discharged down the hill to Lucerne Valley. In order to study a wide range of alternatives, BBARWA and consultants have been working to develop a Recycled Water Master Plan, which includes examination of several recycled water use alternatives including groundwater recharge.

BBARWA was established in 1974 to transport, treat and dispose of wastewater for the Big Bear Valley area residents and businesses. BBARWA is conducting studies to expand its recycled water program and to develop a new groundwater recharge system. For more information visit the Web site at [www.bigbearwatersolutions.org](http://www.bigbearwatersolutions.org).

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