

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MARCH 8, 2018**

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

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the February 22, 2018 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Winchester. Directors Lowe, Bordsen, Woods and Winchester ayes, Director Wheeler absent, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. Finance Committee Report: Concerning the Financial Report for February 2018. Director Winchester reported that the Committee had reviewed the financial records for the month of February and found everything to be in order. Director Winchester, seconded by Director Bordsen moved to approve the financial reports for the month of February. Directors Lowe, Bordsen, Woods and Winchester ayes, Director Wheeler absent, motion passed.

4. Manager's Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	45,000 AF	90.9%	1,178.0 FT	5.0 FT	0.0 CFS	0 KW
1 YEAR AGO	49,500 AF	100.0%	1,183.0 FT	0.0 FT	SPILLING	0 KW

STAFF ACTIVITIES

The Manager attended a conference call from Steve Grinnell (YCWA) to discuss current hydrology. Prior to the storms we saw during the last week of February and the first week of March, the snowpack was the worst on record, even drier than in 2015. After the storms, and currently, the snowpack is about equal to that of 1977's historical drought. New Bullards Bar is projected to get into the flood storage pool very soon and YCWA is working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to see if they can encroach into it due to the time of year and the likelihood of drought conditions. With the exception of Oroville, the majority of reservoirs are at historic averages for this time of year.

Staff has reviewed the Draft 2017 DSSMR and has returned it to Kleinschmidt with comments. One of the outstanding things from the latest DSSMP is to install staff gauges that measure headwater and tailwater at the dam to verify the electronic readings. Staff will work with Kleinschmidt to provide the specs of such.

Staff has completed all customer invoices and intends to mail them out next week.

Staff is constructing replacement paddle wheel and intake screen assemblies on days of inclement weather.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Cascade Fire

Staff has completed construction of four (4) flumes, including the largest, with three (3) remaining.

The Arborist has identified a total of 53 trees on the Mahle, Finch and BV Main Ditches for removal due to fire damage. Staff will schedule an inspection with FEMA to demonstrate.

Conserved Water Transfer

Staff met with DWR and the Accord Buyers group on March 5, 2018. We discussed probable volumes associated with the Groundwater Substitution Transfer, but no pricing was discussed due to no other deals having been executed. The Conserved Water Transfer, if successful, will have pricing similar to the Accord GWS.

Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project

Staff has completed the finance portion of the CSWRF grant application. If successful, 50% of the project amount will be forgiven. I have advised USBR of this and they are delaying our \$1M grant agreement accordingly. Staff will have three (3) supporting resolutions for consideration at the next Board meeting.

Yuba River Diversion

California Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and the National Marine Fisheries (NFMS) have both signed off on BVID's permit to maintain the diversion channel in the Yuba River. The only permit remaining is with the US Army Corp of Engineers, and staff expects approval to be soon.

PAST MEETINGS

- 02/23/18 Staff met with Kleinschmidt at a site visit.
- 02/28/18 The Manager attended a Groundwater Management Workshop at YCWA.
- 03/02/18 The Manager attended the Annual NCWA Meeting in Chico.
- 03/05/18 The Manager attended a conference call with Steve Grinnell to discuss current hydrology.
- 03/05/18 The Manager attended the Accord GWS transfer meeting with DWR in Sacramento.
- 03/07/18 The Manager attended an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) meeting at YCWA.
- 03/07/18 The Manager attended a teleconference with USBR regarding the Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 03/12/18 FEMA site visit to inspect tree damage along the Mahle, Finch and BV Main Ditches.
03/20/18 YCWA Committee Meeting surrounding groundwater pumping.
03/21/18 Groundwater Sustainability Meeting at Yuba County.

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

RECENT PROJECTS

1. Completed three quarters of the longest Thousand Trails flume. Weather has slowed the process temporarily.
2. Sprayed the Arnold, upper Ellis, Finch, Mahle, Palmer, and Palomine ditches.
3. Delivered the last Redhill East gearhead to Killingsworth for repair.
4. Began fabricating ten paddlewheel screen boxes to replace some old screens and have a future inventory.
5. Completed the maintenance for all District vehicles.
6. Cleaned the toe drains at Virginia Ranch Dam.
7. Patched leaks and poured a concrete tail wall on the Olive Hill ditch at the Smith road crossing.
8. Used a hammerhead mole to bore under Township Road for a new pipeline service.
9. Removed seven fallen trees from the Finch ditch.
10. Installed the buoys at Collins Lake.

FUTURE PROJECTS

1. Flume repair
2. Equipment maintenance
3. Spray right of ways weather permitting

5. Director's Comments and Reports: None

6. Correspondence:

- Memo dated February 26, 2018 from Somach Simmns & Dunn regarding Court Decision

7. Closed Session: Conference with real property negotiator involving the Collins Lake Concessionaire Agreement; Director's Lowe and Woods (Concessionaire Committee) and Ryan McNally, District negotiator(s). Instructions to the negotiator(s) may include specific terms of the Agreement. Government Code sections 54954.2 and 54934.5.

8. Open Session: The Board will report any action taken in closed session. No action taken.

9. Adjournment: