

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
APRIL 23, 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 and Woods. Director Lowe was absent. Also in attendance were Manager McNally and Clerk Springsteen.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the April 9, 2015 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Winchester, seconded by Director Wheeler. Directors Winchester, Woods, Bordsen and Wheeler ayes. Director Lowe absent, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. The Board will receive a presentation regarding the Yuba County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). No action taken.

4. The Board will discuss and consider the 2015 Irrigation. Discussion only, no action taken.

5. Manager's Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST. BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	28,190 AF	56.2%	1,158.2 FT	24.8 FT	63.5 CFS	356 KW
1 YEAR AGO	35,630 AF	71.9%	1,167.7 FT	15.3 FT	53.9 CFS	310 KW

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	28,190 AF*	1,158'	28,190 AF *	181*	97%*	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 181 days with no carry over storage. For reference, April 22nd to October 20th is 181 days.

Per Board action, the water was turned the morning of April 22, 2015, excluding the Sicard Ditch and the Upper Main Pipeline. The Sicard Ditch was turned later that afternoon and the Upper Main Pipeline currently remains off for maintenance.

YUBA RIVER WATER SUPPLY

At the April 15, 2015 Supply Allocation Meeting, it was determined that although BVID would take a cut in overall supplies in the Yuba River for 2015. However, because BVID's yearly demand is generally under the overall allocation, the cut had no net effect. BVID's full allocation is 32,969 AF when the water right and base supply are added together. For 2015, this was reduced to 30,402 AF. In addition, BVID's anticipated demand is around 23,300 AF per year which includes the Conserved Water Transfer. Hallwood and Cordua also have the same situation in which they have incurred "unused" water. The unused water for 2015 is being redistributed to the other member units to help offset their shortages.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Beymer Well has removed the pump motor at the head of the Upper Main Pipeline and is currently working to rebuild it.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Conserved Water Transfer

The Agreements between BVID and Dudley Ridge/Santa Clara Valley Water Districts are currently being reviewed.

Groundwater Substitution Program

There will be no Groundwater Substitution Transfer for 2015. BVID's pumpers are obligated to 3,450 AF to be pumped no later than August 31, 2015. Letters were mailed to the Accord pumpers advising of their individual Schedule 6 obligations.

Sicard Ditch

Staff has installed all 2,000 feet of HDPE pipe and it is ready for water. The only work remaining is for the crew to finish covering the pipe.

Pumpline Canal

Staff has prepared and advertised the RFP for the feasibility study to determine how to best increase the capacity of the Pumpline Canal. This will include exploring the Highway 20 undercrossing as well as alternatives. The proposals are due May 11, 2015.

Dry Creek Recapture Project

Supervisor Fletcher spoke with upper management at the SWRCB and was advised that the permitting process can take up to 10 years. The Manager left a message for Darrin Polhemus and has not heard back.

The easements continue to be delayed. The two parties have not been responsive to providing staff with necessary information.

DWR staff is still discussing the possibility of extending the grant and will let us know as soon as they find out. They confirmed that the Prop 204 has \$680,472 and the Prop 50 has \$855,950 remaining. It is the Prop 50 grant that is in jeopardy with an expiration of December 2015.

If the Prop 50 grant expires, BVID will not be obligated to repay any non-construction costs. None have been spent to date so BVID would not be required to pay back any of the grant funds. However, all match funds will have become a “sunk cost” in that circumstance.

Saddleback Lift Pump

Staff is waiting on the Corps of Engineers and the SWRCB permits.

PAST MEETINGS

- 04/15/15 The Manager attended a Member Unit meeting at YCWA.
- 04/15/15 The Manager attended a Yuba County IRWMP meeting where it was agreed that the group is going to move forward and apply for \$1 Million grant funding for the Sicard Ditch repair.
- 04/16/15 The Manager met with Supervisor Fletcher and Jeff Maupin (NYWD).
- 04/23/15 The Manager attended a Member Unit workshop at YCWA.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 04/24/15 Meeting with the District 10 group to discuss groundwater pumping.
- 05/05/15 ACWA Conference – Sacramento.

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

- RECENT PROJECTS
 - 1. Completed the yearly maintenance at the Virginia Ranch Dam Powerhouse.
 - 2. Completed the repair of the fish screen brush system at the Yuba River pumping station.
 - 3. Replaced a culvert at the end of Krosens road on the Lambert ditch.
 - 4. Repaired some fence at the Duckel’s ranch on Township road.
 - 5. Trenched and repacked a section of the Sicard ditch.
 - 6. Removed a large pine tree from the Mahle ditch near the Madelena diversion.
 - 7. Rebuilt a large valve that feeds the Club Cazadero service on the Pumpline Canal.
 - 8. Removed the buoys from Collins Lake.
 - 9. Picked up the debris piles from the screen and weed rack areas in the District.

- FUTURE PROJECTS
1. Continue tree and brush removal on District right of ways.
 2. Finish cleanup at the head of the Sicard ditch.
 3. Begin water season.

6. Director's Comments and Reports: None

7. Correspondence: None

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