

**Bishop Creek Water Association
Annual Meeting Summary
December 12th, 2017**

1. Opening and Introductions

The BCWA meeting was opened at 7:01 p.m. Trustees in attendance included: Gene Coufal, Don Kunze, Merry Armstrong, and Greg Loveland. Trustee Henry Means was not present. Watermaster Matt Durkee was present.

2. Approval of the October 10th, 2017 Meeting Summary

The summary of the October 10th, 2017 meeting was reviewed and unanimously approved with one edit. In Old Business, item a), the spelling of “D. Coons” was corrected to “D. Kunze”.

3. Financial Report

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

4. Bishop Creek Precipitation, Flow and Storage Report

Greg Loveland reported on Bishop Creek flows and precipitation. (see attached charts).

5. Old Business

- a) Collection of Past Due Assessments: Gene is drafting a letter to be sent out to non-paying members in January, 2018.
- b) Ditch Diversion Box Repair and Rebuild Work: Gene reported on the status of the repair work. Two bids were received and the successful bidder was Eastern Sierra Sprinkler and Landscape. When any work is scheduled, a letter will be sent out to the affected property owners. Any ditch outages that may occur throughout the maintenance work will be posted online.
- c) Bishop Plaza/Matlick Ditch: Gene sent a letter to the Lead Company, the property owner, to clear the culvert obstruction.
- d) North Noble Ditch: Gene, Don and Matt discussed a meeting they had with Chris Thompson of LADWP. They discussed the need for a locking device at Home and Sierra Streets, on the north side of Sierra and on the north side of Sierra. Chris Thompson will provide the device. A grizzly on the north side of Sierra near Main Street needs cleaning.
- e) Yaney Ditch: Chris Thompson will look into having the diversion at the corner of Handy and Yaney Street replaced. A Yaney Street diversion on the southside is on private property and will be replaced.
- f) Reinhackle Ditch Diversion Structure Rebuilds: Greg reported that the construction work has not started.
- g) Flow to 1465 Cherry Lane: Flow is not making it to Cherry Lane. Matt believes that the ditch is clogged with leaves and that the traffic light construction on 395 is affecting the flows as well. He will add sandbags as a

trial and if that proves successful, it will be added the Capital Improvement Program.

- h) Illegal Diversions on Sunset Road: Merry will schedule meeting of board members for a field trip to review issues on ground.
- i) Ditch Maintenance Issue at 2753 Carol Lane: Gene and Don inspected the site and did not encounter any problems. Don will contact the member at 2753 Carol Lane in the event of any future issues.
- j) Operation of diversion structure at Gillette Property: Matt and Don investigated the Gillette property. There was a claim of damage to the BCWA diversion structure. No sign of damage was observed. Merry will attempt to contact Nancy Ekman to relay the findings.

6. Water and Arbitration Committee Report:

Nothing to report

7. Watermaster Report:

Over the course of the month the Watermaster received 32 calls (5 from board members) and 14 texts.

8. New Business

- a) Rex Allen reported that tumbleweeds have piled up on Pa Me Lane by Hidden Creek Ranch. Greg will contact DWP Construction to clear the weeds.
- b) Jim Campbell complimented the board on their efforts to recover past dues from non-paying members.

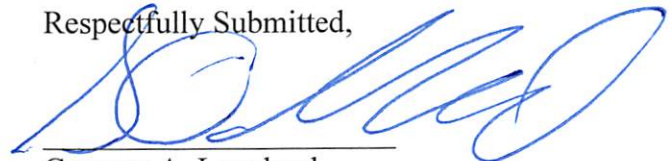
9. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Bishop Creek Water Association will be on Tuesday, January 9th, 2018 at 7 pm at the Los Angeles Department and Water Power Office Building at 300 Mandich St.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



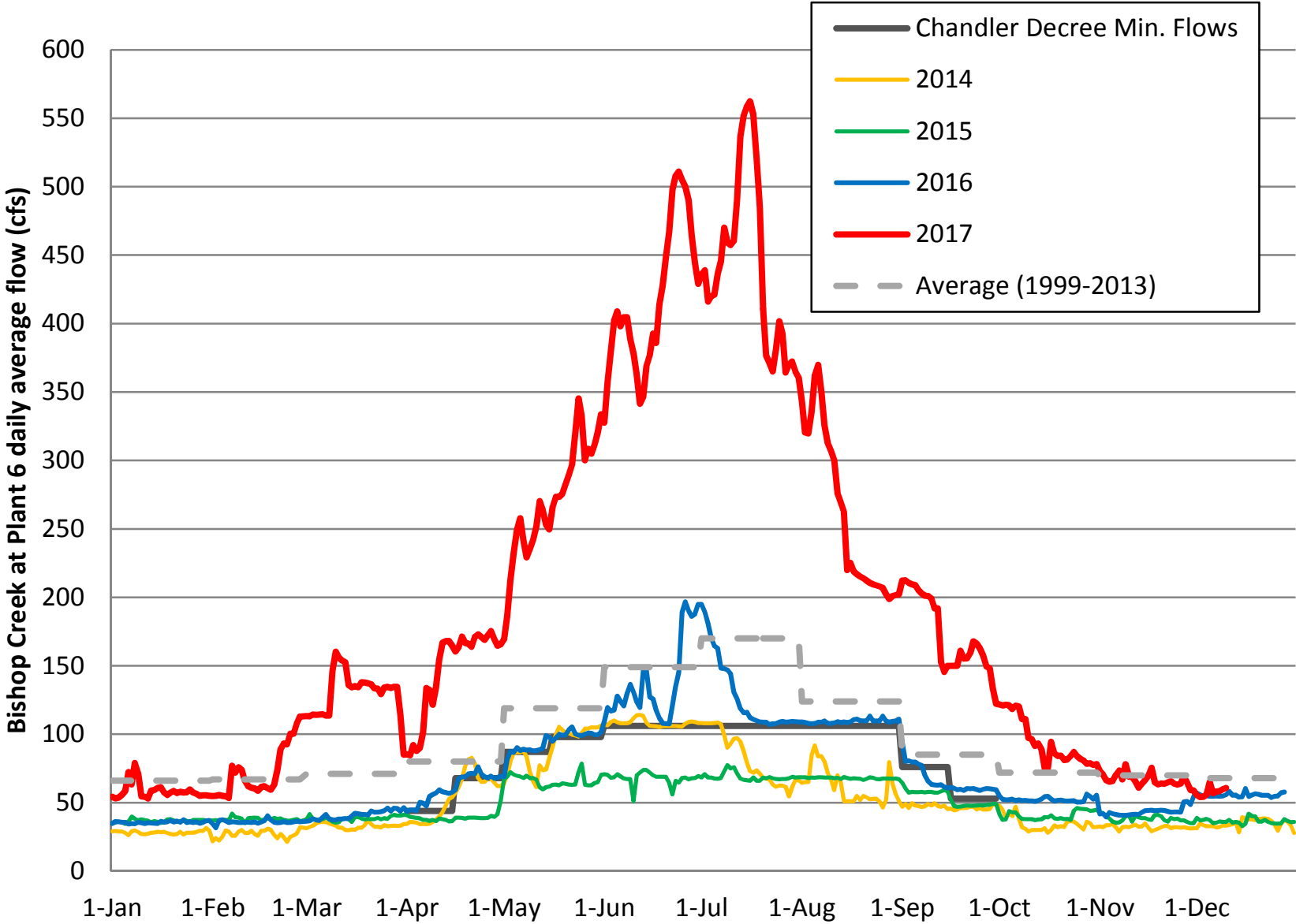
Gregory A. Loveland
Secretary
Bishop Creek Water Association

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

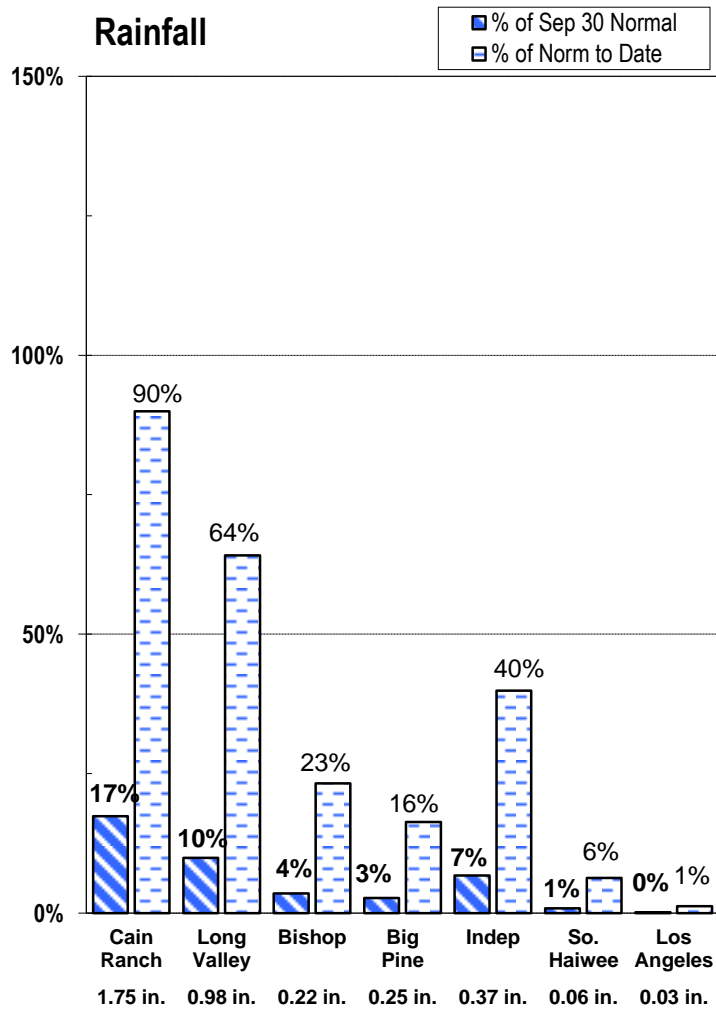
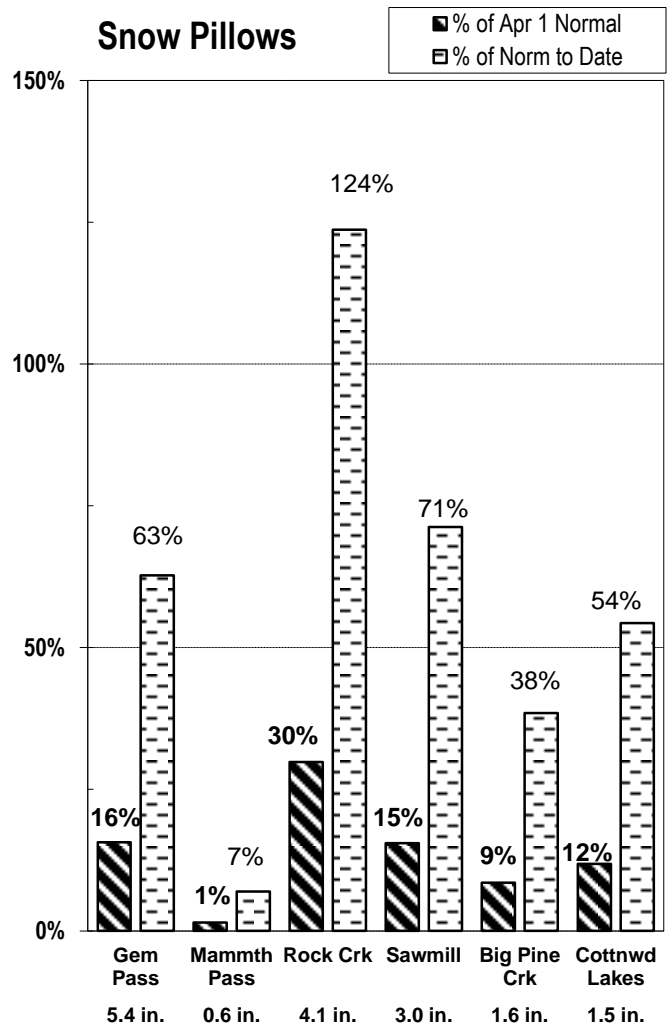
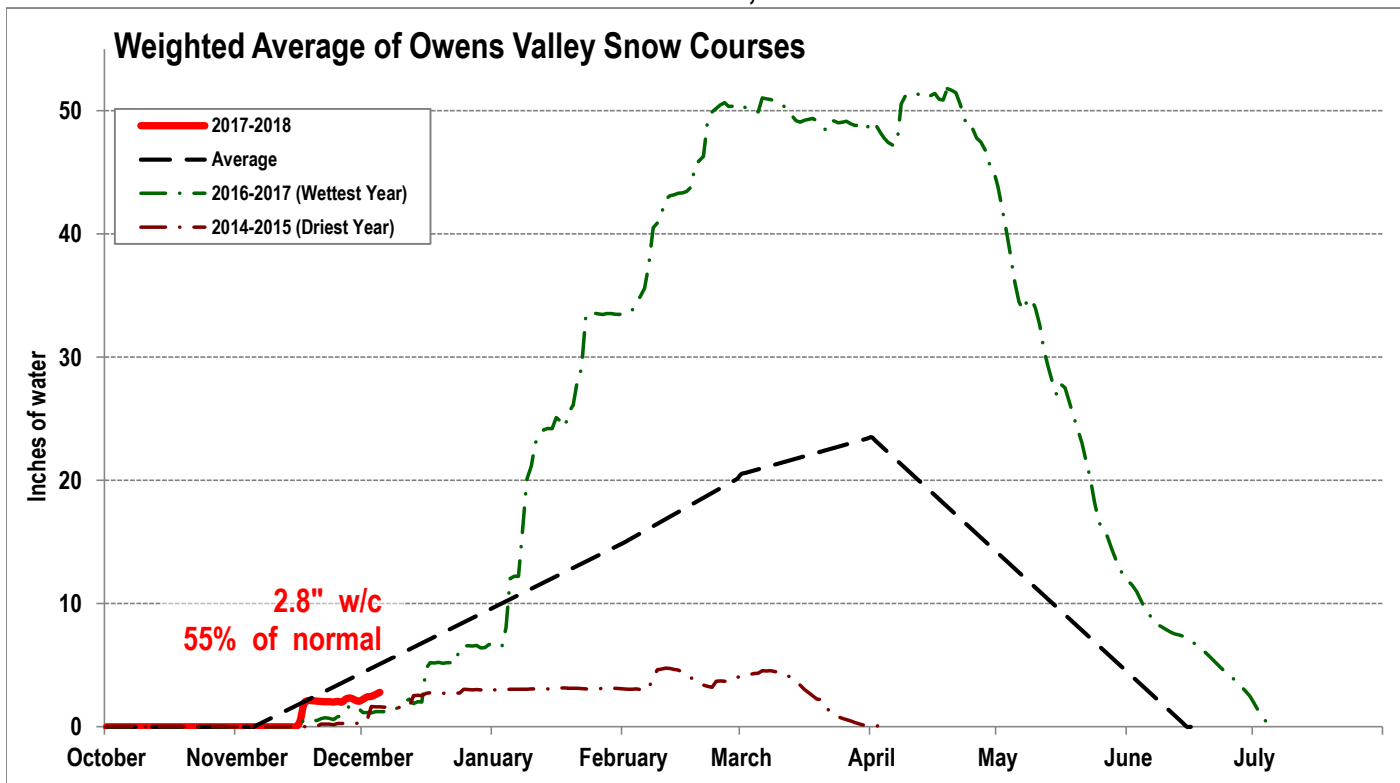
NOVEMBER 2017

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE - October 31, 2017		\$	29,824.83
DEPOSITS:			
Customer Deposits		\$	481.04
Insurance Refund			-
Transfer from Maximizer			-
TOTAL DEPOSITS			481.04
CHECKS WRITTEN:			
Water Master Pay - 786.47 X 2		\$	1,572.94
Truck Allowance - 200.00 X 2			400.00
Assistant Water Master Pay			-
Telephone			44.95
Payroll Taxes - IRS			-
Payroll Taxes - State			-
Payroll Taxes - IRS Unemployment			-
Customer Collection Fees			-
Cal Rural Water Association			-
US Post Office			-
State Fund - Worker's Comp Insurance			354.50
Holland & Allred - Quarterly Accounting			-
Checks & Deposit Slips			106.34
Gene Coufal - Parts			-
Transfer to Maximizer			-
TOTAL CHECKS WRITTEN			<u>(2,478.73)</u>
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE - November 30, 2017		\$	27,827.14
MAXIMIZER BALANCE			12,692.86
SAVINGS CD			-
TOTAL BANK BALANCES		\$	40,520.00

Bishop Creek Flows at Plant 6



EASTERN SIERRA CURRENT PRECIPITATION CONDITIONS December 5, 2017



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



**BILL AND MAGGIE EGAN,
AT THE GARDEN OF EGAN
3613 RANCH ROAD, BISHOP, CALIFORNIA 93514**

TO: Board of Directors
Bishop Creek Water Association

FROM: Bill & Maggie Egan

DATE: October 5, 2017

Hello.

We are sorry to bother you but we are having a water-related problem that we have been unable to resolve on our own. We are seeking guidance regarding access to water from the Bishop Creek system. We've spoken with neighbors Steve and Marlene Stevens and with the Watermaster, all of whom encouraged us to present this matter to you.

As we understand it, our property was one of the first lots developed in the McLaren neighborhood. The original owners were Charles and Caroline Olds. They created a lovely property that we are grateful to have the opportunity to enjoy. We do not have sprinklers, instead we have continued the Olds' tradition of flood irrigating and, as far as we can tell, the lush vegetation the Olds put in place is grateful for that practice. We flood once every 4-6 weeks during the late fall and winter, about every 2 weeks in the spring and early fall, and once or twice a week in summer.

Until a little over a year ago, our neighbors to the west were Dick and Sue Conn. We had a delightful, cooperative relationship with them for 18 years. Dick and Sue, as well as our neighbors to the east, Steve & Marlene Stevens, taught us everything we know about flood irrigating and our responsibilities relative to the water we use for that purpose. We have made every attempt to be good stewards of that resource; in that effort, we did not fill our pond for the past few years in order to reduce the demand on the water system.

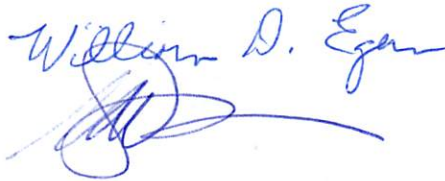
Way back when, our lot was graded such that water flows from the southwest corner to the northeast corner, where it re-enters the water system (at the back of our property); it is our understanding that other properties are configured similarly. To flood, we divert much of the water in the main ditch at our property's southwest corner into a flood ditch along the western border of our lot. For more than 18 years, at the instruction of our western neighbors Dick & Sue Conn, we have blocked a small ditch along the eastern border of their property to increase the flow into our ditch, thereby drastically reducing the amount of time we affect the flow of water to down-stream neighbors on the main ditch. The ditch on the eastern side of the Conn's property does not water anything, due to the grading of the property, but Dick & Sue did allow a minimal flow of water into their eastern ditch when they had livestock in the back of their lot (they dug a hole along the property line that fills with water when that ditch is watered). This ditch feeds into

a very small (narrow and shallow) ditch near the back of our property; when over-watered, which has happened frequently since Chris Conn took ownership of what was his parents' property, the very small ditch on our property overflows which swamps our lot thus wasting an immense amount of water.

Following Sue and then Dick's deaths, their youngest son and his family took over the property and the issues began. The matter we bring to your attention is that of Chris Conn informing us that we are not allowed on "his property," which prevents us from blocking his small ditch so that we can flood our property in an efficient manner. When water flow is as generous as it has been this spring and summer, we can flood our entire one-acre lot in 2-3 hours. However, if we are not able to block his small ditch while flooding, the water from the main ditch arrives at his eastern ditch first and fills that ditch, which then floods the back of our property, and causes the flow to our flood ditch to be much reduced, resulting in our flooding process taking as much as 3 times as long to complete (or days, in low flow periods). It is our goal to divert the main ditch for the shortest time possible, but Chris is extending that diversion period dramatically.

Please keep in mind that when we say that we "block" a ditch, we are using a piece of wood so water still flows past that block but at a much lower flow rate.

We request clarification relative to our ability to access the water system at the southeastern corner of the Conn's lot so that we can use the water as it was meant to be used in a responsible manner, to the benefit of water customers downstream.

William D. Egan


Bishop Creek Water Association Monthly Meeting

Date 12/12/17

Attendance Sheet

Name	Address	Email
G. LOVELAND	300 MANDICK ROAD	
TIM CAMPBELL	2707 CAROL LN	
HARVEY JINGCK	723 ORLANDO DR	
LINDA SMOCK	723 ORLANDO DR	
GENE COVEFAZ	2482 SUNRISE DR	
WAYNE MATLICK	1397 ROWAN LN.	
Rex + Mary Allen	2820 Highland Drive	
Don Kent	2619 Sierra Vista Way	
Merry Armstrong	399 Vista Road	
Kevin Grevenkamp		