

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
AUGUST 11, 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, Wheeler, Bordsen, and Lowe. Also in attendance were Manager Cotter and Clerk Springsteen.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the July 28, 2011 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Winchester, seconded by Director Wheeler. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None.

3. Finance Committee Report: Directors Wheeler & Winchester reported that they had reviewed the financial records for the month of July and found everything to be in order. Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Lowe, moved to approve the financial reports for the month of July. All ayes, motion passed.

4. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

Current elevation is 1,171.5 ft, which is 11.5 ft. below spill. This amounts to 78.5% of storage with 38,850 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is running at 695 Kw with releases of 101.9 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,168.2 ft, which is 14.8 ft below spill (72.9% or 36,060 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 630 Kw with releases of 94.7 cfs.

Staff Activities:

On August 3, 2011, one of the crewmembers attended a pesticide continuing education meeting.

SYRCL vs. NMFS Lawsuit:

Judge Karlton has issued his ruling on interim measures that the Army Corps of Engineers must implement while a new Biological Opinion is being prepared. The judge largely sided with SYRCL's requested remedies, (none of which impact BVID, so far) and include the development of a plan to separate spring run from fall run salmon.

DFG Ecosystem Restoration Program:

Department of Fish and Game released a public review draft of their Conservation Strategy for the Central Valley. On pages 100, 136 and 255, the draft conservation strategy says that BVID's diversion needs to be screened! It's pretty incredible that DFG is working with such outdated information, but we should not let DFG's error slip. Comments are due on August 22nd and BVID needs to respond.

Delta:

The Delta Stewardship Council's staff has released the fifth draft of the Delta Plan. It will be the basis of the Council's draft EIR, which is supposed to be released for a 45-day comment period at the end of this month. There have been minor improvements from the fourth draft and it is unlikely that appeals to the Council would interfere with upstream agencies' internal operations but the fifth draft contains numerous problematic policies and recommendations, not the least of which is a continued focus on flow as the key tool for improving the Delta's ecosystem. ACWA's Ag/Urban group has a strategy for seeking to change the Delta Plan's regulatory direction by asking Ag/Urban members to organize public comments by managers and board members at the Council's August 25-26 meeting, with the focus of the comments being that the Council needs to use its planned September 15-16 meeting to discuss the big picture of the Delta Plan's approach (rather than having another line-by-line march through a staff draft).

Dry Creek Water Study:

Notices have been mailed and the reaction from the water users has been good. The one concern that has required extra discussion is the conformation that the water will be turned back on after the outage (which it will).

Meetings:**Past:**

- 07-29-11 The GIS/Planner and I met with MBK to finalize the monitoring locations and begin sighting the staff gages for the water study.
- 08-09-11 I participated in the Ag Water Management meeting conference call.
- 08-10-11 I participated in the ACWA Region 2 Legislative Sub-Committee conference call.
- 08-11-10 The Finance Committee met to review the July Bills.

Future Meetings:

- 08-13-11 Town hall meeting concerning Bullards Bar relicensing at Oregon House.
- 08-15-11 MBK will be here to finish sighting the staff gages at the monitoring locations for the water study.
- 08-17-11 Accord member Unit meeting at YCWA.
- 08-19-11 ACWA Region 2 Board meeting in Willows.
- 08-22-11 Accord Executive Committee meeting at YCWA.
- 08-25-11 Member Unit briefing at YCWA.

Projects:**Past:**

1. Repaired breaks on the Too Handy and Sandy Way pipelines.
2. Mechanically cleaned the Dexter ditch.

3. Sprayed the Arnold ditch and the lower end of the Heintzen ditch.
4. Had a PG&E power outage in the Oregon House area which knocked the powerhouse off line (8/8/2011).
5. Completed the change-of-tenant maintenance at the District rental house.
6. Continued to exercise wharf and blowout valves.
7. Rebuilt a service on the Too Handy pipeline and a ditch service on the BV Main ditch.
8. Replaced a circuit breaker at the District office main breaker panel.
9. Continued work on the Ekstrom/Saddleback service/pipeline project. Finished the installation of the screen box/head wall and installed the first 120' of pipe. Rock is being a major issue during trenching.
10. Rebuilt the two trucks for the fish screen brushes.

Future:

1. Continue Spray Program weather permitting.
2. Continue the Ekstrom/Saddleback service/pipeline project on the Olive Hill ditch.
3. Continue exercising wharf and blowout valves.

5. Director's Comments and Reports:

- Director Bordsen commented on his concern over the status of the new PG&E/YCWA Enhancement Agreement in that once this Agreement is in place, a new YCWA/BVID agreement needs to be negotiated. This new agreement with YCWA/BVID is very important to BVID's long term financial planning. Director Bordsen requested that a memo will be sent to YCWA requesting that the PG&E/YCWA Agreement be finalized.
- Director Winchester commented on his concern regarding the progress towards a new contract with YCWA for winter water supplies from the Yuba River and requested that a memo be sent to YCWA requesting that this process be moved along.

6. Correspondence: None.

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