

**Bishop Creek Water Association
Monthly Meeting Summary
September 10, 2019**

1) Opening and Introduction

- a) BWCA meeting called to order at 7:01p.m. Trustees in attendance: Gene Coufal, Don Kunze, Henry Means and Adam Perez. Trustee Merry Armstrong was absent.
Watermaster Matt Durkee was also present.

2) Approval of the July 9 , 2019 Monthly Meeting Summary

- a) The August 13th, 2019 monthly meeting summary was approved as written.

3) Approval of the July 2019 Financial Report

- a) August 2019 Financial Report reviewed & approved. Noted balance of \$58,666.48.

4) Bishop Creek Precipitation, Flow, and Storage Report

- a) Noted 114 CFS presently.
- b) Notifications better for September
- c) 110 CFS October
- d) 100 CFS October-to-November

5) Old Business

- a) Matlick Ditch flow obstruction @ Rousek Toy Co
 - i) Gene met with owner
 - (1) Owner not willing to submit anything to insurance company nor accept any responsibility
 - (2) Owner willing to allow access
 - ii) Communication to Mike Merrante, Inyo County PWD (Gene Provided Copy Email)
 - iii) Gene Communicated with Chris Cash (Inyo County Road Department) to discuss if a permit was pulled for Toy Co. driveway.
 - iv) Gene inquired about use of legal counsel for the issue from Inyo (consultant advice)
 - (1) Marshal (Inyo County) denied use of legal counsel from Inyo
 - v) Gene reached out to supervisor Puchi and asked if BCWA could be added
 - vi) Gene reached out to LADWP for legal counsel advice
 - (1) Meeting held 09/10/19
 - vii) Gene talked with Dave E. of City of LA for legal advice
 - viii) Estimated price for repair is \$3,000 to \$4,000
 - (1) Most Reasonable Option- Do the work, pay the cost, and go to small claims court for cost of work
 - ix) Other issue is to look at ownership & maintenance of culvert
 - (1) Would look into going after previous owners
 - (a) Likely cost lots of money for need of legal counsel
 - x) Wayne Matlick stated that the culvert had water prior to the drought
 - xi) Action 1: No action for board at this time

- (1) Gene will talk to county and figure out
- xii) Action 2: Authorization for Gene to talk to legal counsel/paying attorney
 - (1) Board Agrees (Unanimous Vote)
- b) North/South Sunset Rd Diversion Structure Replacement
 - i) Gene talked to Dr. Carter. Gene will document
- c) Restriction in Nelligan Ditch at Norberg/Scott
 - i) She doesn't want to remove now
 - ii) she has work that she wants done
 - iii) She wants to talk to contractors
 - iv) Taking steps to protect property
 - v) BCWA is doing gate this fall
 - (1) Once gate installed, can then remove obstruction
- d) Restriction in 4X Ditch @ East end of Sunrise Dr.
 - i) No change (via Matt)
 - ii) Letter sent with no response yet
 - iii) Letters to be sent with specific dates
- e) Flow obstruction on east side of So. Mountain View Rd on Core Property
 - i) No change (via Matt)
 - ii) Letter sent with no response yet
 - iii) Letters to be sent with specific dates
- f) Lip in Feeder Ditch on S/S of Highland Dr.
 - i) (via Matt) Slightly raised lip, not affecting flow. Not really an issue.
 - ii) More of an issue of adjusting flow
- g) Bishop Tribe BCWA Membership?
 - i) Still with attorney.
- h) Collection of Past Due Assessments
 - i) Nothing new.
- i) Ditch Diversion Box Repair/Rebuild Work – Phase II
 - i) No change.
- j) Yaney Ditch Diversion Structures Repair/Replacement - i.) SW Corner of Yaney & Hanby (LADWP); and ii) Diversion @ Dog Park (Phase II work)
 - i) No change

6) Water & Arbitration Committee Report

Nothing New

7) Watermaster Report

- a) The Board unanimously approved purchase of iphone 6s cell phone for Watermaster
- b) Received 32 calls and 16 text messages; communication with 2 board members

8) New Business

- a) Brockman flood – Daris Moxley
 - i) DWP owns the property; wooded lot
 - ii) LADWP to discuss: Chris Thompson & Ben Butler

9) Next Meeting: October 08, 2019, 7:00 p.m. at LADWP, 300 Mandich Street

10) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Adam Perez

Secretary

Bishop Creek Water Association

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

AUGUST 2019

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$ 19,182.94
SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE	<u>40,112.34</u>

TOTAL BANK BALANCES - July 31, 2019 59,295.28

DEPOSITS:

Customer Deposits - Into Checking	\$ -
Customer Deposits - Into Savings	1,518.40
Insurance Refund	-
Interest Income	2.62
Transfer from Savings	<u>-</u>

TOTAL DEPOSITS 1,521.02

CHECKS WRITTEN:

Water Master Pay - 851.83 X 2	\$ 1,703.66
Truck Allowance - 200.00 X 2	400.00
Assistant Water Master Pay	-
Telephone	46.16
Payroll Taxes - IRS	-
Payroll Taxes - State	-
Payroll Taxes - IRS Unemployment	-
Web Site	-
US Post Office	-
Alex Printing	-
State Fund - Worker's Comp Insurance	-
Holland & Allred - Quarterly Accounting	-
Brown's	-
Paiute Tribe Water District	-
Transfer to Savings	<u>-</u>

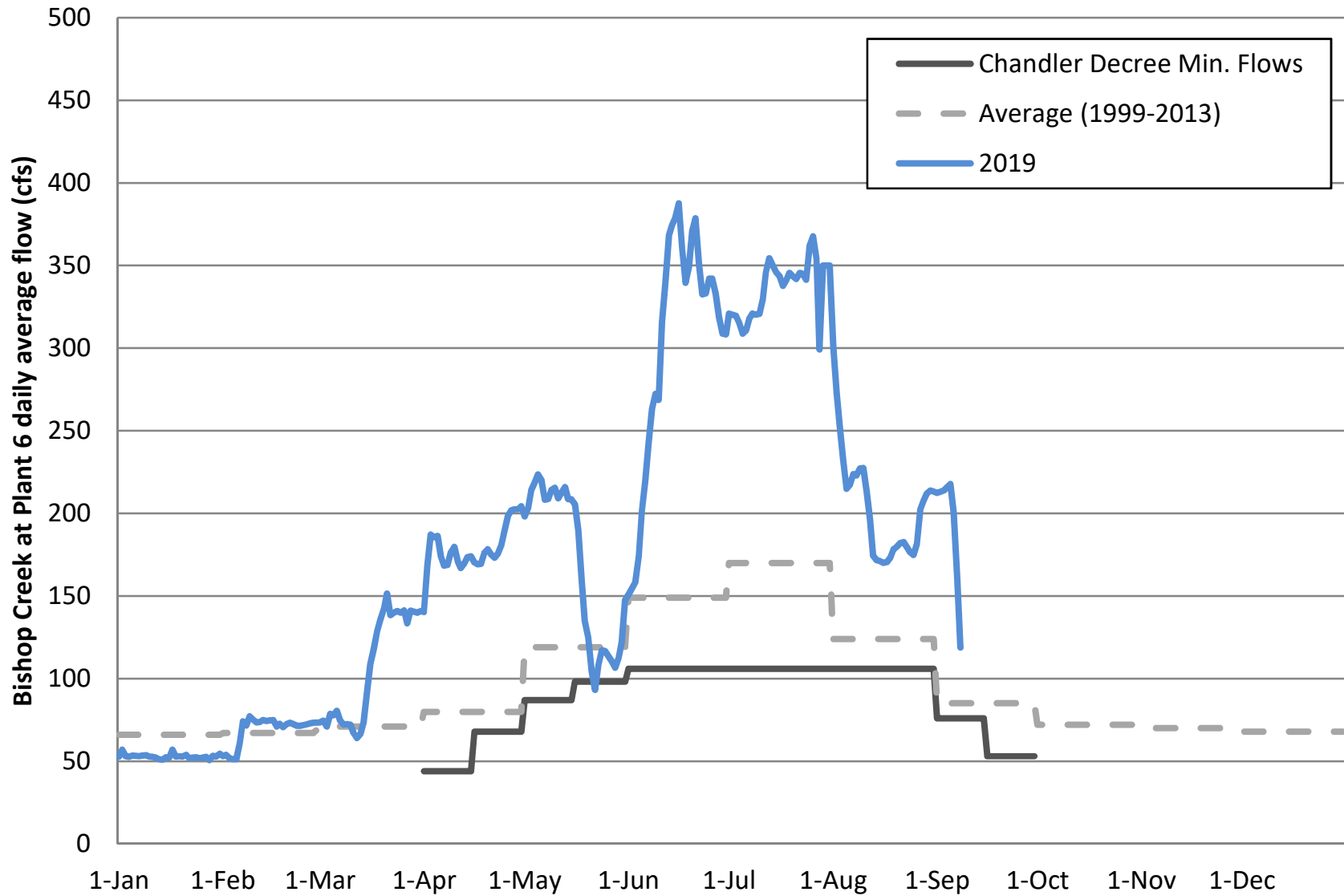
TOTAL CHECKS WRITTEN (2,149.82)

UNION CHECKING ACCOUNT \$ 17,033.12

UNION BANK SAVINGS 41,633.36

TOTAL BANK BALANCES - August 31, 2019 \$ 58,666.48

Bishop Creek Flows at Plant 6



BISHOP CREEK WATER ASSOCIATION

Post Office Box 1273
Bishop, California 93515

August 11, 2019

Rousek J Toy Company Inc.
1325 Rowan Ln
Bishop CA 93514

Dear Mr. Joe Rousek,

Subject: Collapsed Culvert

With the development of the Right Aid Plaza (N/S Sierra Hwy between Rocking W Dr and Barlow Ln.) in about 1987 an irrigation ditch (Matlick Ditch) that flowed across the project property was relocated around the perimeter of the property and put in a new culvert. A new diversion box was built on the NE corner of Sierra Hwy and the new Rocking W Dr, and culvert was installed in either easement or the Rocking W Road Right-of-Way. The Irrigation Water Plans for Tract 188 shows the culvert, a 14" x 22" CMPA, being installed at 8.5 feet west of the east road right-of-way at the Rousek J Toy Co.

For the last several years we have been fighting to deliver water to our members north east of the Right Aid/O'Reilly Auto Parts Store Plazas. We have rebuilt structures, cleaned vaults, tried culvert cleaning, manipulated upstream water deliveries, had ditches cleaned, and finally in June had the City of Bishop use their sewer equipment to video log the culvert on the east side of Rocking W Drive. The result of the video log was the discovery of a collapsed culvert section in the area of the driveway apron at the Rousek Toy Co. I have attached two pictures of the video log, the first has no labeling but was a screen shot taken of the video monitor looking south at approximately 40 feet south of the vault on the north end of the Rousek Toy Co. property (which puts the screen shot at approximately the north edge of the Rousek Toy Co. driveway). The second picture was a screenshot taken looking north approximately 69 feet (picture labelled as such) north of the vault near the north edge of the O'Reilly Auto Parts property line. On the ground surface this is in the vicinity of a tree at the south edge of the Rousek Toy Co. driveway. This places the collapsed culvert section generally beneath the Rousek Toy Co. driveway apron.

The Bishop Creek Water Association has the responsibility for the equitable apportioning and delivering all waters diverted from Bishop Creek and seeing that water from the creek is used responsibly and appropriately. The BCWA Articles and By-Laws (available on the BCWA website, www.bishopcreekwater.org) describe the responsibilities of the association and provides guidance for operating the system.

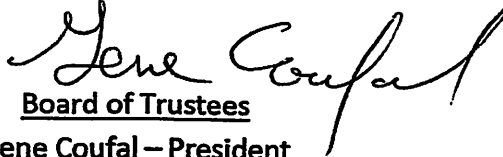
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The BCWA Board requests a meeting with you to discuss repair of the collapsed culvert section. In consideration of your neighbors that are receiving only minimum water we would like to meet as soon as practical. I will contact you the week of August 26 to set up a meeting. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 760 873-6209. We look forward to your cooperation in rectifying this problem.

Sincerely,



Board of Trustees

Gene Coufal – President

Merry Armstrong

Don Kunze

Henry Means

Adam Perez

Enclosure

Cc: Mike Errante, Inyo County Public Works Director

BCWA Watermaster

Board members

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