

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
OCTOBER 22, 2009**

President Winchester called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Browns Valley Irrigation District to order. Other Directors present were Woods, Bordsen, Lowe and Wheeler. Also in attendance were Manager Cotter and Clerk Powell.

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the October 8, 2009 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Wheeler. All ayes, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** None.

**3. Collins Lake Drought Update:** By consensus, the Board agreed that the water system would be turned on Friday morning October 23<sup>rd</sup> through Tuesday morning October 26<sup>th</sup>. Any future water deliveries would be discussed at the next regular Board Meeting.

**5. Manager's Report:**

Collins Lake:

Current elevation is 1,138.4 ft, which is 44.6 ft below spill. This amounts to 28% of storage with 14,000 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is off with releases of 1.02 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,127.5 ft, which is 55.5 ft below spill (16% or 8,050 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 300 Kw with releases of 91.2 cfs.

The Rain Gage at Collins Lake was serviced and zeroed for the beginning of the rain season.

The latest (five year) FERC Part 12D inspection has been sent to San Francisco for their acceptance. Of the three required analysis that needed to be done; 1) possible strapping of the penstock, 2) sizing of the air vent on the penstock and 3) the rigid hydraulic piping to the butterfly valve, no additional work will be required.

Staff Activities:

Randy Hurlbut returned to work on October 19<sup>th</sup> for two days and is off again for the same back strain (from the August 4<sup>th</sup> workers comp. injury). Randy will be reevaluated on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Ken Hugg off this week with a back strain (not work related).

We gave Leroy Mossi a retirement party on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Yuba River:

When the flows in the Yuba River were reduced at the end of September, gravel buildup at the entrance to the bypass channel reduced flows in the bypass channel to

less than 60 cfs (they typically run closer to 180 cfs). This condition did not provide any sweeping flow to wash away leaves and other debris from the Fish Screen thus preventing water from getting to the pumps. With help from Fish and Game we were able to secure an emergency extension to the maintenance window (normally July through September) of our stream alteration permit and remove the gravel buildup on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### Long Term Conserved Water EIR:

This CEQA document and it is now out for a 45 day public review that will end on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### Head of Sicard Flat Ditch:

The 360' piped section at the head of the Sicard ditch is now degraded to the point that it is impossible to regulate low flows beyond the diversion structure. This pipe should be replaced prior to the next irrigation season and should cost just under \$40,000 to complete.

#### Peoria Pipeline:

Rains prevented much work from being done on this project, however we are back on site installing the last of the pipe along with the various butterfly valves, check valves, tying into the existing Bald Mountain pipeline and seeding the disturbed areas.

#### Meetings:

##### Past:

- 10-13-09 Director Winchester and I met with Josh Horowitz to provide final edits the draft Conserved Water EIR.
- 10-14-09 Director Winchester and I attended the Accord Member Unit meeting at YCWA. We began the process of securing a winter water contract.
- 10-14-09 I attended the Yuba IRWMP meeting at YCWA.
- 10-14-09 I participated in a NCWA Communications Committee conference call.
- 10-15-09 I attended the YCWA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary open house.
- 10-19-09 I attended the Sacramento Valley IRWMP meeting in Willows.
- 10-20-09 I attended a meeting with Kleinschmidt and King Engineering in Grass Valley.
- 10-21-09 I participated in an ACWA Region 2 Legislative Subcommittee conference call.

##### Future:

- 10-25-09 Read well meters as we approach the end of pumping.
- 10-26-09 Member Unit meeting in Marysville.
- 10-29-09 Reclamation District 108 Solar Project open house in Grimes.

#### Projects:

##### Past:

1. Repaired a break on the Sandy Way pipeline.

2. Marked over sixty USA North locations for PG&E as they are putting in new guy wires and setting poles for the large transmission line replacement project in the District.
3. Repaired three propeller meters for the Pumpline canal.
4. Repaired the return to level bucket sensor on the loader.
5. Mechanically cleaned a large section of the Heintzen ditch.
6. Removed two large Digger pine trees from the Arnold ditch and one from the head of the Sicard ditch.
7. Built a sound wall at the Saddleback lift station because the engine noise was bothering the neighbors.

**Future:**

1. Continue the Peoria Pipeline Phase 2.
2. Return to the Hill Road pipeline for more auditing.
3. Spot spray weather permitting.
4. Finish setting the District up for winter.

**6. Adjusting November and December Board Meeting Dates:** Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Bordsen, moved to cancel the November 26<sup>th</sup> and December 24<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meetings. All ayes, motion passed.

**7. Correspondence:**

- o Letter from Senator Aanestad regarding comprehensive water package.

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