

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
JUNE 14, 2018**

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

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the May 24, 2018 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Winchester. Directors Lowe, Bordsen, Wheeler and Winchester ayes, Director Woods absent, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: Bill Williams of Browns Valley explained that he hasn't been getting his irrigation water this year. Service audit will be done June 15, 2018.

3. Finance Committee Report: Concerning the Financial Report for May 2018. 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. Directors Winchester, Lowe, Bordsen and Wheeler ayes, Director Woods absent, motion passed.

4. The Board will consider a letter of support for the Yuba County Water Agency to modify the boundaries of the North Yuba and South Yuba Groundwater Basins. Director Winchester, seconded by Director Lowe moved to approve the letter of support for the YCWA. Directors Winchester, Lowe, Bordsen and Wheeler ayes, Director Woods absent, motion passed.

5. The Board will consider the Agreement for the Temporary Transfer of Water from Browns Valley Irrigation District to Dudley Ridge Water District. Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Winchester moved to approve the Agreement for the Temporary Transfer Agreement. Directors Winchester, Lowe, Bordsen and Wheeler ayes, Director Woods absent, motion passed.

6. The Board will consider the Agreement for Temporary Storage of Transfer Water between Yuba County Water Agency and Browns Valley Irrigation District. Director Winchester, seconded by Director Lowe moved to approve the Agreement for the Temporary Storage Agreement. Directors Winchester, Lowe, Bordsen and Wheeler ayes, Director Woods absent, motion passed.

7. Manager's Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME %	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	45,000 AF 90.9%	1,178.0 FT	5.0 FT	83.4 CFS	601 KW
1 YEAR AGO	47,900 AF 96.8%	1,180.9 FT	2.1 FT	61.4 CFS	419 KW

STAFF ACTIVITIES

On 06/12/2018, YCWA General Manager Curt Aikens asked that the Member Units work together to submit an amicus brief on YCWA's behalf in a suit involving the Friends of the River, NMFS and the Corps of Engineers on the Yuba River. The case involves the Friends of the River, who are asserting that the environmental baseline for consultation under Section 7 of the ESA is the "without dam" environment, and that the presence of the dam in the river itself is a habitat modification that constitutes a "take" under ESA Section 9. The Member Units have previously filed a similar brief and it is proposed that the Member Units pool together and use the same legal counsel. The benefit of amicus briefs from various parties is that they demonstrate the interests in the case are broader than just the impact to YCWA. The Manager intends to agree to participate since this case can affect operations on the Yuba River, resulting in an impact to BVID.

Staff is preparing to meet with the Woodland-Davis Clean Water Agency (WDCWA) to discuss a possible opportunity for transfer in November and December if Term 91 curtailments persist beyond October 31. After consulting with Steve Grinnell, there is virtually no opportunity to transfer from BVID's water right or project base supply, but it would be plausible to conduct a reservoir reoperations transfer from Collins Lake. The max amount would be 1,300 AF per month (2,600 AF) total, which equates to a flow rate of approximately 22 CFS per day over that time period. WDCWA is interested in exploring options for a longer term agreement that could include a contract to reserve a volume of water and then purchase water on an AF basis if needed, or possibly other arrangements. A meeting to discuss this is scheduled for June 18, 2018 in Woodland.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Accord / Groundwater Substitution Transfer

Groundwater pumping has begun and will continue until August 31, 2018.

Annexation

LAFCO is evaluating the procedures required for de-annexing the parcels to be annexed from North Yuba Water District. Staff will likely have a resolution to consider at the June 28, 2018 Board Meeting.

Caltrans Highway 20 Realignment

Staff executed the Temporary Construction Easement and Fee Acquisition at the southeastern end of the yard after ensuring it would not affect any infrastructure on the District property.

Staff has received two bids regarding the design and specs of the infrastructure replacement in the area and they are coming in at around \$130,000. Staff will work with Caltrans to ensure the work is funded entirely by the State.

Cascade Fire

Legal Counsel has prepared the proper Request for Proposal (RFP) for the tree removal project in Loma Rica. To comply with FEMA standards, it will need to be solicited on lists that include qualified small, minority and woman owned businesses.

Conserved Water Transfer

The 2018 Conserved Water Transfer is scheduled to move from July 1, 2018 through July 16, 2018.

UC / Porter Creek

On 05/31/2018, the Manager sent a response to the UC-SFREC May 23, 2018 letter requesting service, including the additional 13.5 units at no charge.

Virginia Ranch Dam

On 05/30/2018, Syblon Reid provided an updated quote for spillway drain inspection services based on the as built drawings. To accommodate the entire spillway will be an estimated \$70,000. Staff consulted with the District’s Dam Safety Engineer to determine if this work can be phased and it was recommended that a reconnaissance inspection be conducted from the tail end of the spillway. Syblon Reid is developing a new estimate based on that scope of work.

On 06/08/2018 the Manager gave Uma Hinman a “Notice to Proceed” with the required EAP update associated with the new inundation maps as being developed by GEI.

PAST MEETINGS

- 05/29/18 Director Winchester and Manager McNally attended a NCWA Manager’s Meeting at RD 108 in Knights Landing.
- 05/30/18 Director Winchester and Manager McNally attended a YCWA Member Unit meeting.
- 06/01/18 The Manager attended the Yuba Accord 10 Year celebration in Marysville.
- 06/13/18 The Manager met with Curt Aikens and Steve Grinnell via telephone to discuss water transfers.
- 06/13/18 The Manager met with Jenny Cavalier at the BVID Office.
- 06/13/18 The Manager met with Josh Horowitz by telephone to discuss the response from the UC regarding Porter Creek.
- 06/14/18 Staff conducted interviews of internal candidates for the positions of Utility Worker II and DSO I and II.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 06/15/18 Staff will conduct interviews of external candidates for the positions of Utility Worker I and II.
- 06/18/18 The Manager is meeting with Woodland Davis Clean Water Agency to discuss possible options for fall transfers of up to 2,600 acre feet in the event of extended Term 91 curtailments.

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

- RECENT PROJECTS
1. Removed debris piles from the paddlewheel locations.
 2. Diagnosed an electric problem at the Yuba River fish screens and will be repairing the system when the parts come in.
 3. Installed a meter and orifice plate for the U.C. Field Station pipeline service.

4. Repaired a break on the Upper Main, Peoria, Mahle, and Lone Tree pipelines.
5. Yearly fire extinguisher maintenance completed.
6. Installed a new service on the McDrip pipeline.
7. Completed a long delinquent payment list of shutoffs.
8. Installed a mainline valve at the head of the Edgehill pipeline.
9. Installed a customer purchased wharf valve on the Hill Road pipeline at Dry Creek Lane.
10. Repaired the 100 hp pump electrical box at the Yuba River pumping station. It caught on fire and melted a component.
11. Removed a large pine tree from the BV.Main ditch.

FUTURE
PROJECTS

1. Spray right of ways weather permitting.
2. Install a new service on the McDrip pipeline and the Ridge pipeline.

8. Director's Comments and Reports: None

9. Correspondence:

- Email dated June 12, 2018 from YCWA to BVID regarding Friends of the River
- Letter dated May 16, 2018 from YCWA to BVID regarding Transfer Exchange Agreement

10. Closed Session: Conference with real property negotiator involving the water right on Porter Creek with Ryan McNally, District negotiator(s). Instructions to the negotiator(s) may include specific terms of negotiations. Government Code sections 54954.2 and 54934.5.

11. Open Session: The Board will report any action taken in closed session. No action taken.

12. Adjournment: