

Browns Valley Irrigation District

4-10-08

Drought Operations Plan

At the April 10, 2008 regular Board meeting, the Board approved the following Drought Operations Plan:

1. Funds in the "Emergency Reserve Fund" will be used to cover the extra expense in dealing with the drought emergency declared by the Board.
2. Staff will propose a way to place staff in the District later into the evening and/or for more hours on the weekends. This proposal will be brought back to the next Board meeting.
3. Make checking orifice plates a priority for Ditch tenders and watching for water being wasted a priority for **ALL EMPLOYEES**.
4. Restrict all ponds/lakes that are not on a live stream to 6" below the overflow.
5. End the Heintzen ditch deliveries at the last service in the area of Hwy 20 and Marysville Rd. and pump from the Pumpline canal to serve the users in the Spring Valley Rd. area by installing an emergency temporary pump station.
6. Set up an emergency pump from the Pumpline canal to serve the Runway ditch on Saddle Back and restrict the pond water from Olive Hill to the same restriction as all other ponds in the District.
7. No increases in water deliveries to any customer over last years use. Any new services not using water in 2007 will be restricted to a 1" service. Water will not be provided to fill any new ponds.
8. Whether or not winter water will be available for 2008-2009 will be determined in September by the Board.
9. The Board realizes that one size fits all may not work in some situations, however no BVID employee will be authorized to allow exceptions to any of the Emergency Drought rules. Any water user that feels their situation is unique and may require a variance is encouraged to address the Board through normal channels for a possible variance.
10. The Board shall review this plan at each meeting for possible adjustments as required to meet the target end of irrigation season water level in Collins Lake.