

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
APRIL 9, 2015**

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

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the March 26, 2015 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Winchester, seconded by Director Wheeler. All ayes, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:**

- Dave Pietz of Township Rd Browns Valley discussed his concerns regarding water conservation from VRD
- Randy Fletcher of McMillan Dr Browns Valley handed out a flyer for Pioneer Days on April 25, 2015

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

**4. The Board will discuss and consider the 2015 Irrigation Season.** Discussion only and will be addressed at the Board meeting on April 23, 2015.

**5. The Board will receive a report regarding the status of the BVID History Book project.** Discussion only, no action taken.

**6. The Board will receive a report regarding Governor Brown's Executive Order B-29-15.** Discussion only, no action taken.

**7. The Board will discuss capacity constraints of the Pumpline Canal.** Discussion only, no action taken.

**8. The Board will review Chapter 6 - Interference with District Facilities of the Browns Valley Irrigation District Rules and Regulations and the penalties imposed for such violations.** After discussion the Board directed Manager McNally to edit Chapter 6 and present at May 14, 2015 Regular Board meeting.

## **8. Manager's Report:**

### **COLLINS LAKE STATUS**

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST. BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	28,190 AF	56.5%	1,158.4 FT	24.6 FT	1.0 CFS	0 KW
1 YEAR AGO	35,720 AF	72.1%	1,167.8 FT	15.2 FT	1.0 CFS	0 KW

As a result of the water supplied over the weekend, the lake has been reduced by 0.3' when compared to two weeks ago. This also includes any inflow from the rain.

### **COLLINS WATER SUPPLY**

YEAR	COLLINS LAKE START VOLUME	COLLINS LAKE START ELEV	IRRIGATION SEASON			COLLINS LAKE END ELEV	CARRYOVER STORAGE
			DELIVERIES	DAYS	PERCENT SEASON		
CURRENT	27,980 AF*	1,158'*	27,980 AF*	180*	96%*	1,104.7'*	0 AF*
2014	35,900 AF	1,168'	29,100 AF	187	100%	1,125'	6,800 AF

*\*ASSUMING CURRENT DATA*

Based on last season, BVID's daily deliveries averaged 155 AF per day to the upper district. If we use that same calculation, we currently have enough supply for 180 days with no carry over storage. For reference, April 15th to October 12th is 180 days.

### **YUBA RIVER WATER SUPPLY**

The pumps at the river were turned on April 5, 2015 for the Pumpline canal.

YCWA has requested the Member Units to provide estimated demand figures for 2015. Staff provided the 2014 amount (23,137 AF) and added 1,180 AF to account for 66 acres of newly planted rice and the O'Brien Lift Pump.

The SWRCB has imposed the requirement for BVID to provide monthly diversion data. We have coordinated with MBK and YCWA to achieve this requirement.

### **STAFF ACTIVITIES**

The supply of water provided to the Upper District on beginning April 1, 2015 was successful with only a few exceptions of interference, breaks, and blockages. Due to the forecasted rain, the Operations Manager was directed to terminate releases from Collins Lake when the rain began. As a result, releases ended at 3:00 PM on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Kleinschmidt submitted the final Dam Safety Surveillance and Monitoring Report and the Dam Safety Surveillance and Monitoring Plan for the Virginia Ranch Dam to FERC. They are now providing a proposal to draft the Owners Dam Safety Program report also required by FERC.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

### **Conserved Water Transfer**

The Santa Clara Valley and Dudley Ridge Water Districts have each requested the Conserved Water Transfer occur in July 2015; staff has been working with YCWA to schedule.

### **Groundwater Substitution Program**

Despite the North Member Units having come to a tentative five (5) year agreement for the zone allocation process on March 26, 2015, Cordua has rescinded that agreement as of April 7, 2015. The next action will be a decision by the YCWA Board of Directors based on the findings of the facilitator.

### **Sicard Ditch**

2,000 feet of HDPE pipe were delivered to the yard on April 7, 2015 and are being mobilized for installation.

### **Pumpline Canal Repair**

In preparing the RFP for the feasibility study to increase the capacity at the Highway 20 crossing, staff confirmed that we are able to currently pass 65 CFS under Highway 20, which is the maximum design capacity of our pump infrastructure and fish screen. Any additional work to increase that would require a new fish screen and additional pumps at the river. In the meantime, staff would like to explore installing a tapered inlet on the south side of the highway to increase velocity as well as raise the ditch banks a small amount to ensure the water remains confined to the canal.

### **Dry Creek Recapture Project**

Staff submitted a summary of the delay at the SWRCB to Supervisor Fletcher in hopes that his discussions with Assemblyman Gallagher will create some movement.

DWR called in response to the grant schedule and advised that because of the delays we are likely to lose the Prop 50 component of this project (expires December 2015). That component equals roughly \$700,000 of the project's construction and is not likely to be extended. The Prop 204 grant has already been extended until June 2016. In the event the project does not materialize in time, DWR is fairly certain BVID will not owe a reimbursement since no construction dollars have been spent. In addition to the permitting process, obtaining the easements has proven very difficult due to the two private parties not being very receptive to the idea. Staff will be coming to the Board for policy direction at a later meeting.

### **Saddleback Lift Pump**

Staff has signed the Lake or Streambed Alteration Permit Agreement and is still waiting on the Corps of Engineers and the SWRCB permits.

## **PAST MEETINGS**

04/08/15 Director Bordsen and the Manager attended a Member Unit meeting at YCWA.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

04/15/15 YCWA Member Unit Meeting.  
04/21/15 YCWA Member Unit Meeting (North MU's and District 10).  
04/23/15 YCWA Groundwater Pumping Workshop.  
05/05/15 ACWA Conference – Sacramento.

## **DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS**

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| RECENT PROJECTS | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Removed a fallen tree from the Mahle ditch and the Olive Hill ditch.</li><li>2. Continued the investigation of 30 USA notices since last Board meeting.</li><li>3. Started the site preparation and pipe placement for the Sicard ditch piping.</li><li>4. Completed the pesticide use report for the County Agricultural department.</li><li>5. Repaired a break on the Too Handy pipeline and rebuilt a service.</li><li>6. Mechanically cleaned a section of the Sicard ditch.</li><li>7. Completed maintenance on the district paddlewheel screens.</li><li>8. Rebuilt a service on the B.V. Main ditch.</li><li>9. Repaired the bank of the lower Thousand Trails ditch.</li><li>10. Delivered water April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.</li></ol> |
| FUTURE PROJECTS | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Continue tree and brush removal on District right of ways.</li><li>2. Complete the yearly maintenance at the Virginia Ranch Dam Powerhouse.</li><li>3. Sicard pipe installation.</li><li>4. Complete the repair of the fish screen brush system at the Yuba River pumping station.</li></ol>   |

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

## **11. Correspondence:**

- Memo dated April 3, 2015 to Manager McNally from Eric Miller regarding BVID History Book status.

**12. Closed Session:** Conference with Legal Counsel Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) - Anticipated Litigation - Initiation of litigation – One Case.

**13. Open Session:** The Board will report any action taken in closed session. Discussion only, no action taken.

**14. Adjournment:** There being no further business before the Board, President Bordsen adjourned the meeting.