

Bishop Creek Water Association
Monthly Meeting Summary
May 14, 2019

1. Opening and Introductions

The BCWA meeting opened at 7:03 p.m. Trustees in attendance included: Gene Coufal, Adam Perez, Henry Means and Merry Armstrong. Watermaster Matt Durkee was present. Trustee Don Kunze was absent.

2. Acceptance of the April 9th, 2019 Monthly Meeting Summary

The April 9th, 2019 monthly meeting summary was accepted as written.

3. Annual of April 2019 Financial Report

The May 2019 Financial Report was cut off in the packet. It will be reviewed next month.

4. Eastern Sierra Snowpack/Runoff Report

The Eastern Sierra Snowpack came in at 171% of normal and the projected runoff is forecasted at 137% of normal.

5. Bishop Creek Precipitation, Flow, and Storage Report

Bishop Creek flows have been maintaining at or above the Chandler Decree requirements. See attached Bishop Creek flow and precipitation charts.

6. Old Business

- a) Matlick Ditch Flow: LADWP is diverting as much flow down the Tom Key as possible to keep sediment and vegetation from building up. The City of Bishop used vacuum truck to clean vaults on Rocking W Drive, but it did not make much difference to flows through the pipe. There appears to still be a blockage and Gene has requested for the City of Bishop to use their camera to inspect.

A question came up concerning the City of LA's response to questions about the Bishop Tribe and their membership in the BCWA.

- b) North/South Sunset Rd Diversion Structure Replacement: Don is investigating.
- c) Yaney Ditch Diversion Structure Repair/Replacement at:
 - i. SW Corner of Yaney and Hanby; City of LA will have to wait until after the anticipated high runoff is handled.
 - ii. Diversion at Dog Park: Structure to be replaced as part of Phase II
- d) Ditch Diversion Box Repair/Rebuild Work- Phase II: No change/nothing new to report.
- e) Collection of Past Dues: No change/nothing new to report

7. Water & Arbitration Committee Report

Nothing new to report.

8. Watermaster Report

Matt received 36 calls and 18 texts in March.

9. New Business

- a) Gillette Property; Someone placed sandbags in the culvert to restrict flow at Ranch Rd and Vista Rd. The culvert is also having obstruction problems on the downstream end. The BCWA may have to request that the Inyo County Road Dept. water jet the culvert to clean it out and if that doesn't work, the culvert may need to be replaced. There also was vandalism to the control structure and an irrigation diversion on the property. Gene notified the Sherriff's Dept and a report was filed.
- b) The Bishop Creek South Fork behind J Diamond Trailer Park had an obstruction interfering with the flow. There was discussion as to who is responsible and how will the work be completed.
- c) 4-X Ditch Issues: The ditch capacity and condition has come into question. Does the ditch need to be shut down to perform cleaning? Does the ditch capacity meet the needs of irrigation to DWP lease? Gene will send letter to property owners on the east end of the ditch to clean sediment and other obstructions.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the LADWP Bishop Office located at 300 Mandich Street.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Adam Perez

Secretary

Bishop Creek Water Association

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

APRIL 2019

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$	980.23
SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE		<u>20,901.33</u>
TOTAL BANK BALANCES - March 31, 2019		21,881.56

DEPOSITS:

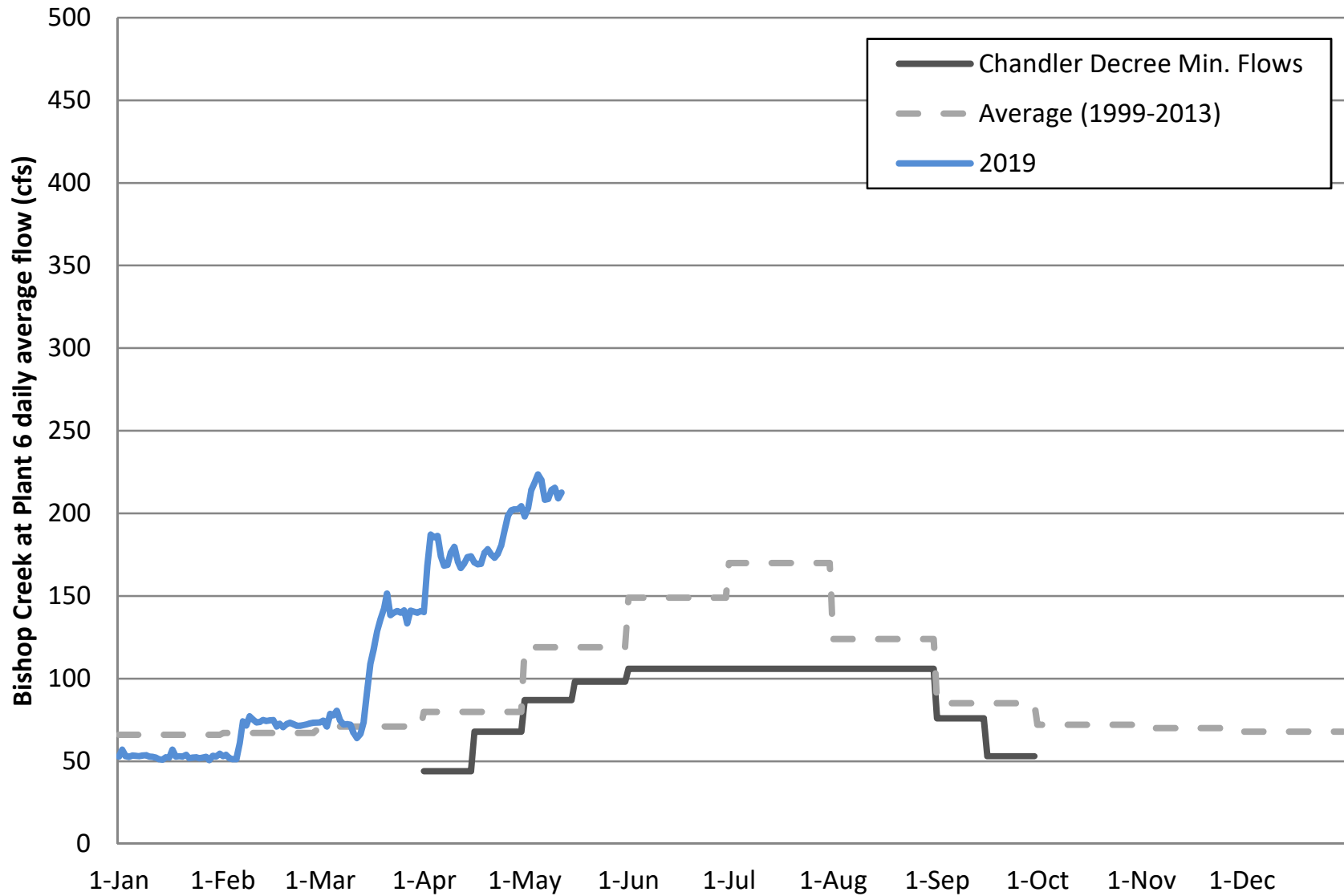
Customer Deposits	\$	-
Insurance Refund		-
Interest Income		1.41
Transfer from Savings		<u>5,000.00</u>

TOTAL DEPOSITS		5,001.41
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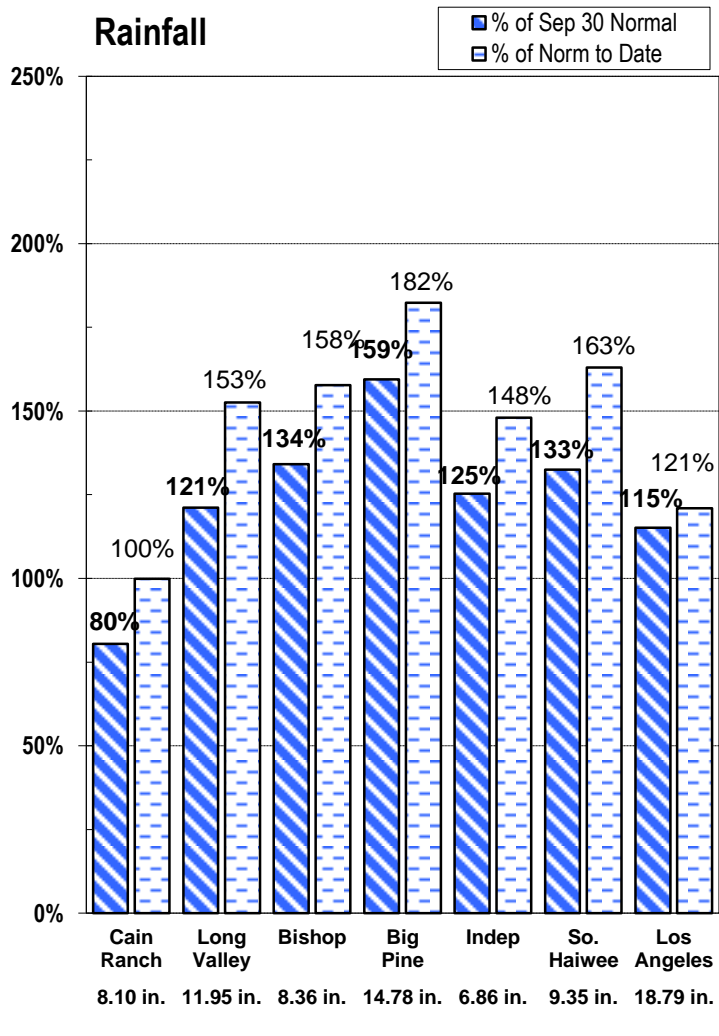
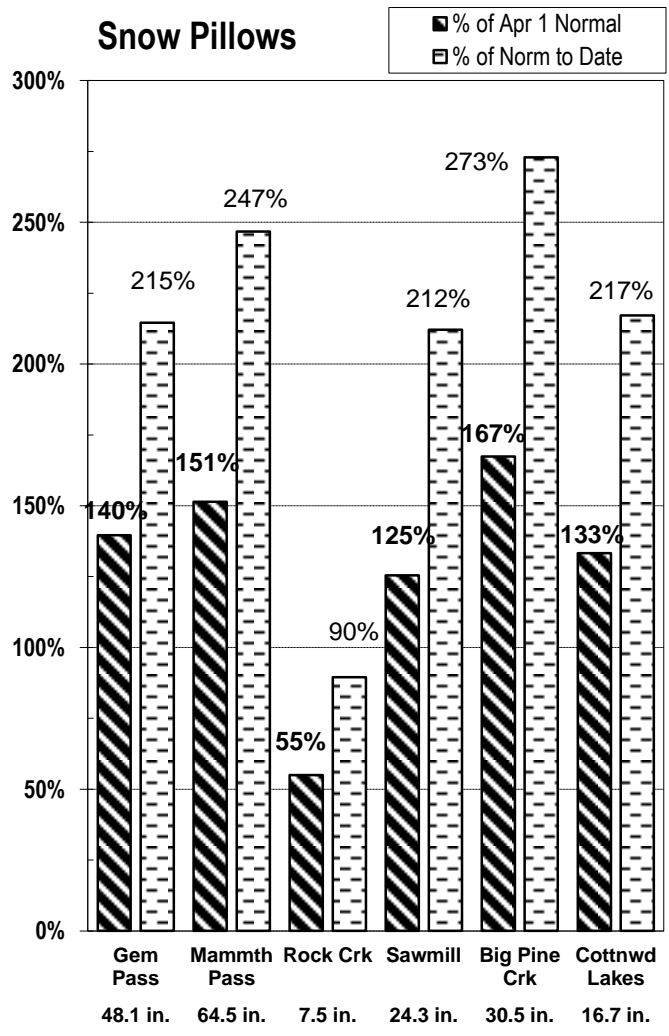
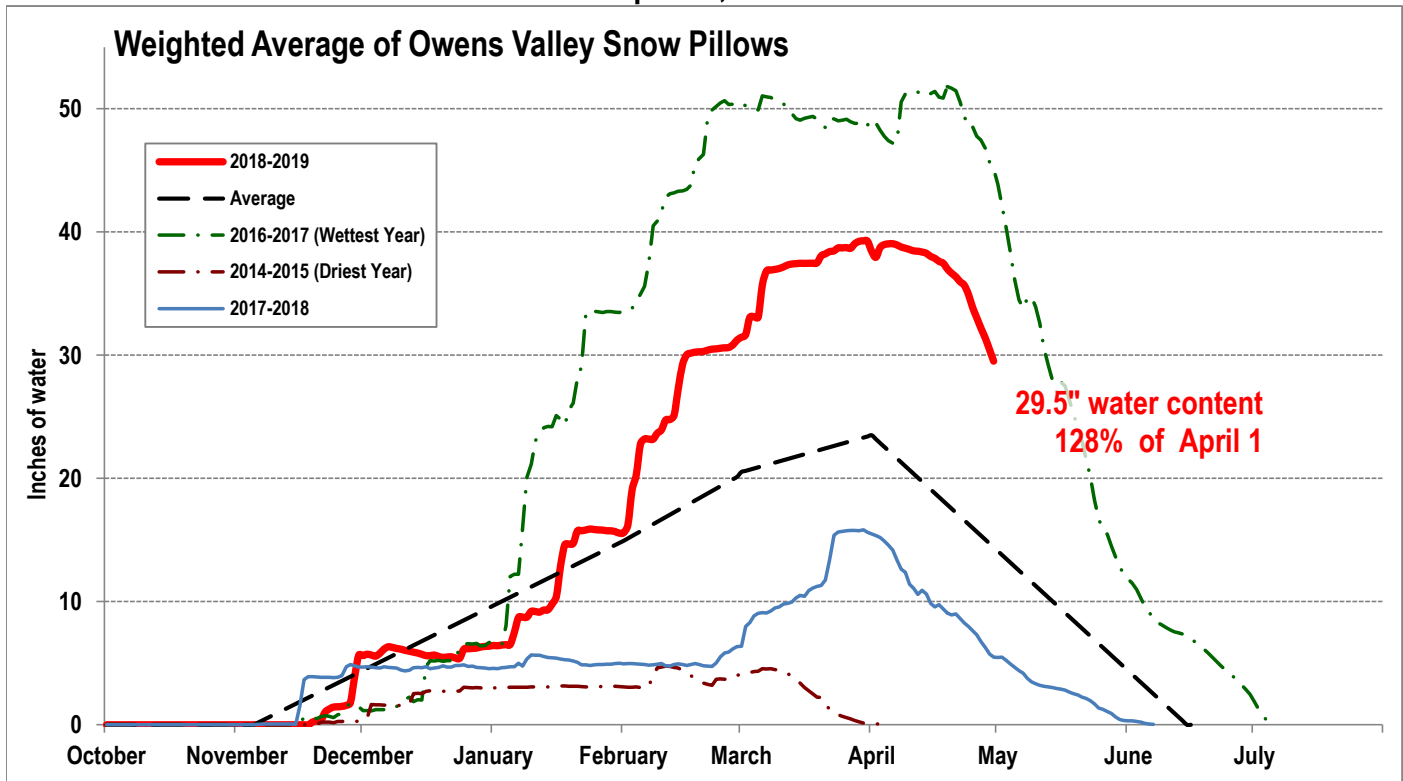
CHECKS WRITTEN:

Water Master Pay - 863.26 X 2	\$	1,726.52
Truck Allowance - 200.00 X 2		400.00
Assistant Water Master Pay		-
Telephone		46.29
Payroll Taxes - IRS		844.56
Payroll Taxes - State		154.56
Payroll Taxes - IRS Unemployment		-
Customer Collection Fees		-
Union Bank Service Charges		-
CRWRMA		-
State Fund - Worker's Comp Insurance		-
Holland & Allred - Quarterly Accounting		-

Bishop Creek Flows at Plant 6



EASTERN SIERRA CURRENT PRECIPITATION CONDITIONS April 30, 2019



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

Mon, Apr 8, 2019 6:10 pm

Gene (nc3e@aol.com)

To: Adam.Perez + 2 more Details

Adam,

At last months BCWA monthly meeting we discussed the issue of the Bishop Tribe not being a member of the Association and not having an understanding or reason why. Given the circumstances I asked if the LADWP had an opinion. You asked me to send you an email with my thoughts and you would investigate.

My thoughts are as follows: My recollection is that the BCWA was originally formed in 1897 or 1904, so that when LADWP started buying lands in the northern Owens Valley in the 1920's it would have automatically become a member by virtue of land ownership. Further, in 1933 when the Chandler Decree was passed down the City of LA had lands (including the current Bishop Reservation lands) that were included within the boundaries of the BCWA. In 1938 the City of LA entered into a land trade Agreement with the Federal Government which established the Bishop Reservation at its current location in west Bishop (with in the BCWA boundaries). The land continues to have Bishop Creek water on it but the is no record of who the BCWA member is. The City's Agreement was with the Federal Government. Did the City retain responsibility (along with the obligation to supply a water duty to its former lands)? Did the exchange transfer the BCWA responsibility to the Federal Government? Did the exchange transfer the responsibility to the Bishop tribe? Is it an issue between the City and the Federal Government or the Federal Government and the Bishop tribe? As a sovereign nation can the tribe be obligated to the BCWA?

The City's view/thoughts on this would be appreciated. Gene

