

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
DECEMBER 17, 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 Lowe, Winchester, Woods and Wheeler. Also in attendance were Manager McNally, Clerk Springsteen.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the November 19, 2015 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Winchester, seconded by Director Lowe. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. Finance Committee Report:

a) Director Bordsen reported that the Committee had reviewed the financial records for the month of November and found everything to be in order. Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Wheeler moved to approve the financial reports for the month of November. All ayes, motion passed.

b) Concerning the 2015 Conserved Water Transfer expenditure plan. No action taken.

4. The Board will consider extending the O'Brien Pipeline to reach additional areas of the O'Brien Ranch. No action taken.

5. The Board will discuss the BVID History Book. A motion by Director Winchester, seconded by Director Lowe to appoint Directors Bordsen and Woods to an Ad Hoc Committee for the BVID history book. All ayes, motion passed.

6. The Board will consider a wage adjustment for staff not otherwise covered by the Memorandum of Understanding. Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods moved to approve the wage adjustment for employees not covered in the MOU. All ayes, motion passed.

7. Manager's Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	3,200 AF	6.5%	1,117.0 FT	66.0 FT	1.0 CFS	0 KW
1 YEAR AGO	6,560 AF	34.2%	1,134.2 FT	48.8 FT	1.0 CFS	0 KW

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Staff has been working with Legal Counsel on BVID's position in regard to the SWRCB's Cal Water Fix (BDCP) hearings. It is their opinion that it would be in BVID's best interest to remain quiet on the issue for Phases 1 and 2. Phase 1 concerns the petition that DWR and Reclamation have filed with the SWRCB to add the proposed points of diversion in the north Delta where water would be diverted into the twin tunnels for conveyance to the SWP and CVP pumps in the south Delta. Phase 2 of the hearings will concern the environmental documents supporting the DWR/Reclamation change petition. Legal Counsel has determined that BVID has no direct interest in Phases 1 and 2 because the addition of the proposed north Delta points of diversion would not affect BVID's Dry Creek or Yuba River diversions and BVID's water rights do not depend on or have any direct involvement in operations of the SWP and CVP. To the extent BVID has such a stake, it involves the Conserved Water Transfer. The twin tunnels arguably would benefit BVID because they might improve reliability of conveying water through the Delta and therefore potentially make water transfers easier. Nevertheless, BVID will stay engaged throughout the entire process because Phase 3 will involve changes to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan that could impose new and/or additional environmental water bypass/release obligations on or otherwise alter the water rights of all upstream of Delta water right holders and reservoir owners, including BVID. While Phase 3 is probably three or more years away, BVID definitely will need to participate in those proceedings, which are likely to be the longest and most contentious of each.

Don Moss is continuing the search for a machine shop willing to rebuild the generator's heat exchangers that failed mid-October. He has a call into the original manufacturer in China to see about availability.

YCWA Director Brent Hastey was elected ACWA Vice President and as a result, his seat on the Region 2 Board will be vacant January 1, 2016. Mr. Hastey has asked the Manager be able to fill the seat and represent our local interests for the Region 2 Board.

Staff met with Caltrans regarding the local widening of Highway 20 and the impact it will have on the design of the Dry Creek Recapture Project. It will require the diversion to be moved 75 feet to the south of its current proposed location. Staff also asked for some concessions from Caltrans to create several crossings in Highway 20 and along the bridge for future BVID pipelines. In addition, Caltrans also seems agreeable toward incorporating a permanent Dry Creek gauging station into the design of the new bridge.

NCWA is calling for nominations for representatives on the Board of Directors for a two-year term, January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017. The current serving Directors representing our unit are Tib Belza and Walter Trevethan with Bob Winchester and Matthew Conant as alternates.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Saddleback Lift Pump

The project is awaiting PG&E inspection and then staff will get a County permit to have the line installed.

Peoria Pipeline

Staff is preparing to begin installing pipe where the last phase ended near Arrowhead Trail. This work will begin during the next dry period (between rains) and extend south along Township Road.

Prop 218 Rate Study

Staff has determined that in order for rates to be implemented prior to the 2016 billing cycle, they must be adopted at the March 10, 2016 Board meeting. In order to comply with Proposition 218 hearing process, the notice will need to be mailed no later than January 18, 2015 and staff has tentatively planned to hold the hearing itself on March 3, 2016, one week before the Board meeting.

Sicard Ditch Project

The GIS Technician and Lead Man walked the proposed route with the landowner and developed a route that seems agreeable. The next step is to verify the route by map and initiate survey work to begin obtaining an easement.

Annexation

Staff has again moved forward with the annexation process after receiving direction from the Board and has ordered more survey work prior to the application. This work is expected to take 2-4 weeks.

Agricultural Water Management Plan

Staff has advertised an RFP seeking bids from a qualified consultant to carry out this project.

Tennessee Ditch Hydro

Staff received information from NLine Energy about the steps required to get some assurance from PG&E about interconnectability for the project. Their estimate to do a preliminary study that involves PG&E is \$3,800.

PAST MEETINGS

- 11/20/15 The Operations Manager escorted DSOD for BVID's annual dam inspection.
- 12/01/15 The Field Crew attended NIMS compliance training at the Yuba County Government Center.
- 12/01/15 2015 ACWA Fall Conference.
- 12/08/15 YCWA Agricultural Water Management Plan update meeting.
- 12/08/15 The GIS Tech and Lead Man met with Mr. James Ratliff to discuss the preferred route for the inverted siphon for the Sicard Ditch.

- 12/09/15 BVID Emergency Action Plan (EAP) face to face meeting.
- 12/09/15 YCWA Member Unit Water Supply Agreement Meeting.
- 12/10/15 The Manager met with Caltrans to discuss the Highway 20 widening project at Hammon Grove.
- 12/11/15 The Manager spoke with Santa Clara Valley Water District regarding the 2016 Conserved Water Transfer.
- 12/17/15 YCWA Member Unit Meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 01/06/16 Meeting with YCWA to discuss the Water Supply Contract.
- 01/20/16 Meeting with YCWA to discuss the Water Supply Contract (water rights holders only).

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

RECENT PROJECTS

1. Continued work on the electric panel and the pump motor installation for the Saddleback lift pump electrification. Waiting on PG&E for an inspection.
2. Continued delivery of rice decomposition water.
3. Rebuilt the blade on the CAT 307 excavator.
4. Repaired the fuel transfer pump on the old 1 ton 4 x 4.
5. Continued mechanical cleaning of the Arnold ditch and the Ellis ditch.
6. Replaced the gas fuel nozzle at the fuel containment and the fuel hose on the diesel tank at the fuel containment.
7. Completed the flume replacement at the end of the Thousand Trails ditch and as part of that process rebuilt 200' of ditch bank.
8. Completed an inspection of Virginia Ranch Dam with the Department of Safety of Dams.
9. 11/23/15 completed the B.I.T. inspection of the dump truck.
10. Rebuilt the trucks and brushes on the fish screens at the Yuba River pumping station.
11. Met with Jim Ratliff at his property and walked the proposed Sicard pipeline route.
12. The District employees that hadn't previously had NIMS training through the county received their training on 12/1/15 at the Yuba County offices in Marysville.
13. Post storm inspection of the ditches was completed and a few trees were removed from the right of ways.
14. Replaced the Collins Lake buoy cable with 500' of new cable and reset the floats.
15. Repaired three breaks on the Abel pipeline, one on the Rancho Loma Rica pipeline, and one on the Palmer pipeline.
16. Changed the oil at the Redhill East lift pump.

FUTURE PROJECTS

1. Continue tree and brush removal on District right of ways.

2. Complete work on Saddleback lift pump electrification project.
3. Begin the southern section of the Ellis pipeline.

7a. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Winchester to add an agenda item to nominate a NCWA Director for 2016 - 2017. All ayes, motion passed.

7b. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Winchester to appoint Manager McNally to complete NCWA Director Voting Membership 2016- 2017 Ballot. All ayes, motion passed.

8. Director's Comments and Reports: None

9. Correspondence:

- Letter dated December 1, 2015 to BVID from MBK regarding Senate Bill 88.
- Letter dated December 4, 2015 to BVID from JPIA regarding "President's Special Recognition Award."
- Letter dated December 6, 2015 to BVID from Collins Lake Recreation regarding 2016 season fees.

10. Closed Session: Conference with real property negotiator involving BVID's Water Service Contract with YCWA; Ryan McNally, District negotiator(s), will negotiate with Yuba County Water Agency over terms of the new Water Service Contract effective May 1, 2016. Instructions to the negotiator(s) may include terms, price or both.

11. Open Session: The Board will report any action taken in closed session:

- a.) An Ad Hoc Committee was appointed consisting of Directors Bordsen and Winchester for the YCWA Service Contract process;
- b.) The Board directed Manager McNally to draft and send a letter to YCWA General Manager Curt Aikens, with a copy to the YCWA Committee appointed to the BVID/YCWA Power Enhancement Agreement process, expressing concern over the lack of action and to propose an alternate course of action.

12. Adjournment: