

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
AUGUST 14, 2014**

At 5:00 pm President Bordsen called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Browns Valley Irrigation District to order. Directors present were Lowe, Woods, Wheeler and Winchester. Also in attendance were Manager Cotter, Assistant Manager McNally and Clerk Springsteen.

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the July 24, 2014 Regular Board Meeting were approved as corrected on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods. All ayes, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** None

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

**4. Manager's Report:**

**Collins Lake:**

The current elevation is 1,143.1 ft, which is 40 ft below spill. This amounts to 34.06% of storage with 16,860 feet of usable supplies. The Generator is now running at 310 Kw with releases of 71.79 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,156.90 ft, which is 26.1 ft below spill (54% or 26,730 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 620 Kw with releases of 107.8 cfs.

Staff is working with MBK to provide monthly aggregate farm gate delivery data as required by the Department of Water Resources. Because we do not have the ability to quantify the total water delivered to each customer, MBK has proposed we provide the total annual units sold in the District and multiply it by an accepted duty cycle calculation. That amount will then be indexed to a percentage per month based on releases at Collins Lake to arrive at the monthly data for reporting.

**Yuba River:**

The 125 HP pump at the Yuba River has been repaired and is operational.

**Staff Activities:**

A crew member gave notice and subsequently worked his last day on 08/10/2014 before accepting new employment at Nevada Irrigation District.

Two crewmembers attended a Wilbur Ellis pesticide continuing education seminar.

### **O'Brien Pipeline:**

The crew has installed approximately 6,920 feet of pipe and has made the crossing on Fruitland Road.

### **Dry Creek Recapture Project:**

Discussions regarding the easement are ongoing with Yuba County Public Works, Kim Coughlin and Ron Erny on behalf of Mr. Karlshoei.

### **Water Transfers:**

The conserved water transfer to the Santa Clara Valley Water District and the Dudley Ridge Water District physically began August 13, 2014 and will continue through August 28, 2014.

The Yuba County Water Agency has determined the start date for groundwater pumping to be September 1, 2014. BVID's allocation is 2,649 acre feet, with a 1,863 acre foot allocation from Zone 1 and a 786 acre foot allocation from Zone 4. Letters to the pumpers were mailed out accordingly.

The Yuba River Accord Executive Committee met and discussed Amendment 5 to the Accord Water Purchase Agreement and the possibility of implementing a \$5 per acre foot contribution for a community beneficiary program.

An MOU was drafted between the North and South Accord Member Units to detail the allocation transfer of 2,086 acre feet from the North to the South as agreed to in previous meetings to address the health of the aquifer.

### **Meetings:**

#### **Past:**

- 07-25-14 I attended an ACWA Board meeting in Sacramento.
- 07-28-14 The Assistant Manager and I attended a NCWA Water Management Task Force Meeting at the Westside Water District in Williams.
- 07-31-14 The Assistant Manager and I attended a lecture by Carl Hauge at the Woodland Hotel in Woodland on groundwater in California.
- 08-04-14 I participate in an ACWA Region 2&4 Legislative Subcommittee conference call.
- 08-05-14 I met with Ron Erny to discuss the easement discuss the terms of an easement for the Dry Creek Recapture Project.
- 08-06-14 The Assistant Manager and I attended a YCWA Member Unit Meeting.
- 08-07-14 The Assistant Manager and I attended met with Kim Coughlin in Nevada City to discuss the terms of an easement for the Dry Creek Recapture Project.
- 08-08-14 I attended an ACWA State Legislative Committee in Sacramento.
- 08-12-14 The Assistant Manager and GIS Planner met with Gary Keinlen of MBK at Dry Creek to complete a stream profile study.
- 08-13-14 The Assistant Manager and I attended an Accord Executive Committee Meeting at the YCWA.

**Future Meetings:**

- 08-15-14 Big Valley Divers scheduled to meet at the office to discuss inspecting the entrance to the penstock in Collins while the Lake is at its lowest.
- 08-18-14 A Central Valley Project Buyer/Seller meeting in Sacramento.
- 08-20-14 ACWA Energy Committee Meeting to discuss CPUC Proceedings.
- 08-20-14 An Operation Slow Rise Planning meeting at Yuba County to discuss the BVID FERC Functional Exercise.
- 08-26-14 Annual BVID Audit through August 28, 2014.
- 12-01-14 Annual Fall ACWA Conference in San Diego.

**Projects:**

**Past:**

1. Repaired a break on the Sandy Way, Abel, and Peoria pipelines.
2. Replaced the transmission of the 1-ton 4 x 4 pickup truck.
3. Removed a large root ball from the culvert at the Loop Road crossing near the head of the Lambert Ditch.

**Future Projects:**

1. Repairs on the Abel pipeline.
2. Continue the O'Brien lift pump pipeline.
3. Repair a valve on the Pumpline Canal.

**5. The Board will consider a resolution Authorizing Assessments for Delinquent Charges to be Collected on the Yuba County Tax Rolls.**

Director Winchester, seconded by Director Lowe moved to approve Resolution 08-14-14-01. President Bordsen then polled the Board:

AYES: Directors Wheeler, Lowe, Woods, Winchester and Bordsen  
 NOES: none  
 ABSTAIN: none  
 ABSENT: none  
 Resolution 08-14-14-01 passed.

**6. The Board will consider edits to the Eastside of Collins Lake Road Easement Agreement.**

Director Winchester, seconded by Director Lowe moved to accept the Agreement as presented. All ayes, motion passed.

**7. Hydro Committee Report:** Concerning the Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project. After discussion the Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project has been tabled.

**8. Concerning the current drought conditions.** No action taken.

**9. Director's Comments and Reports:**

- Director Lowe inquired about the Dry Creek Recapture easements with Yuba County and Axel Karlshoej.
- Director Winchester commented that the water level in Honcut Creek has been managed very well this year and there has been little to no excess waste.

**10. Correspondence:**

- Letter dated July 7, 2014 to the 2014 ACCORD Pumpers from Manager Cotter regarding Substitution Pumping.
- Letter dated August 1, 2014 from ACWA to BVID regarding Member Appreciation Month.

**11. Closed Session:** The Board in closed session shall **consider the employee evaluation** for a staff member; Government Code sections 54954.5 (f) and 54957.6.

**12. Open Session:** The Board will report any action taken in closed session.

President Bordsen reported that in closed session the Board agreed that Assistant Manager McNally had successfully completed his probationary period and that a 3 day Management class in Yuba City has been approved for Assistant Manager McNally and Operations Manager Ward to attend.

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