

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
APRIL 23, 2009**

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

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the April 9, 2009 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Lowe. All ayes, motion passed. Motion passed.

2. Public Forum:

- o Suzanne Hamilton addressed the Board regarding filter options.

3. Collins Lake Drought Update: Director Bordsen presented the attached memo regarding Summer 2009 Water Deliveries. After discussion, Director Lowe, seconded by Director Bordsen, moved to keep the water on through May 3rd, due to several unseasonably warm days. On May 6th water service would continue on the previously set 5-day schedule. All ayes, motion passed.

Dave Pietz also addressed the Board regarding a request for demand sales. Item was sent to committee however, in light of the new water schedule the request may be unnecessary.

4. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

Current elevation is 1,169.0 ft, which is 14.0 ft below spill. The Generator is running at 660 Kw with releases of 92 cfs. This amounts to 74% of storage with 36,700 Acre Feet of usable supplies. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,164.3 ft, which is 18.7 ft below spill (66%). The Generator was running at 325 Kw with releases of 56.1 cfs.

PG&E has notified the District that our current Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) will expire at the end of June. As there is no CPUC approved long term agreement in place, PG&E is allowing a one year extension of the existing PPA.

Staff Activities:

In order to provide coverage during Leroy Mossi's absence, Thomas Wooten has been hired as a seasonal employee. He has passed both the pre-employment physical and drug screen and will start work on Monday.

Conserved Water Transfer:

Both the State Water Project and the Central Valley Project have increased their allocations to 30% and 10% respectively for San Joaquin ag users. While this is good news for our south of Delta farmers, this increase does narrow the window for moving the Conserved Water through the pumps and on to Santa Clara. If the State increases the allocations any further, there may not be any capacity left to pump our transfer water.

Landerman ditch:

We now have a map of this pipeline and know where the services are currently located for each parcel. Also, the load calculations for the system are completed and an 8" pipeline placed in the current Landerman ditch from the Arnold ditch to Marysville Road will provide water to this area now and into the future.

Saddleback Lift Pump:

With the installation of the driveshaft tomorrow, this project will be operational. We will test the system in the next day or two and expect to begin flood up of the upper bench using Yuba River water late next week.

Meetings:

Past:

- 04-11-09 Director Winchester and I attended the Member Unit meeting at YCWA.
- 04-14-09 I attended the Yuba County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan meeting at YCWA.
- 04-15-09 Director Winchester attended the NCWA Board meeting at YCWA.
- 04-16-09 Mark Sayers met with Gary Yarborough to map the Landerman pipeline.
- 04-21-09 The Personnel Committee (Directors Lowe and Bordsen) met to discuss the draft Lockout/Tagout policy.
- 04-22-09 I met with Michael Hinz concerning the audit (both 2007 and 2008).
- 04-22-09 I attended the Ag Water Management Council meeting in Sacramento.
- 04-22-09 I participated in a conference call with the ACWA Region 2 Legislative Sub Committee.

Future Meetings:

- 04-24-09 NCWA Strategic Communications Committee conference call.
- 04-27-09 Yuba County LAFCO meeting in Marysville.
- 04-27-09 YCWA member unit meeting at YCWA.
- 04-28-09 Accord/DWR update meeting in Sacramento.
- 04-29-09 PG&E planning meeting in Marysville.
- 04-30-09 ACWA Region 2 Board meeting in Nelson.
- 04-30-09 NCWA Managers meeting in Willows.

- 05-06-09 Meeting here with Rosamond CSD concerning future transfers.
- 05-06-09 Yuba County LAFCO Board meeting.
- 05-13-09 ACWA Region 2 Legislative Sub Committee conference call.
- May 19th through 22nd ACWA Conference in Sacramento

Projects:

Past:

1. Installed a service on the Peoria Phase 1A pipeline and one service on the Hill Road pipeline.
2. Completed a list of reconnects and shutoffs per Carey.
3. Removed a fallen tree from the Sicard ditch.
4. Replaced a fuel check valve on the flatbed and rewired truck #2 and the pipe trailer.
5. Replaced a broken window on the Cat 307 excavator.
6. Installed a flow meter at the end of the Heintzen ditch.
7. Repaired a break on the Peoria Ridge pipeline, two leaks on the Abel pipeline, and a break on the McDrip pipeline.

Future:

1. Rebuild another crossing over a side spill on the Sicard ditch.
2. Continue the Valley of Eagles/Monument Trail intertie conditions permitting.
3. Finish the new lift station at Saddleback Ranch.
4. Continue weed abatement.

5. Agreement for a Conserved Water Transfer: Director Winchester, seconded by Director Bordsen, moved to approve the Agreement for the Temporary Transfer of Water to Santa Clara Valley Water District. All ayes, motion passed.

6. Long Term transfer: Discussion of potential CEQA work for a long term transfer, no action taken.

7. Adopting the Updated District Rules & Regulations: Item tabled, no action taken.

8. Adjusting the (shut off) Reconnection Fee and the Water Truck Loading Permit Fee: Director Lowe, seconded by Director Woods moved to approve raising the Reconnection Fee to \$100. All ayes, motion passed. Topic Water Truck Loading Permit was sent to committee for review.

9. Correspondence:

- o Memo regarding Reconnection Fees and Water Truck Loading Permit Fees

- Email from Judy Kite regarding emergency response.
- Letter from PG&E regarding Power Purchase Agreement Expiration.
- Memo from Director Bordsen regarding summer water deliveries.
- Email from Attorney Horowitz regarding PG&E expiration.
- Memo from APMC Board regarding April Status Report.
- White paper from Director Winchester regarding miner's inches.
- Email from Attorney Horowitz regarding miner's inches.

10. Closed Session: President Winchester announced that the meeting would go into Closed Session to have a conference call with legal counsel regarding existing litigation. Any reportable action taken in Closed Session would be reported when the meeting reconvened into Open Session.

11. Open Session: President Winchester reconvened the meeting into Open Session and reported that there was no reportable action taken in Closed Session.

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

TO: BVID Board of Directors
 FROM: Bob Bordsen, Director Division I
 SUBJECT: Summer 2009 water deliveries
 DATE: April 23, 2009

We now know what the lake level will be at the start of the season. We also have one year of drought restriction records showing how much water is used under the conservation requirements.

I have compared the available water in Collins Lake as of today with last years actual use records and came up with the following.

	Usable Capacity in Acre Feet
Collins Lake as of April 23, 2009 -----	36,700
Assuming full 7 days a week deliveries May 1, to Aug 31, 2009 -----	21,757
Sept 2009, 4 days on and Oct 2009, 3 days on. -----	5,726
Collins at end of 2009 season. -----	9,218

9,218 AF of Usable Capacity = 53' down or 18.79% which would make this years low level number 4 out of past 11 years ahead of 2001, 2007 and 2008.

I also looked at last summer's water restrictions and what the water savings were. In mid July we started cutbacks, being shut down for 2 ½ days per week. The first 2 weeks cutback on the total water used but it appeared that after people got accustomed to the new schedule water used per week came back up to near the same as before the start of the shut down.

Comparing a 6 week period from June 1 to July 12 before cutback started to 6 weeks with cutbacks shows the savings with 2 ½ days off was about 645 AF per month.

This year as presently scheduled the water will be off 1 ½ days per week through the summer. Using 2008 actual figures as a base to figure from it appears that the May through Aug 2009 schedule will save about 1,500 AF of water.

In my opinion, considering the amount of extra man hours it takes and the continuing challenges that come with turning the system on and off just doesn't justify the savings of 1,500 AF.

I feel the man hours can be far better spent doing things throughout the district to police the system and do a better job of water distribution which could probably save the 1,500 AF or more.