

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
JUNE 23, 2011**

President Woods called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Browns Valley Irrigation District to order. Other Directors present were Winchester, Bordsen, Wheeler and Lowe. Also in attendance were Manager Cotter and Clerk Powell

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the June 9, 2011 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Winchester, seconded by Director Wheeler, all ayes, motion passed.

**Public Forum:** None.

**Manager's Report:**

**Collins Lake:**

Current elevation is 1,181.7 ft, which is 1.3 ft. below spill. This amounts to 98.5% of storage with 48,770 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is running at 705 Kw with releases of 93 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,179.0 ft, which is 4.0 ft below spill (92.7% or 45,900 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 775 Kw with releases of 101 cfs.

**ACWA/JPIA Workers Compensation Program:**

The Workers Compensation Program will be renewing on July 1<sup>st</sup> with no change in rates. This is the third straight year the JPIA has held rates steady.

**5370 Marysville Road (the District's rental house):**

A new tenant is ready to move in once any required maintenance (including the replacement of the dishwasher) and cleaning by the property manager is completed. The rent will begin at \$900 per month and increase by \$100/month at both the 6 month and 12 month points for a total of \$1,100 per month beginning July of 2012.

**Delta Stewardship Council:**

The Delta Stewardship Council released its fourth draft of the Delta Plan on June 13<sup>th</sup>. With this draft the Council proves that it definitely does want to try to influence the operations of water agencies statewide, including;

The addition of a "Water Reliability Element" to urban and agricultural water management plans, including an analysis of "the long-term sustainability of the water supplies available to meet projected demands within the supplier's hydrologic region", water agencies development and implementation by 2020 of "a conservation-oriented rate structure;" and that a proponent for a new proposed point of delivery that results in new or increased demand for diversions from the Delta or the Delta Watershed should demonstrate that the project proponents have evaluated and implemented all other feasible water supply alternatives.

## **Dry Creek Recapture Project:**

After a tour of the District's drainage "system", including Dry Creek, Little Dry Creek and other drainages, Gary Kienlen (MBK) feels that the best method for proving up just how much water flowing in Dry Creek is actual ag return flow and not normal stream flow, is not a monitoring of the inflows over time. Rather, he proposes a scheduled shutdown of the releases from Collins Lake during the irrigation season for a 24 to 48 hour period with monitoring of the drainage flows; before, during and after the shutdown/restart. A formal proposal including monitoring protocols is forthcoming.

### **Meetings:**

#### **Past:**

- 06-14-11 The Personnel Committee (Directors Lowe and Bordsen) met to discuss the Office Manager position.
- 06-15-11 I attended the Accord Executive Committee meeting at YCWA.
- 06-15-11 I attended the Yuba Regional Water Management Group meeting at YCWA.
- 06-15 -11 I participated in the ACWA Region 2 Legislative Sub-Committee conference call.
- 06-17-11 I attended the ACWA Legislative Committee meeting in Sacramento.
- 06-20-11 Special Board meeting concerning the Office Manager position.
- 06-21-11 The GIS/Planner and I met with Gary Kienlen and Brian Busch (MBK Engineers) to tour the surface ag return flow into Dry Creek and discuss irrigated acres and place-of-use issues.
- 06-22-11 Dennis Hinz (CPA) was here to work on closing the 2010 financial year.

#### **Future:**

- 06-30-11 Accord Executive Committee meeting at YCWA.
- 07-06-11 DWR 2012 Water Transfer meeting.
- 07-06-11 ACWA Region 2 Legislative Sub-Committee conference call.
- 07-12-11 DFG (Tracy McRyenolds) concerning the Dry Creek Recapture Project in Chico.
- 07-14-11 Finance Committee (Directors Winchester and Wheeler) meeting.

### **Projects:**

#### **Past:**

1. Repaired a break on the Bald Mountain, Rancho Loma Rica, Hill Road, Redhill East, and Olive Hill pipelines.
2. Almost finished the cabinets for the office.
3. Completed the shutoff list and we are now reconnecting those who have come forward to pay.
4. Sprayed a section of the BV Main ditch and the District yard.

5. Cleared the road into the gauging station on Dry Creek.
6. Repaired the Heintzen ditch at south Stern Lane and a large hole in the North ditch as well as several leaks on the Sicard ditch south of Scott Forbes Road
7. Repaired the ditch screen at the head of the Cahoon ditch.
8. Removed a large tree from the Sicard ditch north of Scott Forbes Road.
9. Fished out (and dried out) the submerged limit switch for the fish screen brushes from the Yuba River. The brushes have since been operated in a “manual” mode during the higher than normal flows in the River.

**Future:**

1. Continue Spray Program weather permitting.
2. Clean the fish screen channel at the Yuba River.
3. Finish the office cabinets.

**Funding of the Trapper for 2011/2012:** No action taken. Died for lack of a motion.

**Director’s Comments and Reports:** President Woods presented Clerk Powell a congratulations card from the Board and wished her success in her new career.

**Correspondence:**

- o Memo from the General Manger concerning the “Trapper”.
- o Email from Steve Mehalakis concerning surplus water on Los Verjeles Road.

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