



**Real Estate Services Department**

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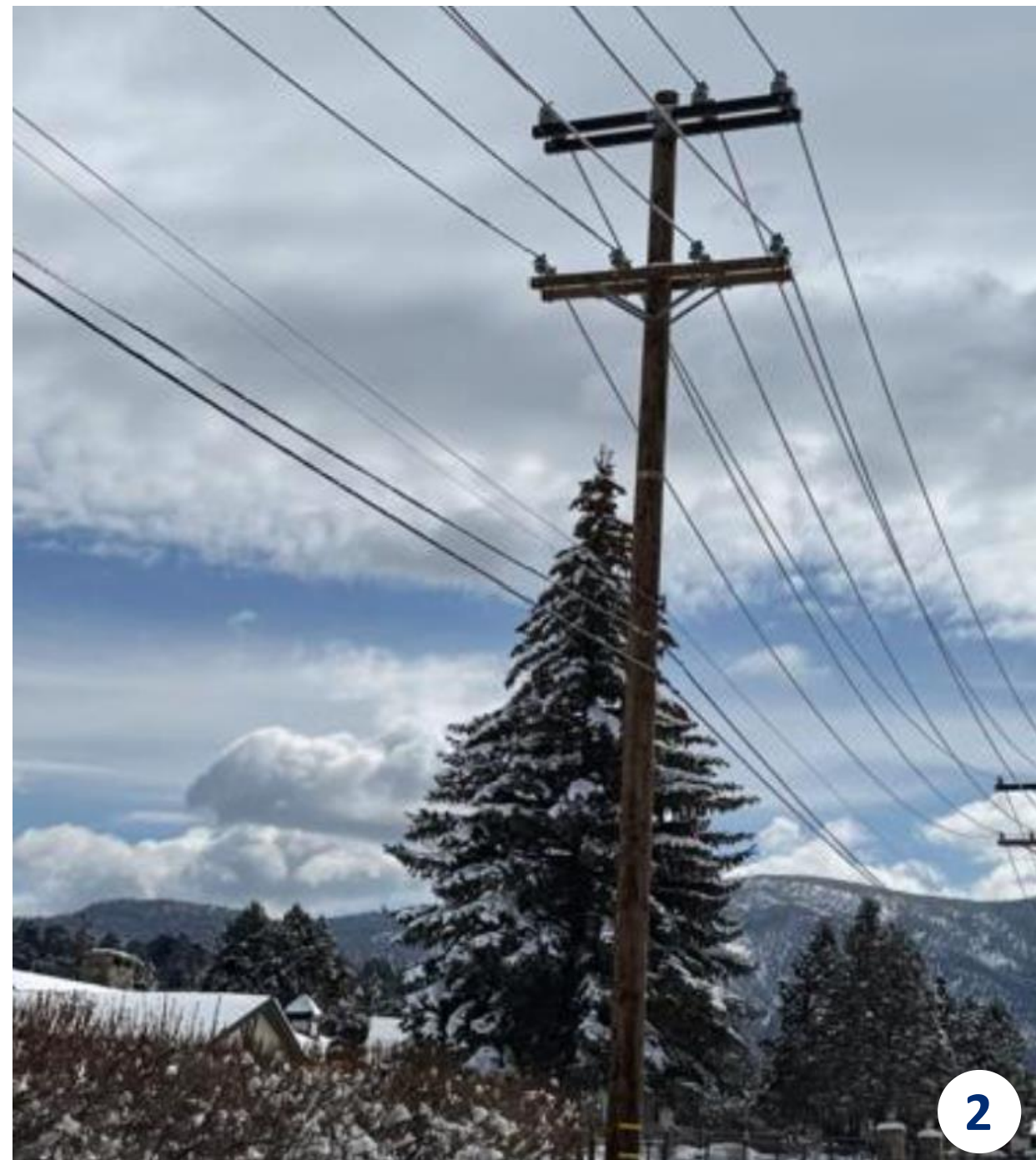
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# **Public Hearing:**

## **Ordinance for Granting a Revenue Franchise to Bear Valley Electric Service**

# Introduction

- This Item introduces a proposed ordinance granting an electrical revenue franchise and franchise agreement to Bear Valley Electric (BVES).
- Pursuant to County Code section 14.0701, the County may grant franchises along and over public roads and rights-of-way within the unincorporated areas of the County for all lawful purposes.
- In general, a franchise is an agreement between the County and a utility company to use the County's public roads and rights-of-way.

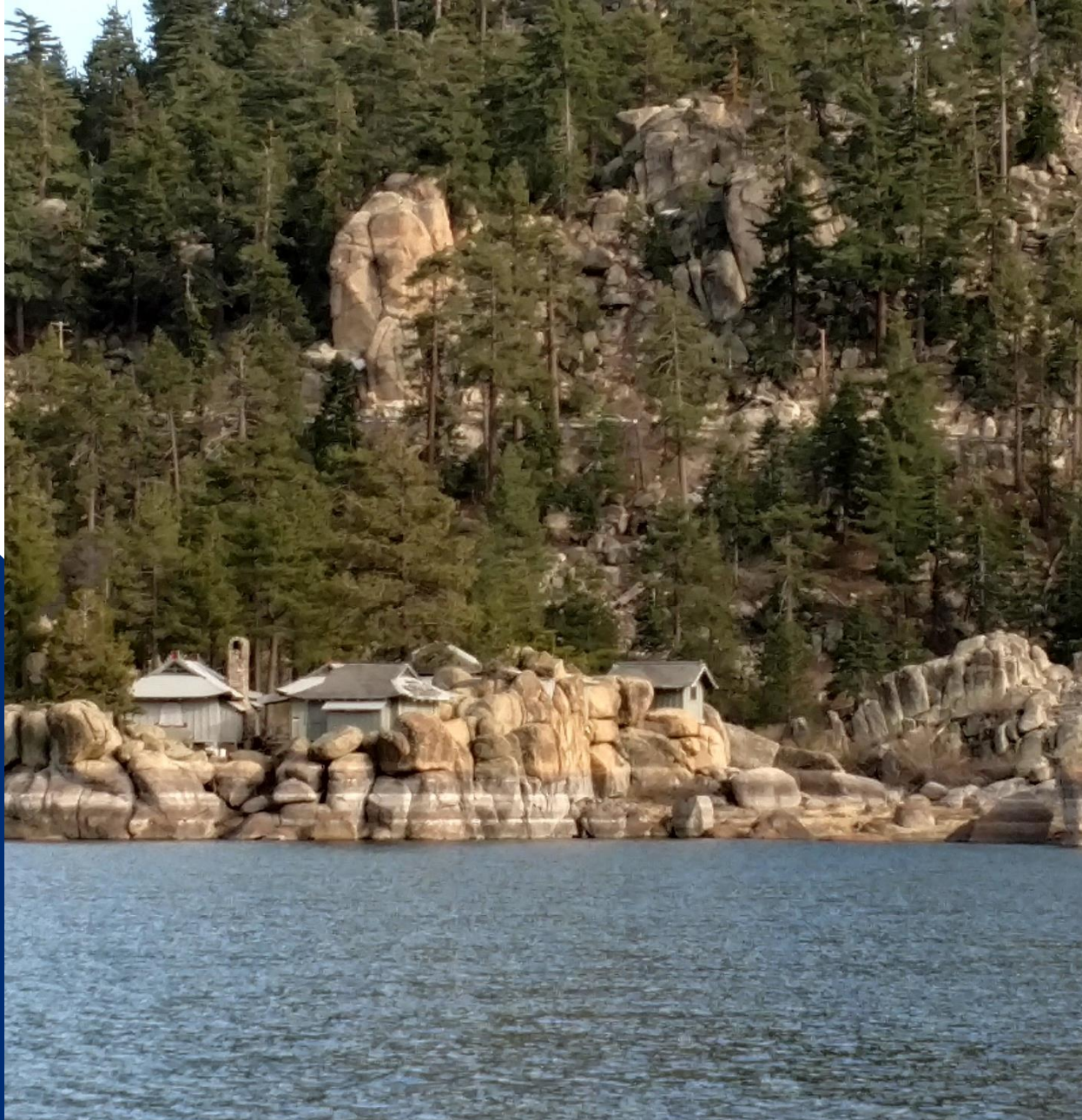




# Background

- Since 1929, Bear Valley Electric Service (BVES) has provided electrical power to customers in Big Bear and the surrounding areas.
- On May 24, 1971, the Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted Ordinance 1642 that granted an electric franchise to Golden State Water Company (GSWC), under which BVES operated.
- On March 24, 2020, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2020-26, consenting to the transfer of the franchise from GSWC to BVES.
- On September 9, 2025, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2025-192 declaring its intent to grant the franchise and directing the Clerk of the Board to schedule a public hearing October 7, 2025.





# Next Steps

- Approval of this item, will grant BVES an electric franchise to operate within the County's public roads and rights-of-way for a period of 10 years.
- This action will not impact ratepayers in the County's unincorporated area. Revenue to the General Fund is expected to be approximately \$207,000 annually.
- If approved, this ordinance granting the franchise will be placed on the October 21, 2025, consent calendar for final adoption and will take effect 30 days thereafter.





Q&A

THANK YOU