

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
APRIL 28, 2016**

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

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the April 14, 2016 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Wheeler. All ayes, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** Randy Fletcher, Yuba County District 5 Supervisor communicated to the Board that he has been appointed to Region 2 ACWA Board.

**3. Hydro Committee Report: Concerning the Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project.** After discussion a motion by Director Bordsen seconded by Director Lowe that the Hydro Committee and Management have the authority to make decisions during the study process. All ayes, motion passed.

**4. The Board will consider resolution 04-28-16-01 in Support of the Yuba County Water Agency’s Proposal to Subdivide the North Yuba Subbasin extending into Butte County.** President Lowe, seconded by Director Lowe moved to approve Resolution 04-28-16-01

President Winchester then polled the Board:

AYES: Directors Lowe, Winchester, Bordsen, Woods & Wheeler

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none

Resolution 04-28-16-01 passed

**5. The Board will consider the proposed Water Service Agreement with the Yuba County Water Agency.** A motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Wheeler to accept the Water Service Agreement with YCWA. All ayes, motion passed.

**6. Manager’s Report:**

**COLLINS LAKE STATUS**

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
<b>TODAY</b>	<b>49,100 AF</b>	<b>99.2%</b>	<b>1,182.0 FT</b>	<b>1.0 FT</b>	<b>60.5 CFS</b>	<b>0 KW</b>
1 YEAR AGO	27,520 AF	55.6%	1,157.9 FT	25.1 FT	65.2 CFS	374 KW

## **STAFF ACTIVITIES**

The water service is on for the entire District. It was temporarily off the weekend of April 23, 2016 due to rain.

The main generator is currently offline due to another malfunction. Staff observed that it was drawing down one of the three legs of power from PG&E and making a grinding noise. Don Moss is scheduled to diagnose and repair April 29, 2016.

The mastication on the "R" Ditch off the Pumpline Canal is complete. Staff will redirect the equipment to continue to Iowa City Road.

Staff has been researching an alleged claim from the UC Field Station that water from Porter Creek that deeded to BVID in the 1940's in exchange for 12 miners inches of water from Dry Creek, free of charge. Legal Counsel nor MBK has found any such documents in files associated with BVID as well as the State. Although the UC produced the resolution from BVID in 1941 and a quitclaim deed from the Forbes family, there is no compelling evidence of the claim as presented.

BVID has received a letter from FERC requesting a response within 30 days proposing how the District intends to address the PMF study and how it relates to the spillway. GEI is preparing quote to facilitate the additional study work.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

### **Annexation**

Staff is developing the LAFCO application, which should be submitted within weeks. A Resolution containing the updated APN's will likely be up for consideration at the May 12, 2016 Board Meeting.

### **Conserved Water Transfer**

The Yuba County Water Agency executed the Agreement to Store Conserved Water with the technical details to be finalized by staff.

Staff spoke with Santa Clara Valley and Dudley Ridge Water Districts and it is their opinions that transfers will be unlikely this year due to excess conditions in the Delta. However, they do intend on executing an Agreement with the District in case the opportunity does materialize. The pricing remains uncertain and we have agreed to further develop that if a transfer starts to take shape.

Dudley Ridge Water District is exploring a possible option of developing an exchange agreement with a contractor north of Delta. The concept would be for BVID to do a one-year CEQA document to facilitate our water going to a contractor north of the Delta and the two would enter into an independent agreement accordingly.

The Manager met with Curt Aikens to discuss the possibility of developing an exchange

agreement that would ensure the reliability of the Conserved Water Transfer even in years it might not be able to move. He committed to exploring it and also provided some other ideas for increasing reliability that staff will research.

**Saddleback Lift Pump**

PG&E has finished pulling the line to the meter box and the panel has passed County inspection. Staff is waiting for the line to be energized and metered before initiating the VFD install.

**Sicard Ditch**

The CEQA process is ongoing.

**PAST MEETINGS**

- 04/20/16 The Hydro Committee met to discuss the Tennessee Creek Hydro project.
- 04/21/16 Director Winchester and the Manager attended a Groundwater Sustainability Committee meeting at Yuba County.
- 04/21/16 The Manager attended the OPUD Board meeting to give a Member Unit perspective on the Accord and Groundwater Substitution processes.
- 04/26/16 The Manager attended the Yuba County Water Agency Board Meeting to speak on the Conserved Water Transfer.
- 04/26/16 Blomberg and Griffin began the 2015 Independent Audit at the BVID Office.
- 04/28/16 The Manager met with the YCWA General Manager to discuss the Conserved Water Transfer.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- 04/29/16 MBK to meet with District staff to discuss the AWMP progress and for a District tour.
- 05/02/16 ACWA Conference through May 6, 2016.
- 05/06/16 YCWA Open House event.

**DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS**

- RECENT PROJECTS
  - 1. Installed the screen box for the Steven’s pipeline, set up the appropriate services, and removed obsolete connections.
  - 2. Completed a repair to the Ellis pipeline, Benetar pipeline, Fig Tree pipeline, Mahle pipeline, and two repairs to the Hill Road pipeline.
  - 3. Continued mechanical cleaning of the R-Line ditch at Saddleback Ranch. Mastication of the R-Line ditch is finished.
  - 4. Service repair on the line through the Pietz property.
  - 5. Started the water through the District again and completed another list of change orders.
  - 6. Repaired a pressure reducer on the Bald Mountain pipeline.
- FUTURE PROJECTS
  - 1. Blowout District pipelines.
  - 2. Install a new service on the McDrip pipeline, Steven’s pipeline, and the Peoria

- pipeline.
3. Finish cleaning the R-Line ditch.
  4. Continue to monitor water flows and conserve where we are able.

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

**8. Correspondence:**

- Letter dated April 19, 2016 from YCWA to BVID regarding Power Enhancement Agreement
- Letter dated April 21, 2016 from FERC to BVID regarding 2014 Probable Maximum Flood Study Report
- Letter dated April 27, 2016 from BVID from YCWA regarding Conserved Water Transfer

**9. Adjournment:**