

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MAY 11, 2017**

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, Wheeler and Woods. Director Bordsen absent. Also in attendance was Clerk Springsteen and Manager McNally was absent.

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the April 27, 2017 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Wheeler. Directors, Wheeler, Winchester, Woods and Lowe ayes. Director Bordsen absent, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** None

**3. Manager's Report:**

**COLLINS LAKE STATUS**

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
<b>TODAY</b>	<b>49,500 AF</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,183.0 FT</b>	<b>0.0 FT</b>	<b>78.2 CFS</b>	<b>539 KW</b>
1 YEAR AGO	48,330 AF	97.6%	1,181.1 FT	1.9 FT	68.8 CFS	486 KW

**STAFF ACTIVITIES**

YCWA has offered the services of Jerry Quinn (Gerard J. Quinn and Associates) to assist the District with working through the FEMA process for disaster reimbursement. YCWA will cover the costs associated with this assistance.

On May 4, 2017, the District received a letter from FERC advising that we are to complete a focused dam safety assessment prior to December 31, 2017. This will include possible soundings and integrity studies to ensure security. This is resulting from the February 2017 event in Oroville. Staff expects this to be a major and complex project as it evolves.

GEI has completed the dam PMF/submergence study with what we believe are favorable results. With the excessive flows provided by FERC, the dam comes within 0.2 feet of overtopping, but does hold steady with the spillway able to accommodate the 48,500 cfs inflow. It is expected the question of wave run-up will be raised as it had in the past so we are developing an argument that during winter time (or during most storm events) the prevailing winds are from the south and if anything, waves would be pushed away from the dam. Staff intends to authorize GEI to release the study to FERC early next week along with the cover letter in your handouts.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

### **Lower Yuba Accord / Groundwater Substitution Pumping**

The Accord Executive Committee has been meeting to discuss the development of conceptual benevolent programs that could be funded from the proceeds of future Groundwater Substitution Transfers.

Letters to the pumpers advising of no transfer were mailed April 27, 2017.

### **Water Supply Agreement**

Legal Counsel has returned the draft documents with edits to YCWA and the District is waiting to hear back.

### **Yuba River Diversion Maintenance**

Staff is continuing intensive work toward obtaining the appropriate permits for the District's long term maintenance program on the Yuba River.

### **Tennessee Ditch Hydro**

On May 10, 2017 PG&E returned the interconnection application with a cost of around \$480,000. This exceeded all expectations and NLine is going to meet with PG&E to ensure the estimate and calculations are correct.

## **PAST MEETINGS**

- 05/03/17 The Manager attended a JPIA Leadership Conference Call.
- 05/08/17 The Manager attended the ACWA JPIA Board Meeting in Monterey.
- 05/09/17 The Manager met with NLine Energy to discuss the Tennessee Ditch Hydro project in Monterey.
- 05/09/17 The Manager met with Jeff Twitchell (GEI) to discuss the PMF study in Monterey.
- 05/09/17 The Manager met with Phil Dunn (GEI) to discuss the Conserved Water Transfer EIR and what it would take to address NEPA to allow access to Federal infrastructure.
- 05/10/17 The Manager attended a PERS pension meeting in Monterey.
- 05/10/17 The Manager attended a meeting discussing the possibility of alternative uses of water as it relates to habitat in an effort to eventually take pressure off in stream flow requirements.
- 05/10/17 The Manager met with YCWA Directors Randy Fletcher, Gary Bradford and YCWA Manager Curt Aikens.
- 05/11/17 The Manager attended the mandatory ethics class in Monterey.
- 05/11/17 The Manager attended the ACWA Region 2 Board Meeting in Monterey.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- 05/16/17 Meeting with Davids Engineering to discuss YCWA's groundwater model.
- 05/24/17 Meeting with Morgan Read and Don Eckstrom to discuss operations at their ranch in Loma Rica.

06/05/17 Member Unit Meeting to discuss Delta Issues and the work being completed by BKS (BVID partially funds this work).

## **DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS**

**4. Director's Comments and Reports:** Director Winchester reported on the ACWA spring conference

### **5. Correspondence:**

- Letter dated May 1, 2017 to BVID from FERC regarding Spillway Assessments
- Letter dated May 12, 2017 to FERC from BVID VRD Spillway

### **6. Adjournment:**