

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 10, 2015**

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 Wheeler, Lowe, Winchester and Woods. Also in attendance were Manager McNally and Clerk Springsteen.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the August 27, 2015 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Lowe. All ayes motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. The Board will receive a presentation from the District's independent audit firm Blomberg and Griffin and consider adopting the 2014 Browns Valley Irrigation District Independent Auditor's Report. A motion to accept the Independent Auditor's Report as presented by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Lowe. All ayes motion passed.

4. Finance Committee Report: Director Winchester reported that the Committee had reviewed the financial records for the month of August and found everything to be in order. Director Winchester, seconded by Director Woods moved to approve the financial reports for the month of August. All ayes, motion passed.

5. The Board will discuss the BVID History Book. Discussion only, no action taken.

6. The Board will discuss the Sicard Ditch Project. Discussion only, no action taken.

7. Concerning the Current Drought Conditions. Discussion only, no action taken.

9. Manager's Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	7,900 AF	16.0%	1,127.2 FT	55.8 FT	62.4 CFS	180 KW
1 YEAR AGO	12,980 AF	26.2%	1,136.7 FT	46.3 FT	67.0 CFS	250 KW
<i>DIFFERENCE</i>	<i>-5,080 AF</i>		<i>-9.5 FT</i>		<i>-4.6 CFS</i>	<i>-70 KW</i>

COLLINS LAKE ESTIMATED SUPPLY

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125 AF

DATE	REMAINING TOTAL SUPPLY				TARGET CARRYOVER	
	VOLUME	%	AT DAILY DELIVERII	DAYS OF SUPPLY	VOLUME	DAYS TO TARGET
9/10/2015	7,900 AF	16.0%	125 AF	63 DAYS	3,000 AF	39 DAYS
DATE OF PROJECTED MINIMUM POOL:			11/12/2015	END DATE TO MEET TARGET CARRYOVER:		10/19/2015

So far this season we have seen average releases of 135 AF per day, which is 20 acre-feet less per day than last year for same period of time (155 AF for the first 140 days). In addition, for the first 140 days of the season, the District has delivered 18,945 AF opposed to 21,758 AF in 2014. That is a difference of 2,813 AF.

YUBA RIVER

Cordua Irrigation District is requesting that YCWA approve a groundwater pumping allocation of 5,000 acre-feet with the ability to sell 3,000 acre-feet via Groundwater Substitution Transfer. Although YCWA is awaiting additional documents from Cordua, a meeting has been tentatively scheduled for each Member Unit to voice their position on several key issues. For BVID, the delegate will declare whether the District intends to propose a Groundwater Substitution Transfer this year and if we support Cordua's proposal.

Based on groundwater conditions and YCWA's recommendations throughout the year, the seven (7) Member Units agreed there would be no pumping allocations above the mandatory Schedule 6 pumping which correlates to YCWA's Accord flow obligation of 30,000 acre-feet. Toward the conclusion of the Member Unit workshop meetings under the Groundwater Policy, Cordua did not state agreement or disagreement with the zero recommended pumping allocation under the program. They instead stated that Cordua wanted "equity" with the other Member Units with reference to groundwater pumping needed to meet instream flow requirements in a Schedule 6 year under YCWA's water right permits. With Schedule 6 pumping complete, any additional pumping would contradict the decisions made earlier this year and as YCWA suggests, would begin to negatively impact the groundwater basin, especially when pumped from north of the Yuba River as Cordua is proposing.

YCWA is also requesting each Member Unit to provide data for any supplies they will not be using in September, October and November to address shortfalls to junior contract amounts south of the river. Because projecting that data is exceedingly difficult, the YCWA is exploring using an approach that would allocate any unused supplies to junior demand in real time. YCWA is especially looking at BVID, Hallwood and Cordua in this regard and staff is prepared to recommend and allow the reallocation of any unused BVID water to our neighboring Member Units.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

On Thursday September 3, 2015, BVID received funds from YCWA that represent the revenue from power generation using BVID's water rights from January to June 2015. The check was approximately \$150,000 less than the same period last year that led staff to believe there was an error in calculation. It appears there was no error and that it reflected a reduction in CAISO pricing. This has a significant effect on the budget and illustrates the volatility of revenues generated from hydropower.

Staff investigated flows in Prairie Creek and confirmed the water is runoff from numerous properties in the area. Work continues to tighten it up; historical runoff has historically measured around 3 CFS due to the drainage topography.

A letter discussing supply and conservation was mailed to 1,300 addresses Tuesday September 8, 2015.

Staff is currently developing the 2015 Contingency Project List for the Finance Committee to discuss.

The crew has constructed the first of the replacement flumes to go on the Thousand Trails ditch. The flume will go behind a home where the ditch overflowed last winter and caused a minimum amount of property damage. Staff will install the flume as soon as the season ends as well as reconstruct the ditch bank leading to it.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Conserved Water Transfer

The District has received payment from the Santa Clara Valley Water District for their share (50%) of the 3,100 acre feet.

Pumpline Canal

Mead and Hunt has received scanned copies of the Pumpline Canal as-builts for further calculations. It is their preliminary thoughts that the restriction is two-fold, with the primary restriction being the under crossing near a residence north of Highway 20.

BVID Annexation

Staff had a discussion with LAFCO about the intent to annex all parcels in the sphere of influence and track the buy in costs internally. LAFCO advised that is a possible approach but we will need at least 51% support from the parcels to be annexed. Based on the letters received, the District has exceeded that. Staff would like to schedule a follow up meeting with the Executive (Annexation) Committee to confirm various parcels before conducting more survey work necessary to the process.

Saddleback Lift Pump

Work is scheduled to begin on September 23, 2015.

BVID Website

The consultant is working with Tri Counties Bank and Municipay to develop online bill pay.

Tennessee Ditch Hydro

N Line Energy understands BVID's position of requiring an assurance from PG&E regarding the interconnection costs. They advised that the preliminary interconnection request is \$300 but it will not provide an in writing validation as was discussed at the previous Board meeting. To achieve that, we will need to submit a formal interconnection request that includes the generator and turbine design selection and some

engineering work. As a result, this project is expected to remain on hold for the time being.

2014 Contingency Spending Plan Update

Staff is currently searching for a dump truck and has confirmed that as long as it is a model year 2010 or newer, it will meet ARB compliance. After much research, the consensus is to purchase another ten wheeler opposed to a “tag axle.” The reasoning is that the rear tag axle may pose a clearance restriction for many of the areas throughout the District and the tires on a mid-tag axle are susceptible to “scrubbing” when in use. When weighing the hazards, weight and costs of maintenance with the relative close proximity to aggregate supplies the ten wheeler seems like the better fit.

PAST MEETINGS

- 08/28/15 BVID Staff Meeting
- 08/31/15 Conference call with LAFCO to discuss annexation process.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 09/11/15 Meeting w/ prospective land owner about water supply to parcels on Ramirez Road.
- 09/17/15 Member Unit Meeting at YCWA.
- 09/21/15 Groundwater Task Force Meeting at YCWA.

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

- RECENT PROJECTS
 - 1. Repaired a break on the Hill Road pipeline.
 - 2. Completed weed abatement around the Thousand Trials ditch flumes.
 - 3. Installed a new service on the Hill Road pipeline.
 - 4. Completed rodent repair on the downstream face of Virginia Ranch dam.
 - 5. Started rebuilding the Thousand Trails ditch flume above Olen Anderson’s house.
 - 6. Walked the Heintzen and Lower Main ditches. Found and repaired a few leaks.
 - 7. Organized the District yard.
 - 8. Repaired a leak on the Pumpline Canal.

- FUTURE PROJECTS
 - 1. Continue tree and brush removal on District right of ways.
 - 2. Continue to conserve water.
 - 3. Work on Saddleback lift pump electrification project.

9. Director's Comments and Reports: None

10. Correspondence: None

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