

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
APRIL 26, 2012**

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

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the April 12, 2012 Regular Board Meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

The current elevation is 1,183.0 ft, which is at spill. This amounts to 100% of storage with 49,500 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is running at 1,040 KW with releases of 125 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,183.0 ft, which is at spill (100% or 49,500 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 1,050 KW with releases of 125 cfs.

Irrigation Season:

With the generator running at capacity and the Lake spilling, we attempted to start up the irrigation season for last weekend's very warm weather. However, the plan did not translate well when put into action. We ended the weekend with the powerhouse offline, seven broken pipelines and several clogged services.

Yuba River Lift Pump Repairs:

The three (3) pumps removed for repair have been installed and are ready to go. We also had a diver remove the woody debris from under the pumping station.

Meanwhile, the winter storm flows in the Yuba River have yet again filled in about 120' of the head of the bypass channel. We have received special permission for an emergency clearing of the filled in portion of the channel. Our existing stream alteration permit only allows work in the channel from July 1st through September 30th. DFG is looking for a long term solution to this chronic problem.

Delta:

Attorneys for the Sacramento Valley Water User group, in which we are participating, filed a scoping comment letter with the State Water Resources Control Board for the Bay-Delta Plan Comprehensive Review. This is the process that could adopt and implement new January-June Delta outflow objectives reflecting 50% or 40% of unimpaired flows. Those flows, if implemented, will completely drain the north State's reservoirs under several water year types.

ACWA Conference Panel:

I have been asked to make a presentation and be part of the Conserved Water Transfer Panel at the ACWA Conference. I will be discussing the conserved water transfer implemented by BVID, explain the nature of the water conservation effort (abandonment of open ditches) and the process for moving forward with the (pre-1914 water rights) transfer.

Meetings:

Past:

- 4-17-12 I met with Ken Davlin (Oscar Larson & Associates) to tour the Tennessee Ditch Hydroelectric Project site.
- 4-20-12 I spoke to Cindy Kao (Santa Clara VWD) concerning a 2012 Conserved Water Transfer.

Future Meetings:

- 4-30-12 ACWA Legislative Sub-Committee conference call.
- 5-04-12 NCWA Communications Committee conference call.
- 5-07-12 ACWA-JPIA Board meeting in Monterey.
- 5-08 through 5-11-12 ACWA Spring Conference in Monterey.

Projects:

Past:

1. Removed trees along the Browns Valley Main, Sicard, and Lambert ditches.
2. Repaired a break on each of the Sandy Way, Redhill East, and Hill Road pipelines.
3. Repaired the TSV valve at the Virginia Ranch Dam powerhouse.
4. Installed a new service on the Peoria and Greer pipelines.
5. Rebuilt two Pumpline Canal keyways. One at the Cahoon pipeline and the other at the DD service near Spring Valley road.
6. Patched the failing flumes on the Thousand Trails ditch.
7. Completed a service project for the Browns Valley Loma Rica CSD (Fire Department) at the Browns Valley Station.
8. Cleaned and delivered the John Deere 160 excavator to the Yuba River for bypass channel cleaning upstream of the fish screen.

Future Projects:

1. Continue Spray Program weather permitting.
2. Pave the Redhill Way road edge where it was cut for pipe removal.
3. Repair two leaks on the Peoria Ridge pipeline and one leak on each of the Abel and Hill Road pipelines.

4. 2012 Yuba River Conserved Water Transfer: After discussion Director Bordsen seconded by Director Woods moved to continue working with Dudley Ridge Water District towards a Yuba River conserved water transfer for 2012.

5. Dry Creek Recapture Project Flow Study: Director Winchester, seconded by Director Woods moved to accept and move forward with the MBK prepared Flow Study. All ayes, motion passed.

6. Bacon Ranch Water Issues: After discussion the Board direction to staff is to craft a letter to Scott Morris (Ramirez Water District, Attorney) concerning committing BVID to processes without Board approval.

7. Adjusting the May Board meeting dates. Director Bordsen, seconded by President Lowe, moved to adjust the May meeting dates from May 10th and May 24th to May 17th and May 31st. All ayes, motion passed

8. Director's Comments and Reports: None

9. Correspondence:

- Letter dated 4-19-12 to Congressman Wally Herger regarding HR 4345, the Domestic Fuels Act.
- Letter dated 4-20-12 from Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann and Girard to Howard Ellman regarding Bacon Ranch water issues.
- Letter dated 4-26-12 from Buchalter Nemer to Scott Morris regarding Bacon Ranch water issues.

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