

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MARCH 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, Lowe, and Woods. Also in attendance were General Manager McNally, Operations Manager Shrader and Clerk Springsteen.

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the March 14, 2019 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Lowe. All ayes motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** None

**3. The Ad Hoc Committee will discuss the Division 5 Director selection process and make a recommendation to the Board. The Board may take action on those recommendations if appropriate.** A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe to appoint Joseph Maslan as Division 5 Director for the remaining of the late Director Winchester's term. All ayes motion passed.

**4. The Board will discuss nominations to replace Director Winchester on the NCWA Board of Directors.** Tabled

**5. Manager's Report:**

**COLLINS LAKE STATUS**

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	49,500 AF	100.0%	1,183.6 FT	-0.6 FT	430.0 CFS	1,040 KW
1 YEAR AGO	49,500 AF	100.0%	1,183.1 FT	-0.1 FT	0.0 CFS	1,045 KW

**STAFF ACTIVITIES**

On 03/26/2019, staff hosted an all-day first aid training course at the office. This coursework covered CPR and injury response. It was discovered that the District is woefully underprepared for emergencies so staff is exploring outfitting the vehicles with adequate first aid kits as well as installing an AED device at the office.

On 03/27/2019, the Manager attended a Groundwater Management Workshop at the Yuba Water Agency. The meeting began with a briefing on the Voluntary Settlement Agreement and according to YWA staff, the Member Units will see a minimal impact because of the settlement agreement, assuming the SWRCB accepts it over the imposition of 55% unimpaired flow requirements. The VSA would only be invoked in 'above normal,' 'below normal,' and 'dry' year types. 'Wet' and 'critical' years would be exempt. YWA models show that the application of the VSA would create a 1/50 year chance of small shortages that might result in some deficiency pumping (in addition to the current 1/15 year chance associated with the Lower Yuba River Accord).

Inflow at New Bullards Bar is 107% of average, and the reservoir is currently storing 801,253 acre-feet (115% of average). YWA also expects Englebright to continue spilling until at least late June and the Yuba River will run higher than normal all summer.

As the wet weather continues into what appears through next week, the lake should continue spilling for several more weeks. Staff will likely explore diverting spill water into the ditches over the next week or two to initiate a soft start to the irrigation season.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

### **Conserved Water Transfer**

On 03/15/2019, USBR increased the south of Delta agricultural water service contractor's allocations from 35% to 55%. On March 20, 2019, the State Water Project increased the allocation to 70%. Because allocations over 45% generally limit the ability to transfer due to capacity at the pumps, a Conserved Water Transfer is increasingly unlikely.

On 03/20/2019, the Manager spoke with Dale Melville of the Dudley Ridge Water District and although SWP allocation is at 70%, we are going to continue to try to advocate for the Conserved Water Transfer to be allowed through.

### **Sicard Pipeline Project**

Staff has developed the RFP for engineering work related to the Sicard Pipeline project for the Agency to consider for funding. The RFP will be sent to prospective design firms on 03/29/2019, with a return date of 04/19/2019.

### **UC Porter Creek**

Legal counsel is developing a response to the University's 02/22/2019 letter.

### **Virginia Ranch Dam**

The 2018 DSSMR has been submitted to FERC and DSOD.

### **Yuba River**

Staff has confirmed that the diversion channel was inundated during the high water of recent storms, but the extent of damage remains unknown. YWA has confirmed the river will run higher than normal through the summer due to the hydrologic conditions.

## **PAST MEETINGS**

- 03/15/19 The Manager attended a Mountain Counties Water Association meeting with Randy Fletcher at the El Dorado Irrigation District in Placerville.
- 03/25/19 The Ad Hoc Committee interviewed three (3) potential candidates for the Division 5 vacancy.
- 03/26/19 Staff attended a first aid training at the BVID office.
- 03/27/19 The Manager attended a groundwater management workshop at YWA.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- 03/29/19 Several crewmembers are attending JPIA Defensive Driver training at the Yuba Water Agency in Marysville. (*Shrader, McNeal, Kugelman, Schlitzer*)
- 04/04/19 Groundwater sustainability committee meeting in Marysville.
- 04/04/19 IRWMP Committee meeting in Marysville.

## **DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS**

Staff has completed the installation of the new weed rack on the Pumpline Canal at the Highway 20 crossing. This included building a new chain-link fence enclosure with a gate to gain easier access to debris pile.

We have begun mechanically cleaning the Pumpline Canal from the Highway 20 crossing upstream to the head of the ditch. This section of ditch has not been cleaned in over 10 years.

Cache Cline, Curtis McNeal, and Mark Sayers attended a three-day training course on water measurement at Chico State. Feedback from the attendees was positive, when future classes are announced, we will enroll more BVID staff.

On March 19<sup>th</sup> our new crewmember, Charlie Schlitzer joined BVID as a Utility Worker 1. Charlie will be a great addition to the team and looks forward to learning about the district and advancing in his new career.

BVID held a training for CPR and First Aid. Injuries are very rare here at BVID, but given the nature of our work and the remote worksites, it seemed necessary to train on some basic First Aid.

Due to the ever changing weather patterns, it has been difficult to get the spray program underway. Staff was able to get the district yard sprayed as well as the Finch Ditch. When a drier weather pattern arrives, we will continue spraying and start preparing for the 2019 irrigation season.

With drier weather in the forecast, it will be possible to gain access to the Thousand Trails ditch to complete the flume repairs. Also with dry conditions, we will be able to begin the spray program for the 2019 season.

**6. Director's Comments and Reports:** None

**7. Correspondence:** None

**8. Adjournment:** 5:20PM