

**Bishop Creek Water Association  
Annual Meeting Summary  
March 14, 2017**

**I. Opening and Introductions**

The BCWA meeting was opened at 7:03 p.m. Trustees in attendance included: Gene Coufal, Merry Armstrong, Greg Loveland and Don Kunze. Trustee Henry Means was absent. Watermaster, Chas Coufal was in attendance as well.

**II. Approval of the January 30, 2017 Annual Meeting Summary**

The summary of the January 30, 2017 annual meeting was reviewed and approved as written.

**III. Financial Report**

The Financial Report for January and February 2017 were reviewed and approved unanimously.

**IV. Election of Board Officers**

The Board of Trustees elected officers for the 2017 year as follows:

- a) President: Gene Coufal
- b) Secretary: Greg Loveland
- c) Treasurer: Henry Means

**V. Appointment of the Finance, and the Water and Arbitration Committee Chairs**

Don Kunze was nominated and elected by the Board as the Water and Arbitration Committee chair. Don will submit names to the board for consideration to be on the committee.

President Gene Coufal appointed Merry Armstrong to head up the Finance Committee. Merry will submit names to Gene for appointment to the committee.

**VI. Bishop Creek Precipitation, Flow and Storage Reports**

Greg Loveland discussed the current precipitation conditions (see attached precipitation chart). Burt Almond reported that SCE is forecasting 100,000 acre feet of runoff in the Bishop Creek Drainage this year. A normal year has a runoff of 53,000 AF. Gene Coufal also reported that per SCE flows at plant 6 can be expected in the range of 150 to 200 cfs now through the beginning of snow melt/runoff starting.

**VII. Watermaster Report**

Watermaster Chas Coufal reported that plugged culverts and flooding have become more prevalent, specifically:

- Manor Market Area (Laurel Street): BCWA will work with the Inyo County Road Department to clear street culvert;
- McLaren Area on Ranch Road: worked with Inyo County Road Dept to clear street culvert (third time);
- Sierra and Crosby Streets: worked with City of Bishop to clear street culvert
- North Sierra Highway: Harry Matlick Ditch through Early Ponds area flooding onto Sierra Highway;
- Coons Art Gallery: flooding of Gallery property working with LADWP and landowners to correct;

- J Diamond Mobile Home Park: worked with LADWP A&Rs to correct flooding problem
- Bishop Plaza ditch diversion vaults have not been cleaned in years. A vacuum truck (City of Bishop) is scheduled to fix the problems on Thursday, March 16.

Chas distributed a copy (attached) of a standard note that he has been leaving when a member is not home and he needs to do some work unplugging a ditch or culvert blockage, etc., to let them know he was in their yard and had to do some maintenance.

Chas reported that he received 82 phone calls from January to March 14<sup>th</sup>. Those calls consisted of; 18 from DWP / Board Members and 64 from members. Chas also received 71 text messages through the same time period.

Chas encouraged members to leave clear detailed voice messages. He also requested that the membership keep their ditches clean to prevent flooding with the expected high runoff.

### **VIII. Old Business**

- a) Collection of Past Due Assessments: Gene Coufal reported that the next step is to take members to small claims court to collect past dues. Gene reported that it is expected that 5 members will be taken to small claims court within 60 days.
- b) Ditch Diversion Box Repair/Rebuild Work: Gene reported that no work has been done but expects a report to membership in the next few months.
- c) Reinhackle Ditch: Greg Loveland reported that the head walls have been poured and the materials are ready for install. Labor to perform the work is scarce due to the preparations being made for the high runoff. Greg will report the status at the next meeting.

### **IX. New Business**

- a) Policy Regarding Shutting Off of Ditches: In response to a variety of requests of the Watermaster to shut ditches off for maintenance work there was a discussion about the need for a policy regarding shutting off ditches to guide the Watermaster. A discussion of the pros and cons of a policy took place. In general the comments from the membership varied. Some members suggested that there should be no official policy and that cases should be handled on a case by case basis. Trustee Don Kunze requested that the issue be tabled until next meeting for further discussion and thought. Item was tabled.
- b) Other (Members in good standing): Todd Vogel discussed the high ground water issue on Highland Dr. He stated that high ground water continues to be an issue for his property. He advocates that the neighborhood should responsibly work together to find a solution. He indicated that running the North and South Highland Ditches had an impact on his monitoring wells and caused an increase within days. Todd has dug a French drain to dewater his property.

Todd suggested that he BCWA can assist by:

- Communicating the points of the DWR Report to the membership;
- Encouraging the “Ron Approach” to street ground water monitoring;  
and
- Encouraging the membership to line ponds as a protection of the neighborhood

Todd agreed to draft a letter containing these points for the Board to consider.

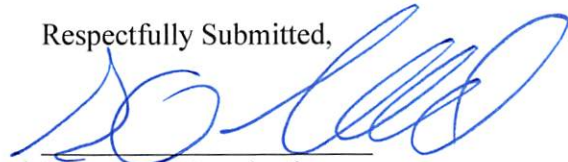
**X. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Bishop Creek Water Association will be on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 7 pm at the Los Angeles Department and Water Power Office Building at 300 Mandich St.

**XI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gregory A. Loveland  
Secretary  
Bishop Creek Water Association

**BISHOP CREEK WATER ASSOCIATION  
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH**

**JANUARY 2017**

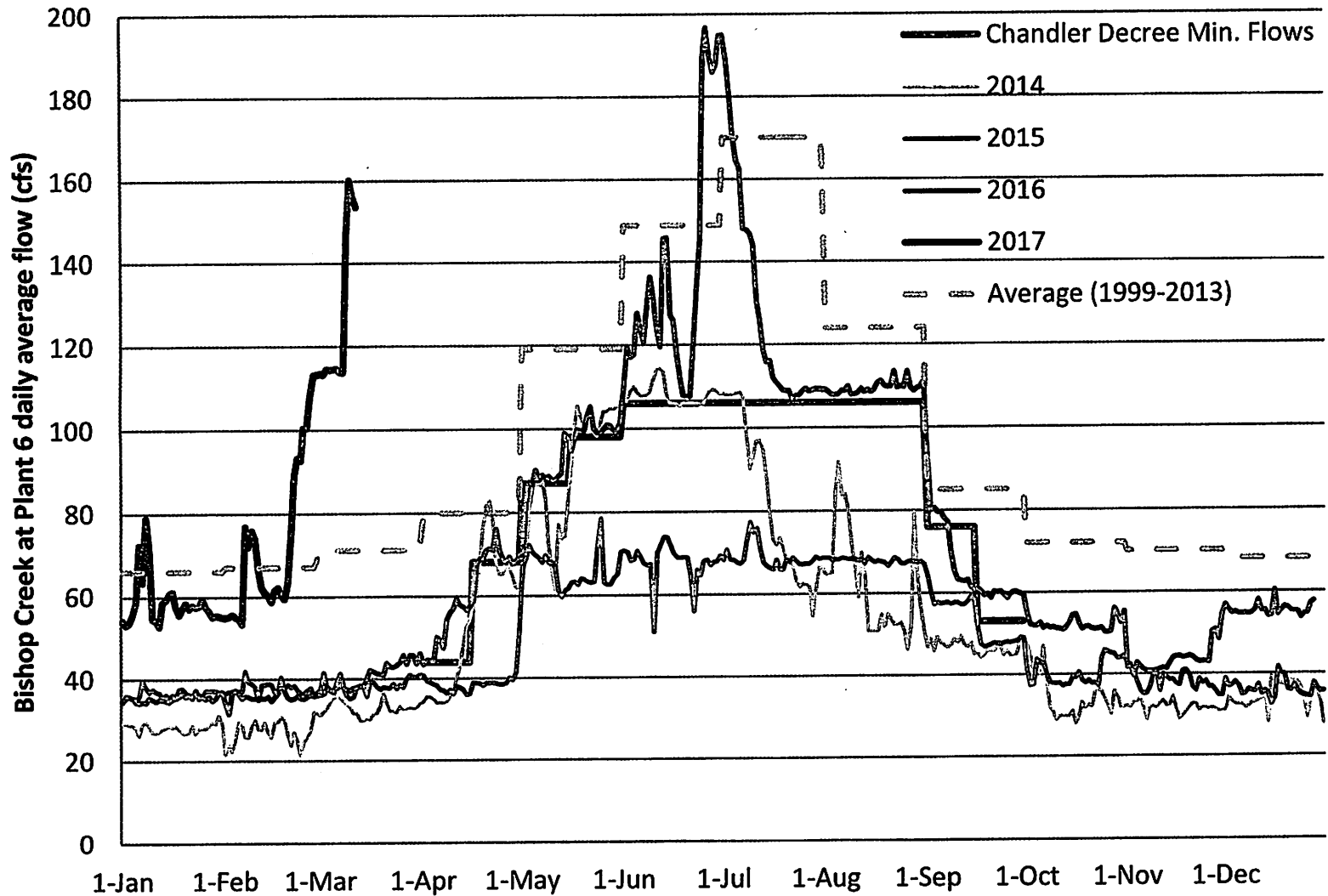
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE - December 31, 2016		\$	10,479.34
<b>DEPOSITS:</b>			
Customer Deposits		\$	-
Insurance Refund			-
Transfer from Maximizer			-
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>			-
<b>CHECKS WRITTEN:</b>			
Water Master Pay - 551.43 X 2		\$	1,102.86
Truck Allowance - 410.00 X 2			820.00
Water Master Assistant Pay -			-
Telephone			44.39
Payroll Taxes - IRS			834.83
Payroll Taxes - State			77.56
Payroll Taxes - IRS Unemployment			168.00
Alex Printing			733.32
Holland & Allred			-
US Post Office			-
State Fund - Worker's Comp Insurance			-
Cal Rural Water Assn			-
Batchelder Enterprises			-
Kim Robison - Ditch Repair			-
Transfer to Maximizer			-
<b>TOTAL CHECKS WRITTEN</b>			<u>(3,780.96)</u>
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE - January 31, 2017		\$	6,698.38
MAXIMIZER BALANCE			10,236.28
SAVINGS CD			-
<b>TOTAL BANK BALANCES</b>		\$	16,934.66

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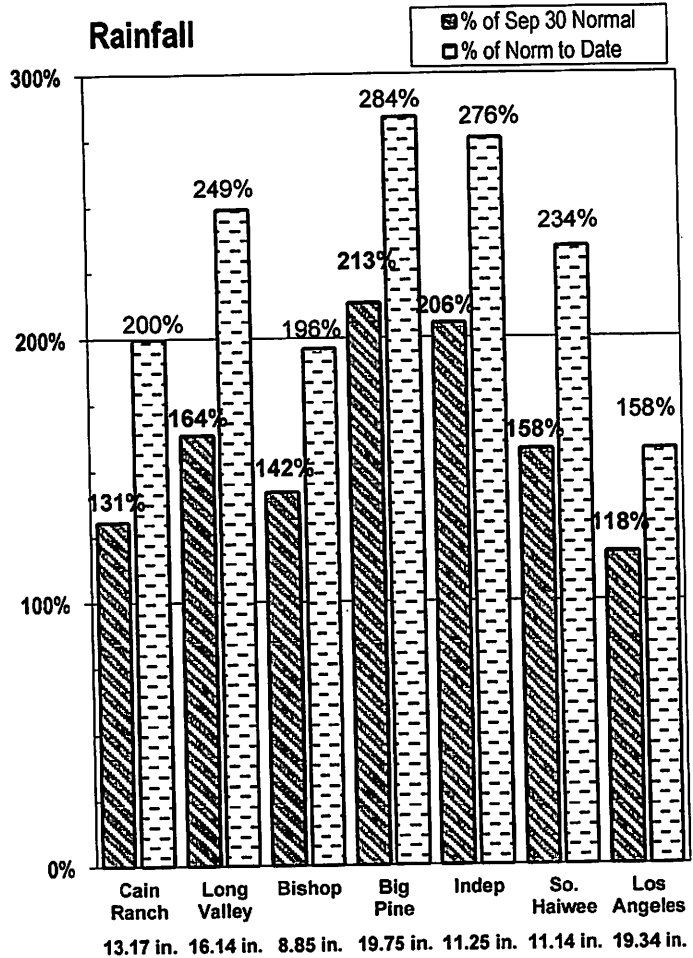
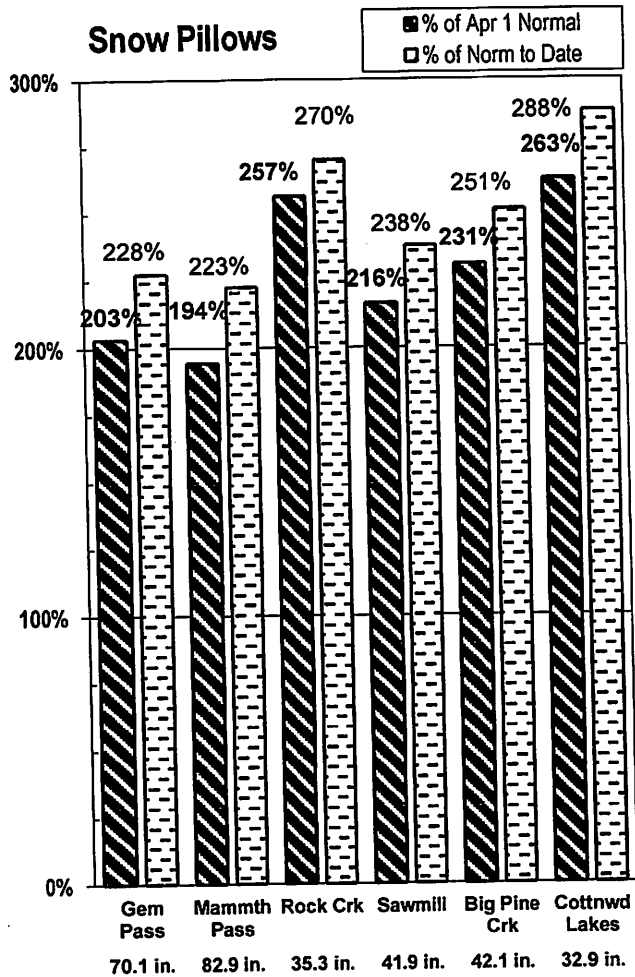
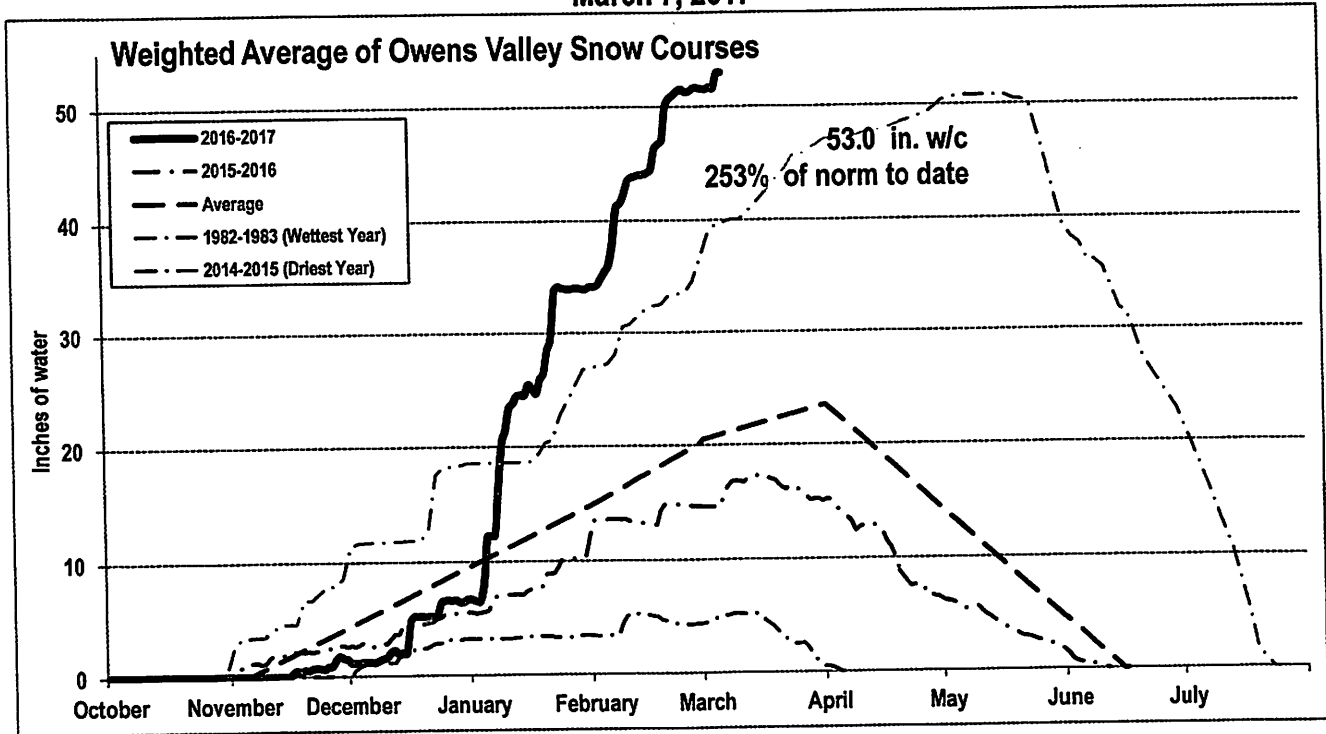
**FEBRUARY 2017**

<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE - January 31, 2017</b>	\$	<b>6,698.38</b>
 <b>DEPOSITS:</b>		
Customer Deposits	\$	-
Insurance Refund		-
Transfer from Maximizer		-
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<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>		-
 <b>CHECKS WRITTEN:</b>		
Water Master Pay - 580.88 X 2	\$	1,161.76
Truck Allowance - 410.00 X 2		820.00
Water Master Assistant Pay -		-
Telephone		44.39
Payroll Taxes - IRS		-
Payroll Taxes - State		-
Payroll Taxes - IRS Unemployment		-
Alex Printing		-
Holland & Allred		-
US Post Office		-
State Fund - Worker's Comp Insurance		391.58
Cal Rural Water Assn		3,837.00
High Country Lumber		105.96
Kim Robison - Ditch Repair		-
Transfer to Maximizer		-
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<b>TOTAL CHECKS WRITTEN</b>		<b>(6,360.69)</b>
 <b>CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE - February 28, 2017</b>	\$	<b>337.69</b>
 <b>MAXIMIZER BALANCE</b>		<b>10,236.45</b>
<b>SAVINGS CD</b>		<hr/>
 <b>TOTAL BANK BALANCES</b>	\$	<b>10,574.14</b>

# Bishop Creek Flows at Plant 6



# EASTERN SIERRA CURRENT PRECIPITATION CONDITIONS March 7, 2017



*Measurement as Inches Water Content; Precipitation totals are cumulative for water year beginning Oct 1*

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**Attendance Sheet**

Name	Address	Email
GREG LOVELAND	300 MANDCH STREET	
Pauline & Steve Stevens	3601 Ranch Rd	
Rex & Mary Allen	2820 Highland Drive	
BOB WEST	2747 H.L.D.	
Linda Brock	723 Orinda	
L.C. SMICE	723 ORINDA DR	
Dan Goodwin	2761 Highland Dr	
RON LAWRENCE	2742 CAROL LN	
LARA PATEN	3500 RANCHO	
Ken Pooly	2626 Highland Dr.	
Mary Armstrong	399 Vista Road	
Chas Coufal	Watermaster	
BURT ALMOND	705 SUMMER HAZE CIR	
Melinda Scott	2731 Glenbrook Way	
TODD VOGEL	2635 Highland	
C. P. ...	358 ...	
Mike & Steph Shetty		
Sara Manning	401 E. Yancy	
Keith Rainville	ICWD	
Gene Coufal	2452 SUNRISE DR	