

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 28, 2019**

At 5:00pm President Wheeler called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Browns Valley Irrigation District to order. Directors present were Bordsen and Lowe. Director Woods was absent. Also in attendance were General Manager McNally, Operations Manager Shrader and Clerk Springsteen.

A motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Bordsen to open tonight's meeting in honor of the late Division 5 Director Winchester. Directors Lowe, Bordsen and Wheeler ayes, Director Woods absent, motion passed.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the February 14, 2019 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Bordsen. Directors Lowe, Bordsen and Wheeler ayes, Director Woods absent, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: Charley Mathews inquired about the status of increasing the water flow under Highway 20 to the Pumpline. Asked that an agenda item be added to the March 14, 2019 Regular Board meeting.

A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe to add an agenda item regarding the Division 5 Board vacancy. Directors Lowe, Bordsen and Wheeler ayes, Director Woods absent, motion passed.

President Wheeler appointed Director Bordsen and Director Lowe to an ad hoc committee to assist in filling the Division 5 vacancy.

3. The Board will discuss the 2019 Budget and may take action as appropriate. A motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Bordsen to approve the 2019 Budget. Directors Lowe, Bordsen and Wheeler ayes, Director Woods absent, motion passed.

4. The Board will receive an update regarding an unbilled invoice for the Yuba River Pump Rebuild project from 2016. A motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Bordsen to pay the unbilled invoice of \$6,828.12 from Correll Pump in full. Directors Lowe, Bordsen and Wheeler ayes, Director Woods absent, motion passed.

5. The Board will consider adopting Resolution 02-28-19-01 concurring in nomination of YWA Chairman Brent Haste to the ACWA JPIA Executive Committee. Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe moved to approve the Resolution 02-28-19-01. President Wheeler then polled the Board:

AYES: Directors Wheeler, Lowe & Bordsen
NOES: none
ABSTAIN: none
ABSENT: Director Woods
Resolution 02-28-19-01 Passed

6. Manager's Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	49,500 AF	100.0%	1,183.0 FT	0.0 FT	136.0 CFS	1,039 KW
1 YEAR AGO	40,600 AF	82.0%	1,173.3 FT	9.7 FT	0.0 CFS	0 KW

STAFF ACTIVITIES

On 02/15/2019, staff received PG&E's Notice of Chapter 11 filing for bankruptcy and forwarded it to the District's legal counsel. Because PG&E does not currently owe the District money for generation prior to its 01/29/2019 filing, we do not need to file a claim for unpaid generation. In the meantime, YWA has hired a special bankruptcy counsel for this issue which will allow our legal counsel to remain informed of any concerns that might affect the District.

As detailed in the 2019 VRD Maintenance Report, one of the penstock air vents has a minor leak. This will not affect the operation of the penstock, but staff has discussed this with Henwood and we have developed a plan to repair it during the next maintenance.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Caltrans Highway 20 Realignment

The Manager met with Caltrans and the District's design consultant to discuss the 90% plans. BVID's portion of the project is estimated around \$1 million and work is expected to begin November 2019.

Cascade Fire

Staff is working with CalOES to closeout all projects associated with the Cascade Fire. The District hired Marcus Bole to inspect the site and prepare a report that states that no wetlands were affected and that concurrence with USACE is not necessary, contrary to what FEMA is trying to assert.

Conserved Water Transfer

Despite the prolonged wet conditions, there still seems to be some chance of a transfer. However, as the rain continues the chances lessen considerably do to an unbalanced condition in the Delta.

Sicard Pipeline Project

On 02/20/2019, the Manager proposed the Sicard Pipeline and Pumpline Canal projects to the IRWMP Committee and it was forwarded on to development. Once it gets on the plan, YWA will be in a position to fund the project, or assist in finding additional grants.

MBK has prepared a scope of work to determine water losses from the Sicard Ditch, similar to the conserved water transfer from the Upper Main, for \$50,000. Staff will work with YWA to help fund this study, as well as engineering, prior to the IRWMP funding process.

Virginia Ranch Dam

The updated inundation map has received a written approval from DWR.

On 02/19/2019, the Manager and Operations Manager met with FERC and GEI via teleconference to discuss the upcoming Part 12D inspection and report. It was made clear that FERC's standards have become much more strict as is the requirement for details.

Wayne Edwards is currently conducting the independent ODSP audit for the District.

Yuba River

With 35,000 cfs peak flow at Marysville associated with the recent storms, the District's diversion channel has likely been inundated.

As of Monday, February 18, 2019, the snowpack in the North Yuba watershed was at a 47.1 inches water equivalent, which is 125% of average. New Bullards Bar is at 754,000 acre-feet of storage, which is 116% of average.

UC Porter Creek

The District has received a follow-up from the University's legal counsel that outlines the terms we came to in August 2018 for the Porter Creek bypass. However, they are asking that in lieu of the \$1,750 annual credit they are seeking (presumably for the 12 inches of water), they are asking that BVID install meters at each of its turnouts to demonstrate that they are not taking more than their share. They are also asking that BVID commit to taking the lead for any permit or CEQA work associated with the bypass project. Staff is researching meter costs as a result and report a recommendation at the next meeting.

This obviously contradicts the work we propose for the Sicard Pipeline project, which would solve the issue by taking the University, and Porter Creek, out of the equation altogether. However, because the project will likely take 3-5 years to complete once funding is secured, installing meters might be a prudent move as we can possibly remove them and use them elsewhere if (when) the Sicard Pipeline is constructed.

PAST MEETINGS

- 02/19/19 The Manager and Operations Manager met with GEI and FERC via teleconference to discuss the Part12D process.
- 02/20/19 The Manager attended a YWA Groundwater Sustainability Committee meeting in Marysville.
- 02/20/19 The Manager attended an IRWMP meeting in Marysville.
- 02/27/19 The Manager attended a YWA Groundwater Management Workshop in Marysville.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 03/01/19 Annual NCWA meeting in Chico.
- 03/04/19 – The Technical Services Manager is attending a wetlands delineation training in Sacramento.
- 03/07/19
- 03/08/19 NCWA Manager's Meeting at RD 108.

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

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| RECENT PROJECTS | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Manufactured new spray rig setup for the Mule side by side.2. Sprayed around District yard (testing new spray rig).3. Mechanically cleaned section of Lower Browns Valley ditch.4. Replaced damaged culvert on the Lower Browns Valley ditch.5. Removed rotted screen box, and installed new screen box for East Burris pipeline.6. Installed the Bob Taylor dedication plaque on the Redhill Turbine house.7. Cleared debris from a culvert on the BV Main. |
| FUTURE PROJECTS | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Complete flume repairs on the Thousand Trails Ditch (West of Marysville Rd.)2. Spray and maintain district right-of-ways, weather permitting. |

7. Director's Comments and Reports: None

8. Correspondence:

- Letter dated February 6, 2019 to BVID from DWR regarding VRD
- Letter dated February 19, 2019 to Dr Flohr from BVID regarding public records request response

9. Adjournment: 5:55PM