

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MARCH 27, 2008**

President Winchester called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Browns Valley Irrigation District to order. Other Directors present were Bordsen, Lowe, Woods and Wheeler. Also in attendance was Manager Cotter. Clerk Powell was absent.

Minutes: The minutes of the March 13, 2008 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Bordsen, all ayes, motion passed.

Public Forum: Mike Christiansen of Lanza Lane stated that he supported the District's pipeline construction projects. No action taken.

Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

Current elevation is 1,166.1 ft, which is 16.9 ft below spill (this is almost 69% of capacity). The Generator is off with releases of 1 CFS. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,175 ft, which is 8 ft below spill. The Generator was running at 100 Kw with releases of 35 CFS.

The Rain Gage at Collins Lake is up and running. This gage can be viewed at; <http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/queryF?CLS>

The Division of Safety of Dams has increased the Dam Fees by 3% beginning this summer.

Ned Spieker has requested that the Board consider changing the Winter Water Schedule from the current Tuesday-Wednesday schedule to a Friday-Saturday schedule. This will allow water users the opportunity to be home to better manage their water use, as opposed to just leaving a valve open as they head out the door to work during weekdays.

Staff Activities:

Tony Ward, Dan Ward, Gary Henry and Ken Hugg attended the Office of Emergency Services, National Incident Management System training in Marysville.

LAFCO Municipal Service Review:

Several comments were provided to the LAFCO consultant concerning the District's Municipal Service Review. This process has the potential of affecting how the District will operate as we go forward.

Concerning the two available special district seats on the LAFCO Board, Reclamation District 784 presented a resolution to the LAFCO Board that, while errored, did get LAFCO started on the process of perhaps filling those Board seats. The portion of the 2007-2008 LAFCO budget that needs to be funded, as part of

this process is up to one-third of \$161,630. There are 38 special districts that will share this burden should the seats be filled. Loma Rica-Browns Valley CSD is also supportive of this process.

Saddleback Lift Station:

Ned Spieker has indicated that before he will consider the Saddleback Lift Station he will need to see both the Drought Policy (still in draft) and the Operational Plan for the proposed lift station.

PG&E Renewable Contract:

PG&E has released a non-negotiable contract for new small (less than 1.5 Mw) renewable generation with rates that start at an annual rate of \$0.092/Kw and a summer peak rate of \$0.32/Kw. I have asked Kleinschmidt to provide a proposal to update the 2004 Harding Canal and Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project (1.3 Mw).

Meetings:

Past:

- 03-18-08 Director Winchester attended the SWRCB hearing concerning the approval of the Yuba River Accord in Sacramento.
- 03-19-08 Scott Matyac (YCWA) came to inspect the well that had been converted from diesel to electric as part of the Accord process.
- 03-19-08 Director Winchester attended the NCWA Board meeting in Sacramento.
- 03-20-08 I attended the ACWA Energy Committee meeting in Sacramento.
- 03-21-08 Director Winchester attended the ACWA Groundwater Committee meeting in Sacramento.
- 03-24-08 Tony Ward and I met with Mike Bailey (Yuba County Public Works) concerning the Harding canal/Township Road erosion encroachment issue.
- 03-25-08 I attended the ACWA Region 2 Board meeting at RD 108 near Grimes.
- 03-26-08 AFLAC came to review the employee's insurance coverage needs.

Future:

- 04-01-08 Member unit meeting to determine the pumping amounts that will be offered for 2008.
- 04-02-08 YCWA/member unit meeting concerning pumping for 2008.
- 04-09-08 LAFCO budget hearing in Marysville.

Projects:

Past:

1. Repaired leaks on the Hill Road and Mahle pipelines.

2. Repaired the brakes on truck #5.
3. Repaired a broken valve on the Two Handy pipeline.
4. Installed a new Pumpline canal service for Rich Burtelson.
5. Began trenching and repacking a section of the Harding canal ditch bank.
6. Sprayed the Heintzen ditch, a section of the Lower Main ditch, and the Thousand Trails ditch.
7. Repaired a weir on the North ditch off of the Pumpline canal.
8. Received the steel pipe for the pipeline replacement at Prairie Creek.
9. Prepared the scope of work for the rare plant survey, wildlife survey, and wetland delineation for the Dry Creek Recapture Project.

Future:

1. Continue ditch cleaning and spraying.
2. Replace the steel pipe crossing on the Hill Road pipeline at Prairie Creek.
3. Continue trenching and repacking a section of the Harding canal ditch bank.

Agreement Between Browns Valley Irrigation District and its Landowners for Groundwater Pumping During 2008-2016: After discussion, the document was sent back to staff for editing and the item was tabled until the next Board meeting.

Correspondence:

- Letter to Saddleback Ranch (John Drew) concerning a request for Easter water.
- Letter from Jesse Barton concerning the Yuba River Accord.

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