

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MARCH 8, 2012**

At 5:05 pm President Lowe called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Browns Valley Irrigation District to order. Directors present were Wheeler, Woods, and Bordsen and Winchester. Also in attendance were Manager Cotter and Clerk Springsteen.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the February 23, 2012 Regular Board Meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Wheeler. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. Finance Committee Report: Director Wheeler reported that the Committee had reviewed the financial records for the month of February and found everything to be in order. Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods, moved to approve the financial reports for the month of February. All ayes, motion passed.

4. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

The current elevation is 1,166.3 ft, which is 16.7 ft. below spill. This amounts to 69.4% of storage with 34,370 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is off with releases of 3.0 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,183.4 ft, which is 0.4 ft above spill (100% or 49,500 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 1,075 Kw with releases of 371 cfs (240 cfs of spill).

PG&E discovered an error in the Feed in Tariff Power Purchase agreement that the District previously signed and returned for their signature. The error involves the rate of payment, which is off by \$0.00001/KWH. To fix the error, PG&E has provided a corrected agreement that we are comparing to the old version to insure that no other edits were made.

It appears that CalISO is struggling with the large number of older existing generators (including BVID's Virginia Ranch Dam Powerhouse) as this metering process moves forward. At issue is the fact that we (along with other generators) do not have "For Construction" stamped drawings from when the Powerhouse was built in 1983. Our consultant Trimark is working closely with CalISO to keep our project in this process.

Staff Activities:

The Office Manager attended COBRA and HIPAA training in Sacramento on March 6th.

The Office Manager participated in the JPIA Essential Employment Practices webinar on March 7th.

The GIS/Planner participated in the CalISO conference call on March 7th.

ACWA JPIA & HBA:

The ACWA Health Benefits Authority (HBA) has announced that it will be combining its operations with ACWA/JPIA. This action could result in cost savings for ACWA members enrolled in insurance programs offered by the ACWA (HBA), including BVID. In the coming weeks, the HBA will distribute a package of materials to HBA member agencies with background and specific actions needed to formally approve the transition.

Water Transfers:

Meetings with Santa Clara Valley Water District are going well with Santa Clara ready to purchase the District's Yuba River Conserved Water. We have agreed to wait until the water transfer market settles down before setting the price for this year's transfer and that the water should sell for the market rate.

Yuba River Jeopardy Biological Opinion:

On Feb. 29, 2012, the National Marine Fisheries Service issued a jeopardy Biological Opinion on the impacts of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Sacramento Districts' Englebright and Daguerre Point dams to threatened fish species in the Yuba River - meaning it had concluded that the dams threaten the existence of the species. The opinion requires actions that are outside of the Corps' authority. It also recommends fish passage at Englebright and the eventual removal of both dams - which would require Congressional authorization.

Dry Creek Recapture Project:

MBK has completed the draft Dry Creek Flow Study which is now in legal review. The Study concludes that ag return flows in Dry Creek above 3 cfs are recapturable.

Meetings:

Past:

- 2-24-12 Josh Horowitz and I met with Don Durham and Erik Johnson (east side Collins landowners) in Meadow Vista to work through their concerns with the road agreement.
- 2-24-12 I attended the Accord Buyers negotiation in Sacramento.
- 2-29-12 I participated in the ACWA Legislative Sub-Committee conference call.
- 3-01-12 I met with Cindy Kao (Santa Clara Valley WD) in Sacramento to discuss a 2012 Yuba River Conserved Water Transfer
- 3-02-12 I participated in the NCWA Communications Committee conference call.
- 3-02-12 I met with Scott Wood (ACWA JPIA) to discuss changes to the confined space rules.
- 3-06-12 Directors Lowe and Winchester met with Ned Spieker the Saddleback Ranch Manger concerning water rates.
- 3-07-12 I attended the YCWA Accord Executive Committee meeting in preparation for the upcoming negotiation with the Accord Buyers.
- 3-07-12 Director Winchester and I met with Mike Filice (director, Hallwood Irrg. Comp.) to discuss potential political impacts with the Bacon Ranch.

3-08-12 The Finance Committee (Directors Wheeler and Winchester) met to review the February bills and statements.

Future Meetings:

- 3-09-12 NCWA Annual meeting in Chico.
- 3-12-12 Accord Buyers negotiation in Sacramento.
- 3-13-12 ACWA Region 2 Board meeting in Paradise.
- 3-15-12 BVID Water Rate Hearing.
- 3-21-12 ACWA Legislative Sub-Committee conference call.

Projects:

Past:

1. Installed an isolation valve on the Redhill East pipeline.
2. Installed 360' of conduit and a toe drain stilling well at Virginia Ranch Dam.
3. Installed a keyway in the South Ditch.
4. Sprayed the Powerhouse area, District Yard, Harding Canal, Mahle, Ellis, and Arnold ditches.
5. Did maintenance and repairs on the KX-61 and Bobcat 331 excavators.
6. Disconnected the pumps at the Yuba River pumping station to the degree that they may be removed.
7. Installed a new catch board on the dump truck.
8. Recycled the used motor oil at Recology in Marysville.
9. Installed an electrical box for the new speaker phone charger in the District office.
10. Installed two 18" services for Rich Burtleson on the Pumpline canal.

Future Projects:

1. Continue Spray Program weather permitting.
2. Rebuild the weir at the head of the tunnel at the Powerhouse.
3. Pave the Redhill Way road edge where it was cut for pipe removal.
4. Finish the conduit install at Virginia Ranch Dam to the second toe drain.

5. The Board will consider a request to release another shot of water prior to the beginning of irrigation season. Discussion only no action taken.

6. The Board will discuss the current climate for 2012 water transfers. Discussion only no action taken.

7. Director's Comments and Reports: President Lowe reported that he and Director Winchester met with Mr. Spieker / Saddleback Ranch and discussed 2012 water rates and additional partnership potentials for the future.

8. Correspondence:

- E-mail dated 2-25-12 from Kitty O’Neal of 10188 Peoria Rd requesting another release for weekend of water.
- Letter dated 3-5-12 from Manager Cotter regarding a request for letters of interest Tennessee Ditch in Conduit Hydroelectric Project.
- Memo dated 2-24-12 from Josh Horowitz regarding analysis of amendments to H.R. 1837 (Nunes)

9. Adjournment: There being no further business before the Board, President Lowe adjourned the meeting.