

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
JULY 23, 2009**

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

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the July 9, 2009 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Wheeler. All ayes, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** Don Zea, the Chief Executive Director from NCWA, introduced himself to the Board. No action taken.

**3. Collins Lake Drought Update:** No action taken.

**4. Possible Annexation of Jay Ray Area:** Tabled, no action taken.

**5. Manager's Report:**

**Collins Lake:**

Current elevation is 1,158.4 ft, which is 24.6 ft below spill. This amounts to 56% of storage with 28,600 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is running at 685 Kw with releases of 109.9 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,145.1 ft, which is 37.9 ft below spill (36% or 18,000 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 420 Kw with releases of 84.2 cfs.

**Conserved Water Transfer:**

The 30-day public comment period for the CEQA Negative Declaration for the Conserved Water Transfer to Santa Clara VWD ended with only one "No Comment" comment received. The Notice of Determination will need to be filed in nine counties as well as the State Clearing House. The transfer water is scheduled for release during the last two weeks of August.

**Long Term Conserved Water Transfer EIR:**

The Notice of Preparation has been sent to the various State agencies (DWR, DFG, SWRCB, etc) as well as those folks that have requested copies of our CEQA documents. This has triggered a 30 day comment period to receive scope-of-work concerns. The notice of the "Scoping Meeting" to be held on July 30<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento was also sent to 470 counties and cities in the project area, which includes most of California south of Browns Valley.

**Peoria Pipeline:**

Phase 2 of this project did not receive many days of work in the last two weeks due to vacations and the work done on the District's gasoline tank. We did manage to

install 420' of 18" pipe. We also cleared several hundred feet of trees and brush, installed an 18" valve, several angles and prepared a level pad to trench from on the side hill that we are working along. We have now installed 2,980' of the 7,120' for this phase.

#### **Saddleback Lift Pump:**

Late this morning the engine that was powering the lift pump expired, creating a mess but not damaging any other equipment. We are supplying the area served by this pump with water from Collins Lake during the process of removing the old motor and installing the District's other (larger) engine that is currently located at the Yuba River pumping station.

#### **Meetings:**

##### **Past:**

- 07-10-09 thru 07-17-09 I was on vacation.
- 07-15-09 I participated in the Conserved Water EIR/YCWA conference call concerning modeling of Yuba River flows.
- 07-21-09 The Sphere of Influence Ad Hoc Committee (Directors Winchester & Bordsen) met to discuss the draft Sphere of Influence map.
- 07-21-09 I met with Katie Burdick (Consumnes, American, Bear & Yuba River Integrated Regional Water Management (CABY)) to discuss their area boundaries that overlap into BVID.
- 07-21-09 I met with Uma Hinman (Kleinschmidt) to edit the response to comments for the Dry Creek Recapture CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration
- 07-22-09 Director Winchester attended the NCWA Board meeting at YCWA.
- 07-22-09 I participated in the ACWA Region 2 Legislative subcommittee conference call.

##### **Future Meetings:**

- 07-24-09 Accord Buyers negotiation strategy conference meeting in Marysville.
- 07-27-09 Filing of Notice of Determinations in nine counties.
- 07-29-09 Accord/Buyer negotiation meeting in Sacramento.
- 07-30-09 Conserved Water EIR planning meeting in Sacramento.
- 07-30-09 Conserved Water EIR Scoping Meeting in Sacramento.
- 07-31-09 ACWA Board meeting in Sacramento (as a substitute Board member).
- 08-12-09 ACWA Region 2 Legislative subcommittee conference call.

#### **Projects:**

##### **Past:**

1. Repaired the brushes on the Fish Screen again.

2. Switched the gasoline tank to comply with Air Quality Management requirements and delivered the old tank to Ramos Oil Company.
3. Repaired the main line at Monument Trail and the Everglade pipeline, also repaired a broken air vent and service on the Hill Road pipeline and a broken ditch service on the Arnold Ditch.
4. Repaired the trailer lights on the small equipment trailer. Replaced the front idler wheel on the Cat 307 excavator. Completed general maintenance on the Ford 1 ton truck.
5. Sold the Cat 211 excavator. We rounded up all of the spare parts and all but one of the buckets and Taylor excavating hauled it away.

**Future:**

1. Continue the Peoria Pipeline Phase 2.
2. Continue weed abatement.
3. Continue audits.

**6. Resolution Adopting a CEQA Negative Declaration for 2009 Temporary Water**

**Transfer to Santa Clara Valley Water District:** Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods, moved to adopt Resolution 09-07-23-09 Adopting a CEQA Negative Declaration for 2009 Temporary Water Transfer to Santa Clara Valley Water District. President Winchester then polled the Board:

AYES: Directors Winchester, Bordsen, Woods & Wheeler

NOES: None

ABSENT: Director Lowe

ABSTAIN: None

Resolution 09-07-23-09 passed.

**7. Sphere of Influence map to recommend to LAFCO:** No action taken.

**8. Correspondence:**

- o Email from Christy Bodily regarding J-Rey annexation.
- o Letter from Paradise Irrigation District regarding Reorganization of Butte Environmental Council.
- o Email from John Drew regarding proposed annexation.
- o Letter from Barbara Boxer regarding Clean Water Restoration Act.
- o Letter from Howard Ellman regarding Groundwater Pumping.

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