

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
AUGUST 24, 2017**

At 5:00 pm President Winchester called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Browns Valley Irrigation District to order. Directors present were Bordsen, Lowe, Woods and Wheeler. Also in attendance was Manager McNally and Clerk Springsteen. Operations Manager Tony Ward was absent.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the August 10, 2017 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. The Board will discuss the Agreement between the University of California Field Station and the District regarding water from Porter Creek, and may take action as appropriate. : A motion was made by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe, to continue honoring the 1928 Agreement and 1941 Resolution associated with providing up to twelve (12) miner’s inches to the University Field Station from the Sicard Ditch in exchange for water in Porter Creek, equal to the amount of water in Porter Creek, and to insist the University continue to attempt to produce the water right on Porter Creek for reevaluation prior to the next irrigation season. All ayes, motion passed.

4. Manager’s Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	34,820 AF	70.3%	1,166.8 FT	16.2 FT	83.1 CFS	529 KW
1 YEAR AGO	29,760 AF	60.1%	1,160.7 FT	22.3 FT	69.4 CFS	508 KW

STAFF ACTIVITIES

On Tuesday, August 15, 2017 staff discovered that the newly rebuilt gearhead at the Redhill East Pump Station had seized. Unable to diagnose the problem, it was sent back to Killingsworth per warranty. Staff immediately contacted Diamond Well to reacquire their pump motor as well as rented the large generator to reconfigure the temporary solution as had been done in the previous week. As of this report, the Redhill East Pump Station is operating from the temporary solution and the permanent solution is expected to be completed sometime next week.

Staff spoke with Dudley Ridge and Santa Clara Valley Water Districts to gauge their demand for transfer water. Similar to earlier in the year, they do not foresee any demand for the remainder of 2017. Dudley Ridge did advise they will likely have demand in 2018 however. Per FERC and DSOD, Lake Oroville is to continue to be lowered to accommodate flood storage until the spillway repair is complete. This will likely create some additional demand for SWP contractors and create a market for transfer water in 2018.

On August 15, 2017 the Yuba County Water Agency waived the otherwise automatic 2.5% increase to the Project Base water supply from New Bullard Bar.

Staff is working with Caltrans to configure easements along the proposed Highway 20 Realignment. The Technical Services Manager is preparing drawings and staff will work to develop a cost estimate associated with moving infrastructure as per the Caltrans conflict maps.

CURRENT PROJECTS

FEMA Disaster Assistance

Staff developed an RFQ for an engineer to inspect the fish screen and provide a detailed scope of work for the repairs. The RFQ was returned from Legal Counsel in compliance with FEMA requirements and is ready for advertisement.

On Friday August 11, 2017 FEMA visited the District to obtain various records of the emergency work. Staff has been working with them daily as questions arise.

Tennessee Ditch Hydro

NLine is working with the management at PG&E in an attempt to bring the interconnection costs down and is continuing to monitor the District's grant application with USBR.

Virginia Ranch Dam Spillway Focus Study

Staff has mailed the response letter addressing issues discovered during the June 28, 2017 Dam Safety Inspection to FERC. Repairs to the delaminated area and the inlet seepage will occur in 2018.

PAST MEETINGS

- 08/15/17 Director Winchester and the Manager attended the YCWA Board meeting.
- 08/15/17 The Manager attended the YCWA Ad Hoc Committee Meeting with the Accord Member Units.
- 08/22/17 The Manager met with the Yuba County Public Works Director to discuss easements through Hammon Grove Park and Sycamore Ranch.
- 08/23/17 Director Winchester and the Manager attended Accord Member Unit Meeting at YCWA.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 09/12/17 Meeting with the Farmer's Conservation Alliance at YCWA (1:00 PM)
- 09/13/17 Groundwater Sustainability Committee Meeting at the Yuba County Gov Center (9:00 AM)
- 10/11/17 Member Unit Meeting at YCWA (9:00 AM)

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

RECENT
PROJECTS

1. Converted the Redhill East pump temporarily to electric powered by a large generator a second time.
2. Repaired two mainline leaks on the Rancho Loma Rica pipeline.
3. Mechanically cleaned the Mahle ditch and the Thousand Trails ditch.
4. Completed the B.I.T. inspection for the GMC Topkick dump truck and the two large equipment trailers.
5. Repaired a break on the Olive Hill pipeline and the McDrip pipeline.
6. Cleared brush from a section of the Ellis ditch.

FUTURE
PROJECTS

1. Replace the turbine and gear head at the Redhill East pump with the newly rebuilt equipment.
2. Mechanically clean a section of the Dexter ditch.

5. Director's Comments and Reports: None

6. Correspondence:

- Email dated August 17, 2017 from YCWA to BVID regarding member Unit Water rate Increase
- Letter dated August 21, 2017 from FERC to BVID regarding 2017 Dam Safety Inspection Follow-up

7. Adjournment: