

**Bishop Creek Water Association
Annual Meeting Summary
April 11th, 2017**

I. Opening and Introductions

The BCWA meeting was opened at 7:01 p.m. Trustees in attendance included: Gene Coufal, Merry Armstrong, Henry Means and Greg Loveland. Trustee Don Kunze was absent. Watermaster, Chas Coufal was in attendance as well.

II. Approval of the March 14th, 2017 Meeting Summary

The summary of the March 14th, 2017 meeting was reviewed and approved as written.

III. Financial Report

The Financial Report for March 2017 was reviewed and approved unanimously.

IV. Eastern Sierra Snowpack/Runoff Report

Greg Loveland discussed the current precipitation conditions (see attached precipitation chart).

V. Bishop Creek Precipitation, Flow and Storage Report

Gene Coufal reported on the conditions on the Bishop Creek Drainage. He reiterated an early March report from Dan Golden of SCE that the Bishop Creek Runoff was forecast to be approximately 200% of normal.

VI. Water and Arbitration Committee Report

No Report

VII. Watermaster Report

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

- Manor Market Area (Laurel Street): working with the Inyo County Road Department, the plug was removed and now flowing well;
- McLaren Area on Ranch Road: working with the Inyo County Road Department, the plug was removed and now flowing well;
- Sierra and Crosby Streets: working with the City of Bishop, the plug was removed and now flowing well;
- North Sierra Highway: The flooding onto Sierra Highway from the Harry Matlick Ditch has been resolved;
- Coons Art Gallery: flooding of Gallery property should be cleared up within the next few days; responsible land owners were notified by letter to clean ditches;
- Bishop Plaza ditch diversion vaults have not been cleaned in years. A vacuum truck (City of Bishop) cleared the vaults. The vaults were found to be in disrepair. BCWA will send a letter to the Plaza's management company to repair the old culvert;

Chas reported that he had been contacted by Wayne Matlick to discuss flows to his property. Wayne contends that the DWP lessee is diverting too much water and not leaving enough flow through. He requested that the lessee start using a fish board. Chas and Greg will contact Chris Thompson to find a resolution.

Chas reported that he received 67 phone calls from January to March 14th. Those calls consisted of; 9 from DWP / Board Members and 58 from members. Chas also received 27 text messages through the same time period.

Chas encouraged members to use the website to find information. Any important messages will be posted there. He also encouraged the members to leave more detail in any messages to increase efficiency.

Chas reported that flow in Bishop Creek dropped from 120 cfs to 70 cfs due to SCE repair work. The flow is coming back up and Chas made adjustments to compensate for the flow changes.

A member suggested that the Watermaster position should be given a raise due to the amount of hours required. The current monthly pay rate is \$1,100 for an estimated 20 hours/week. After much discussion it was agreed that Chas will track his hours and the board will revisit the idea.

VIII. Old Business

- a) Collection of Past Due Assessments: Gene Coufal reported 1 case has been filed in small claims court. The case is scheduled for June 20, 2017 in the Bishop Court house.
- b) Ditch Diversion Box Repair/Rebuild Work: No report
- c) Reinhackle Ditch: Greg Loveland reported that the work has been delayed until after runoff due to the lack of labor to perform the work.
- d) Policy Regarding Shutting Off of Ditches: The board discussed the issue and the idea of having member submit any requests for a shutoff with the duration and a posting to the rest of the membership. Members suggested the idea of granting the Watermaster discretion for short duration shutoffs and if more time was needed the Watermaster would then bring the request to the board. A motion was unanimously passed that except in times of emergency, all requests for ditch shutoffs are to be made to and approved by the BCWA board.
- e) High Groundwater Issues (Highland Drive): Gene reported on the reappearance of high groundwater in West Bishop. Todd Vogel gave a photo presentation of a French drain and collection sump with a pump on his property. He also showed the felt material that was used to line his ditch. Todd used material from the A-Drain mixed with bentonite to line his pond. Todd suggested that a letter be sent from the BCWA incorporating points made in his March email. Gene suggested that at this point it would be better to initially incorporate the appropriate points in the annual letter that is sent to membership with the annual assessment in May. The board unanimously supported this suggestion.

Phil Anaya suggested that grant money should be pursued for Inyo County to drill dewatering wells. Discussion followed concerning the approximately 25 new domestic wells and the associated drill logs.

Ron Lawrence requested that the water in the 4X Ditch be turned down for a couple of weeks to test the water table response to the change. As the downstream party most effected by such a change, Greg was agreeable if it was for only a two week period.

IX. New Business

- a) Appointment of Water and Arbitration Committee Members: Gene reported for Don Kunze. Nominees for the committee include: Rex Allen, Chris Lanane, Melinda Scott, and Don Kunze. All the members were approved to serve on the committee.
- b) Appointment of the Finance Committee members (5 by the president): Merry is looking for volunteers for the finance committee. Greg Loveland accepted a request to sit on the committee.
- c) Other (Members in Good Standing): There was a discussion about replacing a deteriorated culvert on Old McLaren Road. The road is on private property; however the Inyo County Road Dept. treats it as any other county road. As has been the practice, Inyo County is willing to supply the labor to install a new culvert if the BCWA will supply the materials. It is estimated that the cost for culvert and slurry will be about \$1000. The Board unanimously approved the expenditure and to proceed with working with ICRD to replace the culvert.
- d) Lot line adjustment on Carol Lane (2016-17): Gene reported that he provided comments to the Inyo County Planning Department regarding a lot line adjustment on Carol Lane. The comments were provided to the Board (copy attached).
- e) Phil Anaya suggested that the BCWA weigh in on any CEQA documents concerning the proposed DWP Wells, B2 and B5.

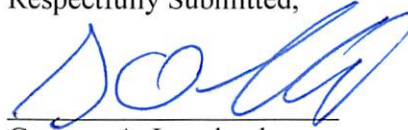
X. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Bishop Creek Water Association will be on Tuesday, May 9th, 2017 at 7 pm at the Los Angeles Department and Water Power Office Building at 300 Mandich St.

XI. Adjournment

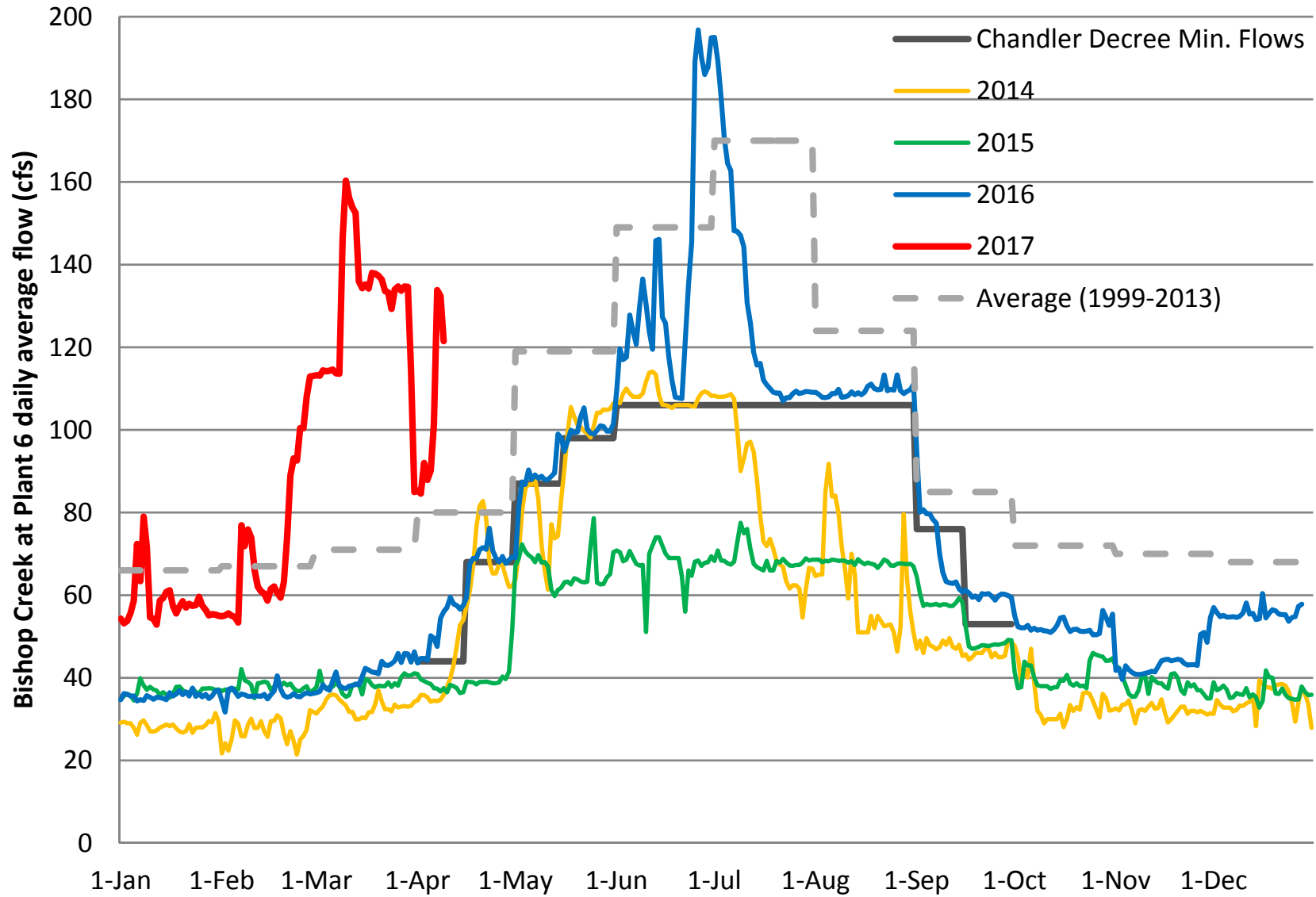
The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

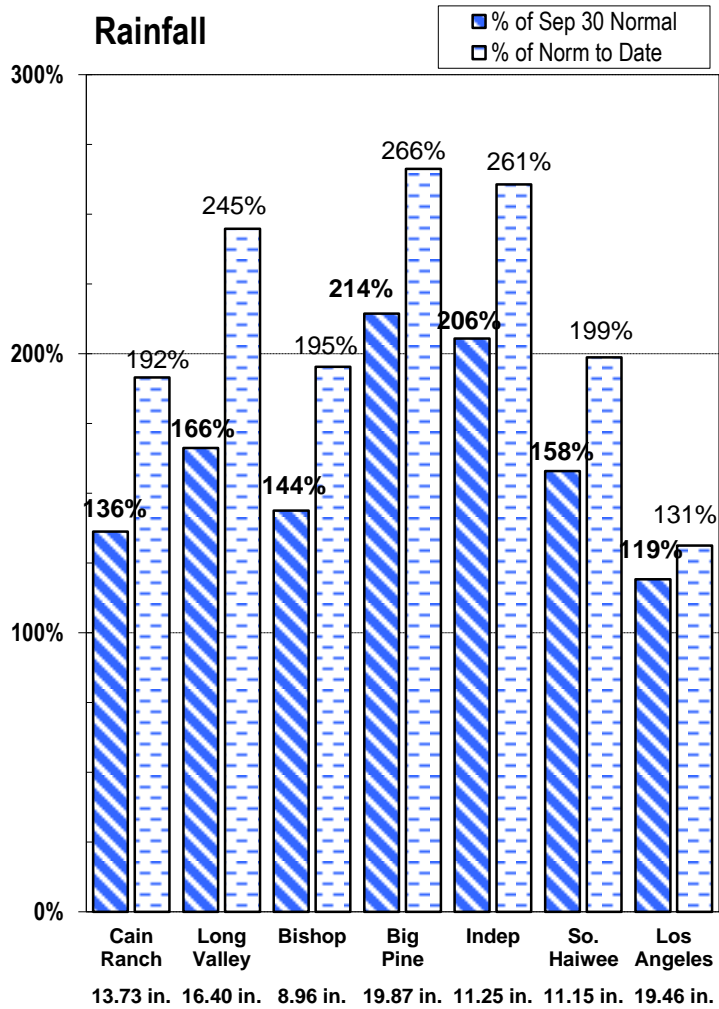
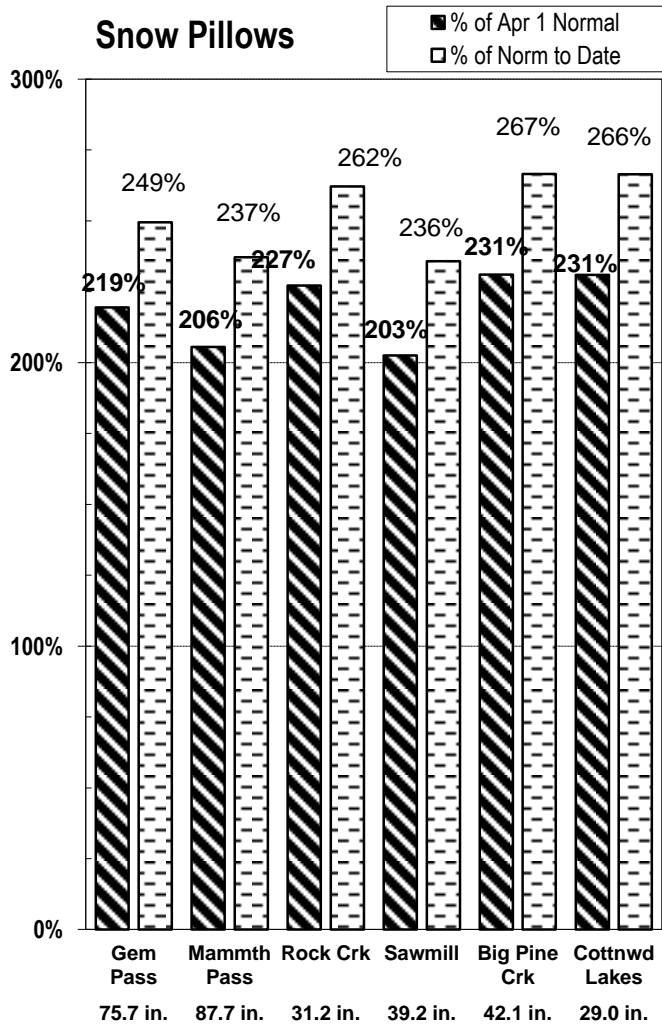
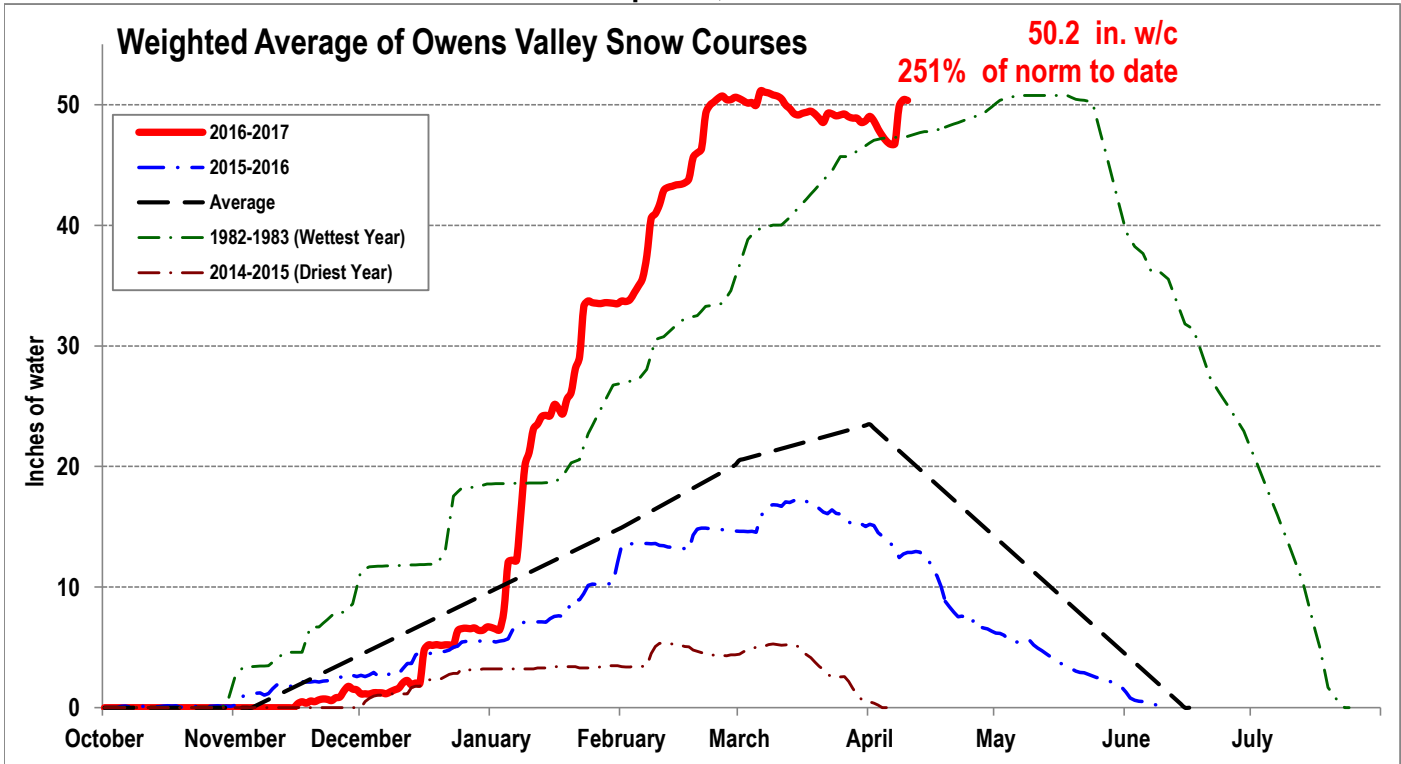


Gregory A. Loveland
Secretary
Bishop Creek Water Association

Bishop Creek Flows at Plant 6



EASTERN SIERRA CURRENT PRECIPITATION CONDITIONS April 11, 2017



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

SAMPLE

Bishop Creek Water Association
Established 1897

Message From Your Watermaster

Date: 2/3/2017

Time: Approx. 5:00pm

Location: 2730 Highland Dr.

Reason For Visit: Ditch Maintenance Request

Notes: It was brought to my attention yesterday (2/2/17) that there was a maintenance issue with the portion of ditch on your property. These clogging issues are limiting the progress of flow, making it difficult to provide water to other association members. Please address these issues ASAP. I will be following up to make sure it gets done. Call if you have any questions.

Watermaster #: (760) 920-7981

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Thanks!



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Attendance Sheet

Name	Address	Email
GREG LOVELAND	300 MANDICH ST.	ON FILE
RON LAWRENCE	2742 Carol Ln	
WAYNE MATLICK	1397 ROWAN LN.	
Henry I manny	3612 Ranch RD	
Chas Coufal	Watermaster	
Dan Goodwin	2761 Highland Dr.	
Rex + Mary Allen	2820 Highland Dr	
MATT BEAVERS	2320 SUNRISE DR.	
CHAIL PATTON	3510 BANGA RD.	
Mary Ann	399 Vista Road	
Jim CAMPBELL	2707 CAROL LANE	
Robert Parent	2730 CAROL LANE	
Mark & Julia Franklin	3630 Mountain View	
Gene COUFAL	2482 SUNRISE DR	
Todd Vogel	2635 Highland Dr.	
PHILIP ANAYA	2348 Longview	
TERRY Russi	230 MT. TOM Rd.	
Keith Rainville	ICWD, Bishop	
Rick Pucey	2672 IRVING WAY	
PAT ARMSTRONG	399 VISTA LN.	
Roger + Jean Fausnight	2605 Highland Dr	