

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
AUGUST 28, 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 August 14, 2014 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Wheeler. All ayes, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** None

**3. Presentation:** Receive a presentation about the possibility of publishing a historical record of the Browns Valley Irrigation District and consider action to move forward. After discussion the Board has requested a more in depth proposal by the end of the year and wants discuss it with the District Advisory Committee.

**4. Manager's Report:**

**Collins Lake:**

The current elevation is 1,139.7 ft, which is 43.3 ft below spill. This amounts to 29.59% of storage with 14,650 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is now running at 260 Kw with releases of 67.35 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,153.6 ft, which is 29.4 ft below spill (49.25% or 24,380 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 450 Kw with releases of 82.3 cfs.

Staff inspected the dam following the 08-24-14 earthquake near Napa and found no damage to report.

**Yuba River:**

The brush mechanism on the fish screen seems to be faulty and shuts down intermittently for long periods of time. A repair is scheduled for 08-29-14.

**Staff Activities:**

The vacant full-time position was filled by a temporary employee.

BVID has received a formal FOIA request from "Transparent California" to publish employee and Board compensation data by name. Legal Counsel has determined we are only compelled to provide existing documents and are under no obligation to produce new records to accommodate the request. The office cannot locate existing records which link names with salaries so we have only provided the data by position. Nonetheless, staff foresees they will make additional records requests for to extrapolate the information. The data for many surrounding jurisdictions and water districts has already been published.

JPIA has decreased the Liability Program premiums by 10%.

Legal Counsel has determined it is permissible for BVID to participate in the Community Beneficiary Program under certain conditions (\$5 per acre foot contribution to scholarship, high school ag departments, etc.)

**O'Brien Pipeline:**

The crew has installed approximately 9,780 feet of pipeline, or 85% of the 11,400 feet total. The pump is estimated to arrive in two weeks and the motor is awaiting its build. The pole for the electrical service has been installed and is awaiting inspection by PG&E. The pump panel is ready and being stored in the shop.

**Dry Creek Recapture Project:**

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

**Saddleback Lift Pump:**

Marcus Bole has finished the draft CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration which is undergoing review by staff before final submittal.

**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 continues through August 28, 2014. The Yuba County Water Agency has revised the start date for groundwater pumping to be August 28, 2014 to account for their need to taper down the flows on the Yuba River to meet September flow requirements. All of the participants in the pumping program were notified by telephone.

**Meetings:**

**Past:**

- 08-15-14 The Manager and Assistant Manager met with Big Valley Divers to discuss inspecting the entrance to the penstock in Collins while the Lake is at its lowest at the end of the irrigation season.
- 08-18-14 The Manager attended a Central Valley Project long term transfer meeting in Sacramento.
- 08-19-14 The Manager participated in an ACWA Region 2 and 4 Groundwater Legislation conference call.
- 08-19-14 The Manager participated in an ACWA special teleconference Board meeting concerning the water bond.
- 08-20-14 The Manager attended an ACWA Energy Committee Meeting in Sacramento.
- 08-20-14 The Assistant Manager attended an Operation Slow Rise Planning meeting at Yuba County to discuss the BVID FERC Functional Exercise.
- 08-26-14 Annual BVID Audit through August 27, 2014.
- 08-27-14 Director Bordsen, the Manager and Assistant Manager attended an Accord Member Unit Meeting at YCWA to discuss the negotiation status of the

Accord Water Purchase Agreement Amendment 5 and short term flow reductions in the Yuba River.

08-28-14 BVID Finance Committee Meeting.

**Future Meetings:**

09-04-14 Member Unit Meeting at YCWA.

09-11-14 BVID Finance Committee Meeting.

12-01-14 Annual Fall ACWA Conference in San Diego.

**Projects:**

**Past:**

1. Repaired a break on the Hawk pipeline.
2. Unplugged a culvert on the Lambert Ditch. A 12' long 2" x 6" was stuck in it.
3. Checked the ditches throughout the District for leakage and found the system to be in good overall condition.
4. Repair a break on the Bonanza Pipeline.

**Future Projects:**

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

*6:45 Director Winchester excused himself and left the meeting*

**5. Finance Committee Report:** Concerning the 2014 Contingency Purchases plan. Director Lowe, seconded by Director Wheeler, moved to approve hiring a full-time employee for ditch patrol and maintenance in the upper district and to enact a process of documenting of regular inspections. This position will not come from the contingency purchase plan but will be part of the 2015 budget. Directors Lowe, Woods, Bordsen and Wheeler ayes, Director Winchester absent, motion passed.

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

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

- Director Lowe commented that he had discovered a ditch blockage on Spring Valley Rd that appeared to be intentional and caused a substantial amount of water loss over the course of a couple months.

**10. Correspondence:**

- Letter dated August 15, 2014 "To Whom It May Concern" from a concerned citizen regarding leaky ditches throughout the District.

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