

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MAY 12, 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, Wheeler and Woods, Director Bordsen absent. Also in attendance were Manager McNally, Clerk Springsteen.

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the April 28, 2016 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods. Directors Wheeler, Winchester, Woods and Lowe ayes. Director Bordsen absent, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** Charlie Mathews and Bill Simmons presented the proposed Groundwater Fairness Act.

**3. Finance Committee Report:** Director Wheeler reported that the Committee had reviewed the financial records for the month of April and found everything to be in order. Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Lowe moved to approve the financial reports for the month of April. Directors Wheeler, Winchester, Woods and Lowe ayes. Director Bordsen absent, motion passed.

**4. The Board will discuss the Annexation process and take action as appropriate.**  
Discussion only, no action taken.

**5. The Board will consider authorizing the General Manager to attend the ACWA JPIA “Leadership Essentials for the Water Industry” course.** After discussion, the Board consensus was that Manager McNally can attend the "Leadership Essentials for the Water Industry" course.

**6. Manager’s Report:**

**COLLINS LAKE STATUS**

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
<b>TODAY</b>	<b>47,900 AF</b>	<b>96.8%</b>	<b>1,180.9 FT</b>	<b>2.1 FT</b>	<b>74.5 CFS</b>	<b>543 KW</b>
1 YEAR AGO	25,540 AF	51.6%	1,155.3 FT	27.7 FT	64.2 CFS	331 KW

**STAFF ACTIVITIES**

Staff discovered a large Osprey nest at the top of the PG&E pole above the generator. PG&E inspected and is unable to remove at this time due to it having 3 hatchlings. Staff will keep an eye out for any problems it might cause.

The final 50 HP pump was reinstalled at the river on May 12, 2016.

The Water Supply Agreement was executed by YCWA on May 2, 2016. As of April 30, 2016, seven (7) of the member units have entered into an Agreement (BVID with a full term Agreement and six others with a temporary Agreement as required by the Agency Act.). One member unit remains uncommitted and as a result, there is some question as to how YCWA will proceed since the Agency Act requires an Agreement for water supplies from storage.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

### **Conserved Water Transfer**

Staff met with Santa Clara Valley and Dudley Ridge Water Districts at ACWA to discuss the likelihood of a 2016 Conserved Water Transfer, as well as pricing. It is not likely for a transfer to occur this year so the issue of pricing was deferred until such a time that changes.

The State (SWP) allocation is currently at 60%, with south of Delta contractors at 5% from the CVP. As we are seeing, it will be virtually impossible at these numbers to put a transfer together due to the capacity. Unfortunately, the State projects the 60% allocation to be the “average” from year to year, which, if accurate, creates some long questions about the ability to execute a Conserved Water Transfer most years.

Staff will continue to explore alternatives and if any opportunities are available, it is the District’s priority to ensure we are able to capitalize on them. We will continue to discuss the possibility of developing an exchange agreement with YCWA that help would ensure the reliability of the Conserved Water Transfer even in years it might not be able to move.

### **Saddleback Lift Pump**

The Saddleback Lift Pump VFD is installed and operational. The new pump can output 1-16 CFS, whereas the previous was only capable of 3-12 CFS.

### **Sicard Ditch**

The CEQA process is ongoing. As a result of the cultural resources study, the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Tribe near Palm Springs has requested more information.

### **Virginia Ranch Dam Risk Analysis**

Staff has received an estimate from GEI regarding the study as required by FERC for the spillway rating in regard to the new Probably Maximum Flood (PMF) figures. This proposal is well within the budgeted amount for 2016. The scope of work and estimate is included in this evening’s Board Handouts. Also included is the required letter of response to FERC detailing the intended plan to address the issue.

## **PAST MEETINGS**

- 05/02/16 The Manager attended the JPIA Board Meeting.
- 05/03/16 The Manager met with NLine Energy at ACWA to discuss the Tennessee Ditch Hydro project.
- 05/04/16 The Manager met with Bartle and Wells at ACWA to discuss the rate study as well as how to develop a prudent financial strategy in the absence of certain revenue factors.
- 05/04/16 The Manager met with Santa Clara Valley and Dudley Ridge Water Districts at ACWA to discuss the Conserved Water Transfer.

- 05/05/16 The Manager attended the ACWA Region 2 Board Meeting.
- 05/05/16 The Manager attended the YCWA Luncheon and Open House celebration.
- 05/10/16 The Manager met with Charlie Mathews to discuss out-of-District water supplies at the Ahart property on Iowa City Road.
- 05/10/16 The Manager met with Josh Horowitz to discuss the annexation process.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- 05/13/16 MBK to meet with District staff to discuss the AWMP progress and for a District tour.
- 05/17/16 Annual FERC Dam Inspection.
- 05/18/16 JPIA infrared electrical inspection at dam and river.

**DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS**

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| RECENT PROJECTS | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Completed a repair to the Peoria pipeline, and the Hill Road pipeline.</li> <li>2. Finished mechanical cleaning of the R-Line ditch at Saddleback Ranch.</li> <li>3. Graded the top of Virginia Ranch Dam.</li> <li>4. Began exercising District wharf valves.</li> <li>5. Replaced a main valve on the Lone Tree pipeline.</li> <li>6. Repacked a section of bank on the Ellis ditch.</li> <li>7. Removed a large Digger pine tree from the bank of the Ellis ditch.</li> <li>8. Repaired the keyway at the head of the South ditch on the Pumpline Canal.</li> <li>9. Installed the last two Steven’s pipeline services.</li> </ol> |
| FUTURE PROJECTS | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Blowout District pipelines.</li> <li>2. Install a new service on the McDrip pipeline and the Peoria pipeline.</li> </ol>  |

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

**8. Correspondence:**

- Letter dated April 26, 2016 from JPIA to BVID regarding Risk Assessment
- Letter dated April 29, 2016 from BVID to YCWA regarding Water Supply Agreement
- Press release dated May 11, 2016 from YCWA regarding State Investigation of Disputed Water Rights

**9. Adjournment:**