

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
JULY 26, 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, Winchester and Woods. Also in attendance were Manager McNally, Clerk Springsteen, and Operations Manager Shrader.

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the July 12, 2018 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Winchester. All ayes, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** Randy Fletcher discussed the Yuba County Public Safety Tax

**3. The Board will consider a resolution Authorizing Assessments for Delinquent Charges to be collected on the Yuba County Tax Roll.** Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Wheeler moved to approve the Resolution 07-26-18-01. President Wheeler then polled the Board:

AYES: Directors Winchester, Wheeler, Woods, Lowe & Bordsen  
 NOES: none  
 ABSTAIN: none  
 ABSENT: none  
 Resolution 07-26-18-01 Passed

**4. Manager's Report:**

**COLLINS LAKE STATUS**

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	37,060 AF	74.9%	1,169.4 FT	13.6 FT	110.0 CFS	727 KW
1 YEAR AGO	40,500 AF	81.8%	1,173.2 FT	9.8 FT	101.8 CFS	691 KW

**STAFF ACTIVITIES**

Staff is working with Mark Suden Mining Construction to start developing ideas to fortify and pipe the tunnel on the lower end of the Sicard Ditch. Due to a large marijuana grow near the area, the Manager has opted to wait a month or two before bringing them out to develop a mitigation strategy. Staff is working to develop a grant request to complete this project as well as the major leaks at the upper end of the Sicard Ditch.

On 07/25/2018, the Manager met with the Woodland Davis Clean Water Agency to further discuss transfer options. Per Board direction, staff insisted that the water could not come from a source that could potentially jeopardize local supply during drought years. Through discussion, the concept of developing a Groundwater Substitution Transfer for this purpose seems to make sense. In this scenario, WDCWA would pay an option payment each year for BVID to provide up to 1,300 AF of water if Term

91 curtailments persist past October 31. Under this concept, if invoked, BVID would transfer 10 CFS of its water right water from the Yuba River and pump 10 CFS from the local groundwater basin. Staff is working with YCWA to ensure this option is amenable in terms of flow requirements. WDCWA is paying for all studies and work associated with this program. Staff intends to have an action item for this at the 08/09/2018 Board Meeting.

Staff intends on beginning the annual river channel maintenance on 08/20/2018. Representatives from the Regional Water Quality Control Board have confirmed they will be onsite to observe.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

### **Accord / Groundwater Substitution Transfer**

Groundwater Substitution pumping continues and all pumpers have pumped their allocation except for BVID.

Staff is working to develop an amendment between the District and pumpers to be consistent with Amendment 7 of the Conjunctive Use Agreement.

### **Caltrans Highway 20 Realignment**

Staff has received three bids regarding the design and specs of the infrastructure replacement in the area and they are coming in at around \$130,000. Staff is waiting for Caltrans to develop the Agreement required for reimbursement.

### **Cascade Fire**

Staff has given Twin Cities Tree Service a notice to proceed in removing 53 trees from the Mahle, Finch and Browns Valley Main ditches based on their low bid of \$68,800. This work will be reimbursed by FEMA.

### **SB 88**

MBK has submitted draft extension requests to staff to delay SB 88 implementation to January 2020.

### **Virginia Ranch Dam**

On 07/20/2018 Syblon Reid arrived at the spillway to begin the camera work on the drains. However, due to the topography, they were unable to inspect. They are now looking at other options to perform the drain inspection.

On 07/18/2018, Mr. Edgar Salire from FERC called to advise that due to Sharon Roach leaving the San Francisco office, he has been reassigned as BVID's inspector. The 2018 FERC inspection is scheduled for 08/29/2018.

## **PAST MEETINGS**

- 07/17/18 The Manager and Operations Manager met with Mike McIntyre and Charlie Mathews at a well site on the Ahart property.
- 07/25/18 The Manager met with Tim Busch of WDCWA in Woodland to discuss water transfers.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- 07/27/18 Meeting with several of the Member Units and Congressman Garamendi.  
07/27/18 Yuba County IRWMP Meeting.  
07/27/18 Meeting with Curt Aikens (YCWA) to discuss transfers.  
08/02/18 Meeting with Caltrans to discuss the Highway 20 project.

## **DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS**

- RECENT PROJECTS
1. Henwood Energy completed the repair of the fish screen electrical issues.
  2. Installed new service on the Rancho Loma Rica Pipeline.
  3. Found and repaired a substantial leak on the Sicard Ditch.
  4. Repaired several paddle wheel screens and brushes throughout the district.
  5. Installed new service in The Ridge Subdivision.
  6. Repaired Main line break on a leg of the Peoria Ridge line.
  7. Installed new service on Los Verjeles Road.
  8. Made repairs to the Osage Orange spill.
  9. Cleaned lower section of Heintzen ditch.
- FUTURE PROJECTS
1. Spray right of ways weather permitting.
  2. Install a new service on the Peoria Road line.

### **5. Director's Comments and Reports:** None

### **6. Correspondence:**

- Letter dated July 6, 2018 from SWRCB to BVID regarding Statement of Water Diversion
- Letter dated July 17, 2018 from YCWA to BVID regarding name update to Yuba Water Agency

**7. 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.

**8. Closed Session:** Conference with real property negotiator involving the Collins Lake Concessionaire Agreement; Director's Lowe and Woods (Concessionaire Committee) and Ryan McNally, District negotiator(s). Instructions to the negotiator(s) may include specific terms of the Agreement. Government Code sections 54954.2 and 54934.5.

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

### **10. Adjournment:**