

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
OCTOBER 24, 2016**

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 Wheeler, Woods, and Bordsen. Director Lowe was absent. Also in attendance was Manager McNally and Clerk Springsteen.

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the October 13, 2016 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods. Directors Wheeler, Winchester, Woods and Bordsen ayes. Director Lowe absent, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** Randy Fletcher wanted to thank Manager McNally for the letter sent to YCWA regarding the long term water supply agreements.

**3. The Board will consider providing policy direction toward staff for serving acre-foot agricultural customers from Collins Lake beyond the general Irrigation Season.** Discussion only, no action taken.

**4. Manager's Report:**

**COLLINS LAKE STATUS**

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
<b>TODAY</b>	<b>22,580 AF</b>	<b>45.6%</b>	<b>1,151.4 FT</b>	<b>31.6 FT</b>	<b>1.0 CFS</b>	<b>0 KW</b>
1 YEAR AGO	2,400 AF	4.8%	1,115.0 FT	68.0 FT	1.0 CFS	0 KW

**STAFF ACTIVITIES**

The Manager and Operations Manager met with Jason Beeler to discuss the infrastructure on the Browns Valley Ridge. According to Mr. Beeler, the pond is not integral to the operation of the irrigation infrastructure and has such low capacity that it does not serve as an effective buffer to prevent large fluctuations in the ditch. In its current operation, the pond falls very quickly when the service is on and is not sufficient to provide water for very long. It is his opinion that the system essentially operates independent of the pond and the pond should only exist for fire protection. Staff will meet with the Ad Hoc Committee to develop a recommendation on moving forward with acceptance.

Staff received the first half 2016-2017 Collins Lake Recreation Area payment for \$60,243.98 (2% of \$3,012,199)

On October 20, 2016, the Manager received a call from the Woodland Davis Clean Water Agency requesting a discussion to develop an Agreement for the District's Conserved Water Transfer if Term 91 get re-imposed in the coming weeks by the SWRCB. Should Term 91 go into effect, WDCWA will lose its access to supply leaving the agency without water. I spoke with Mr. Aikens (YCWA) to determine if they would be able to coordinate releases if we are able to make the arrangement work (23 cfs). The Agency is willing to make it work if possible. I also confirmed that our EIR allows for a transfer to their diversion on the Sacramento River, however our permissible transfer dates are July 1 through October 31 of each year. With this, I asked WDCWA if they have an EIR that we could base a Negative Declaration on and treat this as a standalone transfer. Staff is waiting to hear back before negotiating terms.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

### **Peoria Pipeline**

The Manager and GIS Technician met with Yuba County Public Works to discuss the Dry Creek crossing on Peoria at Scott Forbes Road. The County will require a standalone encroachment permit and agrees that attaching a steel pipe to the bridge is acceptable as long as it is properly engineered.

### **Rate Study**

The Manager has submitted all anticipate cost elements, including increases, the consultant to develop the preliminary model. The Manager has directed that only costs associated with the critical day to day functions (salary and benefits, utilities, maintenance, legal expenses, water rights, etc.) of the District are to be considered in the study. Other expenses, such as capital improvements and major capital purchases will remain funded by other revenues.

### **Salary Study**

The Salary Study is mostly complete and the Manager is working with the consultant and will report to the Personnel Committee prior to the next Board Meeting.

### **Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project**

Marcus Bole has completed the first draft Initial Study and Archaeological Report for the project. Staff is currently reviewing.

### **Yuba River Diversion Maintenance**

Staff has met with Marcus Bole to begin the environmental study work required for the permit. The Manager has prioritized this project to ensure we are able to serve the Pumpline after possible high water this winter. Staff is moving forward with CEQA for two alternatives: The first is to maintain the existing, perpendicular channel and the second is to construct a channel extending further upstream parallel to the northern training wall. The second option will take much longer to permit which is why both are being pursued.

### **PAST MEETINGS**

- 10/18/16 President Winchester and the Manager attended an evening YCWA Strategic Planning Workshop.
- 10/19/16 President Winchester and the Manager met with a concerned land owner to discuss how the District determines the start and end of the Irrigation Season.
- 10/21/16 The Manager and GIS Tech met with Yuba County to discuss various easements, including the Peoria Pipeline, the Tennessee Ditch Hydro project and future infrastructure concerns at Sycamore Ranch.
- 10/24/16 The GIS Tech met with Marcus Bole on the Yuba River to discuss the streambed alternation permit process.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- TBD BV Ridge Ad Hoc Committee to discuss BVID acceptance on Stern Lane infrastructure.
- TBD Personnel Committee Meeting to discuss 2017 MOU and salary study.
- 11/01/16 Meet with Bartle and Wells to discuss preliminary data on rate study.
- 11/01/16 YCWA Strategic Planning Workshop II.
- 11/02/16 Meet with Blackburn Consulting to discuss the plan for the VRD Tunnel inspection.
- 11/03/16 ACWA JPIA Leadership Program.
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- 11/10/16 BVID November Board Meeting.
- 11/15/16 Virginia Ranch Dam Tunnel Inspection.
- 11/17/16 DSOD Dam Inspection.

### **DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS**

- RECENT PROJECTS
1. Finished mechanically cleaning the Sicard ditch.
  2. Continued clean up on the Lower Ellis pipeline.
  3. Continued weed abatement at District diversions and main valves.
  4. Replaced a ditch service that had failed on the Sicard ditch.
  5. Replaced 60' of failed pipe on the Marcia pipeline.
  6. Installed a headwall at a culvert/keyway on the Palomine ditch.
  7. Tightened up the fences and put out straw waddles on the Lower Ellis jobsite.
- FUTURE PROJECTS
1. Continue clean up on the lower Ellis pipeline.
  2. Repack a section of the Arnold ditch bank.

**5. Director's Comments and Reports:** Director Woods commented on the “Ridge” holding pond possibly being a liability to BVID

**6. Correspondence:**

- Letter dated October 10, 2016 to BVID from Dept of Transportation regarding an easement
- Letter dated October 15, 2016 to BVID from Collins Lake Recreation regarding Semi Annual Report 2016-2017 First Half

**7. Adjournment:**