

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
JUNE 8, 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 Bordsen, Lowe, Wheeler and Woods. Also in attendance were Manager McNally and Clerk Springsteen.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the May 25, 2017 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods. Directors Bordsen, Wheeler, Winchester, Lowe and Woods ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: A presentation from Ms. Anna Palmer on behalf of the California Special District Association (CSDA) explaining the benefits of membership with that organization.

3. Finance Committee Report: Concerning the Financial Report for May 2017. Director Bordsen reported that the Committee had reviewed the financial records for the month of May and found everything to be in order. Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Wheeler moved to approve the financial reports for the month of May. Directors Bordsen, Wheeler, Winchester, Lowe and Woods ayes, motion passed.

4. The Board will discuss solutions to address existing challenges in dispatching for repairs and work orders. Staff discussed current challenges when dispatching the crew for work orders and repairs, and advised of a software solution that might help alleviate some of those concerns. Discussion only, no action taken.

7. Manager’s Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	48,440 AF	97.9%	1,181.4 FT	1.6 FT	68.9 CFS	476 KW
1 YEAR AGO	44,100 AF	89.1%	1,177.1 FT	5.9 FT	75.9 CFS	548 KW

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Staff is working to develop a detailed report of customers who pay more than one administrative charge and the impact of any changes to that policy would bring for the Ad Hoc Committee. Once complete, the Ad Hoc Committee will meet to discuss accordingly.

Staff has provided Legal Counsel with much of the needed recorded documents to bolster the District’s case against the University of California’s assertion that they are entitled 12 inches of water free of charge.

A letter was mailed to Water Audit California in response to their public records request and the District requested to be given adequate time (until July 28, 2017) to compile the records accordingly.

Staff received a letter from a property owner at 5601 Marysville Road requesting seven (7) days written notice prior to entering his property along the lower Browns Valley Main ditch. The District responded with a letter that identified the terms of the easement and countered with a two (2) hour call-ahead time.

On June 6, 2017, the Manager attended a Member Unit meeting at YCWA to discuss the current local hydrology on the Yuba River, as well as receive an update from Alan Lilly on Bay/Delta Issues;

Current Local Hydrology – This year has produced the highest inflow to New Bullards Bar since its construction. Over 2.5 million acre feet has entered NBB, with 1.2 million acre feet having spilled and another 1 million acre feet having gone through the Colgate powerhouse. The average flows in the Yuba River have been 12,000 cfs from January through May 2017, whereas the average historic flows for the same time period are roughly 3,000 cfs.

Delta Issues – Under current statutes, the State Water Project (SWP) and the Central Valley Project (CVP) are responsible for maintaining Bay/Delta Water Quality Objectives, including salinity control. However, two court of appeals decisions have determined that others should be equally responsible for those objectives and as the proceedings progress it is likely that dramatic unimpaired flow levels will be imposed. The local risk is that subsequent unimpaired flow requirements may limit the amount of storage at New Bullards Bar, affecting YCWA’s ability to deliver water in dry years. Furthermore, there is a legitimate concern that the SWRCB will move forward to further amend water rights and likely give the ability to curtail pre-1914 rights as a result. These points illustrate why it is important for the District to stay engaged in this process.

On June 6, 2017, the Manager attended a Caltrans Townhall Meeting at Browns Valley School to ensure BVID’s comments were received regarding the upcoming Highway 20 realignment. Caltrans engineers have confirmed that a sleeve is being designed into the Dry Creek Bridge for BVID expansion and that several more crossings perpendicular to Highway 20 are amenable.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Yuba River Diversion Maintenance

Jerry Quinn is preparing the grant application for the District to extend the diversion channel eastward to avoid the use of the current temporary channel perpendicular to the Yuba River.

Senate Bill 88

Staff has begun biweekly monitoring of the Tennessee Ditch headwaters to document the extent of natural flow during the irrigation season.

Virginia Ranch Dam Spillway Focus Study

Staff has authorized Kleinschmidt and GEI to collectively begin work on the mandate from FERC that the District complete a comprehensive study on the VRD Spillway to address any vulnerabilities. This work will kick off as both consultants will join us for the June 28, 2017 annual FERC inspection and required Potential Failure Mode Analysis (PFMA) discussion. Kleinschmidt will be preparing the

final report as the District's Dam Safety Engineer, and GEI will conduct much of the geotechnical work which will be a continuation of their work surrounding the PMF study.

PAST MEETINGS

- 06/01/17 The office staff attended a webinar to explore several software solutions, primarily focusing on work orders for work completed in the field.
- 06/02/17 The Manager attended YCSO's Grand Opening "Open House" at their new facility in Marysville.
- 06/05/17 The Manager attended a Member Unit Meeting to discuss the groundwater issues and to hear a briefing on delta issues and the work being completed by BKS (BVID partially funds this work).
- 06/06/17 The Manager attended a town hall meeting for the Caltrans Highway 20 project to ensure BVID's requests are on the record.
- 06/08/17 The Manager and Technical Services Manager met with Jerry Quinn via teleconference.
- 06/08/17 The Manager attended a teleconference with Kleinschmidt and GEI to discuss the VRD spillway study and upcoming FERC inspection.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 06/16/17 The Manager is attending an ACWA JPIA Leadership webinar.
- 06/23/17 Teleconference with Kleinschmidt and GEI.
- 06/28/17 Annual FERC inspection of the Virginia Ranch Dam

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

- RECENT PROJECTS
 - 1. Completed a list of over 100 shut off orders.
 - 2. Installed a service on the Thousand Trails ditch and the Lower Main ditch.
 - 3. Started the process of flushing all of the pipelines.
 - 4. Mechanically cleaned the Palmer ditch, Dexter ditch, and section of the Sicard ditch.
 - 5. Covered a section of the Ellis pipeline that was exposed over the winter.
 - 6. Repaired a break on the Too Handy pipeline.
- FUTURE PROJECTS
 - 1. Continue to spray the ditches depending on the weather.
 - 2. Finish flushing the pipelines.
 - 3. Spray the District yard.
 - 4. Repair leaks on the Valley View, Sandy Way, and the Lone Tree pipelines.

8. Director's Comments and Reports: None

9. Correspondence:

- Letter dated May 24, 2017 from an attorney representing a property owner at 5601 Marysville Road requesting that BVID provide seven (7) days written notice prior to entering his property.

- Letter dated June 2, 2017 from BVID in response and rebuttal to the attorney requesting his client be given seven (7) days written notice prior to entering his property.
- Letter dated May 30, 2017 in response to the Water Audit California public records request.
- Letter dated May 30, 2017 from BVID's General Manager authorizing for Mr. Jerry Quinn to receive information on the District's behalf regarding FEMA and CalOES.
- Email from Legal Counsel dated June 7, 2017 advising of action taken by Friends of the River (FOR), who are seeking an injunction which can result in limited diversions on the Yuba River.

10. Adjournment: