

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
JUNE 26, 2008**

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

**Minutes:** The draft minutes of the June 12, 2008 were corrected to include Director Lowe as present. The Minutes of the June 12, 2008 Regular Board Meeting were approved as corrected on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Bordsen, all ayes, motion passed.

**Public Forum:** None.

**Collins Lake Drought Update:** After discussion, Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Wheeler, moved to approve the following Rationing Program for the 2008 Summer Irrigation Season: water system will be shut down at 12pm on Sundays and started back up on Wednesday mornings. Rationing Program will begin July 13<sup>th</sup>, providing the notices to the water users can be postmarked with 5 days notice.

**Request for Discount of Water Bill:** Director Lowe, seconded by Director Bordsen, moved to deny the request by the owner of 6880 Quail Run for a discount. Directors Woods and Wheeler voted aye, Director Winchester voted no. Motion passed.

**Public Hearing for CEQA Comments or Objections:** No comments or objections were made during the Public Hearing. No action taken.

**Adoption of CEQA Negative Declaration for and approving the 2008 Temporary Water Transfer to Santa Clara Valley Water District:** Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods, moved to table this item until a later date.

**Hydro Committee Report:** Discussion only, no action taken.

**Manager's Report:**

**Collins Lake:**

Current elevation is 1,151.0 ft, which is 32 ft below spill. The Generator is running at 520 Kw with releases of 95 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,163.2 ft, which is 19.8 ft below spill. The Generator was running at 630 Kw with releases of 101 cfs.

**Dry Creek Recapture Project:**

The Drafts of both the Delineation of Waters of the United States & Biological Inventory of the Project area have been provided to the District for comments.

## Conserved Water Transfer:

The CEQA “Notice of Intent – Revised”, “Initial Study” and “Attachment A” have been filed with nine (9) counties and published “Notice of Intent - Revised” with six (6) newspapers. The comment period will run from June 30<sup>th</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup>.

## LAFCO MSR:

A last minute comment from Ms. Hofman that names BVID in several areas is being addressed. For the most part, she is asking questions that are not possible to answer.

## Bay/Delta:

The State Water Resources Control Board and three Regional Water Quality Boards have released a draft “Strategic Workplan for Activities in the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary”. This plan will implement the Blue Ribbon Delta Vision Task Force Blueprint.

## Meetings:

### **Past:**

- 06-17-08 The Hydro Committee (Directors Winchester and Bordsen) met with Kleinschmidt to discuss a proposal to reevaluate the hydro potential in BVID.
- 06-18-08 I observed the web cast of the DWR Drought Workshop.
- 06-18-08 Director Winchester attended the NCWA Board meeting in Yuba City.
- 06-18-08 Director Winchester and I attended the NCWA Managers meeting in Yuba City.
- 06-19-08 I met with Fish and Game (Duane Massa) in Chico concerning the Dry Creek Recapture Project.
- 06-20-08 Director Winchester and I attended the NCWA Sacramento Valley Water Management Agreement meeting in Marysville.
- 06-23-08 I participated in a conference call with Santa Clara Valley Water District concerning the Conserved Water Transfer.
- 06-24-08 I attended the ACWA Region 2 meeting at Western Canal Water District.

### **Future Meetings**

06-27-08 through 07-03-08 Vacation.

## Projects:

### **Past:**

1. Salvaged another 460’ of 36” aluminum pipe from the old Upper Main ditch.
2. Sprayed a section of the Pumpline Canal.
3. Mechanically cleaned the Ellis Ditch.

4. Replaced one of the Sicard bridges over a side spill with a covered pipe. We used salvaged pipe from the Upper Main Ditch.
5. Removed a large blockage from a 120' length of pipe on the Sicard Ditch.
6. Rebuilt a ditch service on the Olive Hill ditch.
7. Completed a long list of shut offs from Carey for nonpayment.
8. Installed a new service on the Peoria pipeline.

**Future:**

1. Continue spraying the right of ways wind permitting.
2. Replace rotting deck boards at the Yuba River pumping station.
3. Police the District for over users and abusers.
4. Rebuild the brush mechanism on the fish screens.

**Correspondence:**

- o June 13, 2008 letter from John Belza regarding Browns Valley Ridge.
- o Letter from Lois DeAlba requesting a discount.
- o Letter from Manager Cotter to John Benoit regarding comments concerning the Public Review Draft of Yuba County LAFCO's Municipal Service Review.

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