

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
JUNE 14, 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 May 31, 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. Finance Committee Report:** Director Wheeler reported that the Committee had reviewed the financial records for the month of May and found everything to be in order. Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Bordsen, moved to approve the financial reports for the month of May. All ayes, motion passed.

**4. Manager's Report:**

**Collins Lake:**

The current elevation is 1,176.1 ft, which is 6.9 ft below spill. This amounts to 87.3% of storage with 43,200 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is running at 720 KW with releases of 99.5 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,182.6 ft, which is 0.4' below spill (99.7% or 49,340 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 425 KW with releases of 59.0 cfs.

Last Friday, two folks claiming to be from South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL) showed up at the entrance to the Collins Lake Campground and told the gate keeper that they were there to do some work at the Dam. They were allowed to enter (without paying) but it raised hackles and a call was made to BVID to confirm their (SYRCL's) presence. We informed the Campground that BVID did not know, approve, or authorize this "work" and that this amounted to a trespass. Collins security then escorted them out of the area. They did disclose that the purpose of the trip was to install temperature monitors in Dry Creek below the Dam.

As the District will be paying off the General Obligation Bond for the Dam this fall, it makes sense to celebrate the occasion. Lincoln Young has offered to open up the campground to BVID members on September 22<sup>nd</sup> if such a party were to be approved.

**Staff Activities:**

The Office Manager participated in the ACWA/JPIA webinar on Cal/OSHA's reporting requirements.

## **Delta Stewardship Council, Sixth Draft of the Delta Plan:**

After collaborating with buyers, other sellers, DWR and a conference call with Council staff, we, as part the Water Transfer Group, have provided a comment letter on the Sixth Draft of the Delta Plan concerning one-year water transfers under Pre-1914 water rights.

## **ACWA Reorganization:**

Due to internal organizational issues, causing both inefficiencies and low staff morale, ACWA is going through a major reorganization, both in terms of structure and management style. The executive director (Tim Quinn) is committed to this process, even to the point of learning a different approach to management. The goal of all of this is to increase productivity and to revitalize the entire staff.

## **Meetings:**

### **Past:**

- 6-1-12 I participated in the NCWA Communications Committee conference call.
- 6-1-12 I attended the ACWA Legislative Committee meeting in Sacramento.
- 6-6-12 Director Winchester and I attended the Accord Member Unit meeting at YCWA.
- 6-7-12 I participated in the (NCWA) Bay-Delta Defense Management Committee conference call.
- 6-7-12 I met with three researchers from UC Berkley studying the potential of leaky ditches as a source of habitat.
- 6-8-12 I participated in the Delta Stewardship Council/Water Transfer Group conference call concerning the 6<sup>th</sup> Draft of the Delta Plan.
- 6-8-12 I attended the ACWA Special Board meeting in Sacramento.
- 6-14-12 President Lowe and I met with YCWA Director Tib Belza to discuss 2012 water transfers.
- 6-14-12 The Finance Committee (Directors Wheeler and Winchester) met to review the May bills.

## **Future Meetings:**

- 6-18-12 through 6-22-12 Vacation.

## **Projects:**

### **Past:**

1. Repaired a flume on the Thousand Trails Ditch.
2. Began the process of rebuilding a section of the Pumpline Canal near the south ditch.
3. Sprayed the Olive Hill Ditch and the Powerhouse area.
4. Completed another powerhouse generator output test.

5. Excavated and repacked another pipeline crossing on Fruitland Road as requested by Yuba County as part of their road widening project.
6. Paved the repair areas at the District driveway.
7. Completed an analysis and repaired truck # 7.
8. Moved rocks by hand in the Yuba River to divert more water down the fish screen channel until July 1<sup>st</sup> when we can get back in with a machine.
9. The Operations manager went out two nights looking for illegal water truck activity, but all was quiet. He also followed a lead about water trucks filling along Willow Glenn road; however, the creek on Willow Glenn road is now dry.

**Future Projects:**

1. Continue Spray Program weather permitting.
2. Pave the Redhill Way road edge where it was cut for pipe removal.
3. More generator output testing as the Lake elevation drops.

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

**5. Correspondence:**

- Letter dated June 11, 2012 from Manager Cotter to employee Donna Springsteen regarding her 1 year anniversary pay increase.
- Letter dated June 12, 2012 from ACWA to Delta Stewardship Council regarding Sixth Draft Delta Plan.
- Letter dated June 13, 2012 from the Water Transfer Group (including BVID) to the Delta Stewardship Council regarding Proposal to Revise Exemption for One Year Water Transfers in Sixth Draft Delta Plan.
- E-Mail dated June 13, 2012 from Josh Horowitz to Manager Cotter regarding Sixth Draft Delta Plan Water Transfer Limitation.

**7. Closed Session:** President Lowe announced that the meeting would go into Closed Session to discuss with legal counsel - anticipated litigation under Government Code section 54956.9(c) - one potential case involving the State Water Board's Bay-Delta flow proceeding. Any action taken would be reported in Open Session.

**9. Open Session:** President Lowe announced that the meeting was back in open session with no action taken in closed session

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