

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
OCTOBER 25, 2012**

At 5:00 pm Vice President Bordsen called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Browns Valley Irrigation District to order. Directors present were Wheeler, and Winchester. Also in attendance were Manager Cotter and Clerk Springsteen.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the October 11, 2012 Regular Board Meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Director Winchester, seconded by Director Wheeler. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: John Reemts of 7350 Redhill Way, Browns Valley inquired about the status of the installation of the 2nd Redhill East lift pump.

3. Manager's Report:

Collins Lake:

The current elevation is 1,146.3 ft, which is 36.7 ft below spill. This amounts to 38.4% of storage with 19,010 Acre Feet of usable supplies. The Generator is off (since Monday the 22nd) with releases of 1.0 cfs. Last year on this date the elevation was 1,159.0 ft, which is 24.0 ft below spill (57.4% or 28,400 Acre Feet). The Generator was running at 325 KW with releases of 62.8 cfs.

Staff Activities:

This week, one of the crew members was struck in the eye while cleaning ditch and scratched his cornea. He was referred to an ophthalmologist, who removed two pieces of wood and has been released to return to work on Monday the 29th.

Cal ISO:

We have not yet had the Cat 6 cable installed from the top of the Dam to the Powerhouse, as we have not been able to schedule the electrician. He has been covered up with harvest issues but will be back to us soon. We have, however, ported the old powerhouse phone number to the new phone line.

2012 Yuba River Conserved Water Transfer:

DWR has confirmed that the full 3,100 AF of water was transferred through the Delta for Dudley Ridge WD. We have invoiced Dudley Ridge and they are processing the payment now. The carriage losses this year (to Dudley Ridge) were in fact 30%.

BVID's Yuba River Power Enhancement Agreement:

I spoke to Curt Akins (YCWA) earlier this week and he informed me that PG&E has not yet responded to the inquiry of the status of the agreement and that he will stay on it.

Dry Creek Recapture Project:

As a result of the change in re-diversion structures, we will need to do additional CEQA work. This will entail the preparation of a technical memo that does not require circulation. We have contacted the folks that prepared the Mitigated Negative Declaration for a proposal to do the required work.

We have received the draft contract for the Prop 204 grant and are reviewing it. The marked up draft will also go to the attorney for their review. This grant will expire at the end of 2013.

Tennessee Ditch Hydro Project:

The consulting team is still working on the financial side of the project but has determined that the generator will be rated at about 830 Kw, flowing 42 cfs through a 36" diameter penstock.

Winter Water Contract:

There has been no activity on this due to the rice harvest and the fact that YCWA wants to deal with all of the Member Unit's requests for winter water contracts in mass.

Voter Preclearance Bailout:

As part of the filing of the friendly lawsuit against the Department of Justice (DOJ), we had a visit from an attorney for DOJ to discuss the District, its population and how the Board is elected. We were informed that this bailout could be completed by the end of the year.

Meetings:

Past:

- 10-12-12 I attended the ACWA Region 2 Board meeting in Willows.
- 10-15-12 I participated in a conference call with Todd Manley and David Guy (NCWA) concerning AB 1404 (farm gate water delivery reporting).
- 10-17-12 I participated in a conference call with the Accord Buyers to discuss and edit the summary of the "Clear the Air" meeting on September 14th.

- 10-18-12 I attended the Accord Technical Committee meeting concerning surface water/groundwater interaction in Sacramento.
- 10-22-12 The GIS/Planner and I met with the Department of Justice attorney concerning the pre voter clearance bailout.
- 10-22-12 I attended the public workshop for the proposed Daguerre Point Dam Hydro Project in Marysville.
- 10-22-12 I participated in the ACWA Legislative Subcommittee conference call.

Future Meetings:

- 11-02-12 NCWA Communications Committee conference call.
- 11-5 through 11-9-12 I will be on vacation.
- 11-12-12 Veterans Day, District offices closed.

Projects:

Past:

1. Completed mechanical cleaning of the Finch and Sicard ditches.
2. Began setting the District up for winter (storm) flows.
3. Fabricated and installed steel lockable lids for main valves in PVC “boxes”.
4. Repaired a break on the Bald Mountain pipeline.
5. Cleaned the rocks from around the powerhouse and moved them back to the upstream face of the dam at Collins Lake.
6. Flushed many of the wharf valves and will continue to do so as the pipelines fill during winter storms.
7. Rebuilt a service on the Hill Road pipeline.
8. Sprayed weeds on the Olive Hill Ditch.

Future Projects:

1. The FCC required Narrow Banding 2-Way Radio change over begins on October 31st.
2. Continue Spray Program weather permitting.
3. Continue ditch cleaning.

4. Remove and relocate the temporary phone enclosure box from the meter pole to the Powerhouse when the Cat 6 line is installed.
5. Flush wharf valves and blowouts.
6. Exercise main line valves.

4. Consider the allocation of funds from the 2012 Yuba River Conserved Water Transfer. The Board consensus was to; 1) proceed with office upgrade as needed and 2) bring a budget to the Board for the electrification of the Saddleback lift pump.

5. November & December Board Meeting Dates: Director Winchester, seconded by Director Wheeler, moved to adjust the November & December 2012 Regular Board Meetings as follows:

- Cancel the November 22nd and December 27th Regular Board Meetings.
- Move the November 8th Regular Board Meeting to November 15th.
- The regular scheduled December 13th Board Meeting will not be adjusted.

All ayes, motion passed.

6. Director's Comments and Reports: None

7. Correspondence:

- Letter dated October 20, 2012 from Collins Lake regarding Semi-Annual Report 2012-2013

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