

Bishop Creek Water Association

Monthly Board Meeting Agenda

June 8, 2021

7:00 pm

Meeting Conducted via Zoom

1. Opening and Introduction
2. Acceptance of the May 11, 2021 Monthly Board Mtg Summary
3. Approval of the May Financial Report
4. Appointment of Water and Arbitration, and Finance Committees
5. Bishop Creek Precipitation, Flow, and Storage Report
6. Old Business
 - a. Restriction in Nelligan Ditch at Norberg/Scott/O'Brien
 - b. Inyo County Road Department policy regarding street culverts
 - c. Membership Reconciliation (mapping)
 - d. Collection of Past Due Assessments
 - e. Ditch Diversion Box Repair/Rebuild Project
 - f. Problems with diversion structure at 2470 Sunrise Dr.
 - g. Watermaster Cell Phone Service Plan
 - h. Bishop Tribe BCWA Membership?
7. Watermaster Report
 - a. Mtg with Chris Thompson (Miles)
 - b. Other
8. New Business
 - a. Other (By Board or Members in Good Standing)
9. Next Monthly Board Meeting– July 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
10. Adjournment

Bishop Creek Water Association
Monthly Board Meeting Summary
May 11, 2021
7:00 pm
Meeting Conducted via Zoom

1. Opening and Introduction

BWCA meeting called to order 7:00 pm. Trustees in attendance: Gene Coufal, Mark Frumkin, Mary Armstrong, Don Kunze and Eric Tillemans. Watermaster Matt Durkee was present.

2. Acceptance of the April 13th, 2021 Monthly Meeting Summary

The April 13th, 2021 Monthly Meeting Summary was accepted as written.

3. Approval of the April Financial Report

The April Financial Report were approved unanimously.

4. Appointment of Water and Arbitration, and Finance Committee Chairpersons

Don will ask Susan and bring names to next meeting.

5. Bishop Creek Precipitation, Flow, and Storage Report

SCE will continue to maintain the minimum flow allowed by the Chandler Decree through early May.

6. Old Business

a. Restriction in Nelligan Ditch at Norberg/Scott/O'Brien

Gene met with Peter Tracy to get his opinion on the issue. He felt that the board had three options; negotiate, walk away or seek a resolution in court. The cost of taking the take the case to Superior Court would be substantial at \$20,000. Small claims court may be an option. The board decided to send another letter for now and to determine the exact property line.

b. Inyo County Road Department policy regarding street culverts

LADWP will meet with Road Department on May 18th.

c. Membership Reconciliation (mapping)

Eric Tillemans will get the maps printed up this week.

d. Collection of Past Due Assessments

ON HOLD

e. Ditch Diversion Box Repair/Rebuild Project

ON HOLD

f. Problem with diversion structure at 2470 Sunrise Dr.

The board will pay a visit to inform the property owner.

g. Watermaster Cell Phone Service Plan

Don Kunze suggested that the board look into "Great Call" which runs at \$24/mo.

h. Bishop Tribe BCWA Membership

No progress

7. Watermaster Report

a. No meeting with DWP A&R Supervisor Chris T (Miles) still waiting on Covid testing

b. 30 phone calls, 2 text messages

Matt reported that the ditch behind Mahogany Smoked Meats has been cleaned and is running good. The ditch through Rosito/Gah is flowing ok. Flows in Highlands are still having issues.

8. New Business

a. A letter from Derek Olson was presented.

9. Next Monthly Board Meeting— June 8th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Respectfully Submitted,


_____ for E.T.

Eric Tillemans

Secretary

Bishop Creek Water Association

BISHOP CREEK WATER ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH

APRIL 2021

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$	3,427.47
SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE		<u>34,973.54</u>

TOTAL BANK BALANCES - March 31, 2021		38,401.01
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DEPOSITS:

Customer Deposits - Into Checking	\$	725.14
Customer Deposits - Into Savings		-
Misc Refund		-
Interest Income		1.91
Transfer from Savings		<u>10,000.00</u>

TOTAL DEPOSITS		10,727.05
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CHECKS WRITTEN:

Water Master Pay -	861.37 + 872.76	\$	1,734.13
Truck Allowance -	200.00 x 2		400.00
Additional Pay - Area Mapping	861.37 + 458.08		1,319.45
Telephone			76.15
Payroll Taxes - IRS			867.51
Payroll Taxes - State			158.76
Payroll Taxes - IRS Unemployment			-
Alex Printing			-
Union Bank Service Charge - (Refunded)			-
Cal Rural Water Assoc Ins			-
State Fund - Worker's Comp Insurance			518.75
Holland & Allred - Quarterly Accounting			-
US Post Office - Stamps			495.00
Brown's			-
Transfer to Savings			<u>-</u>

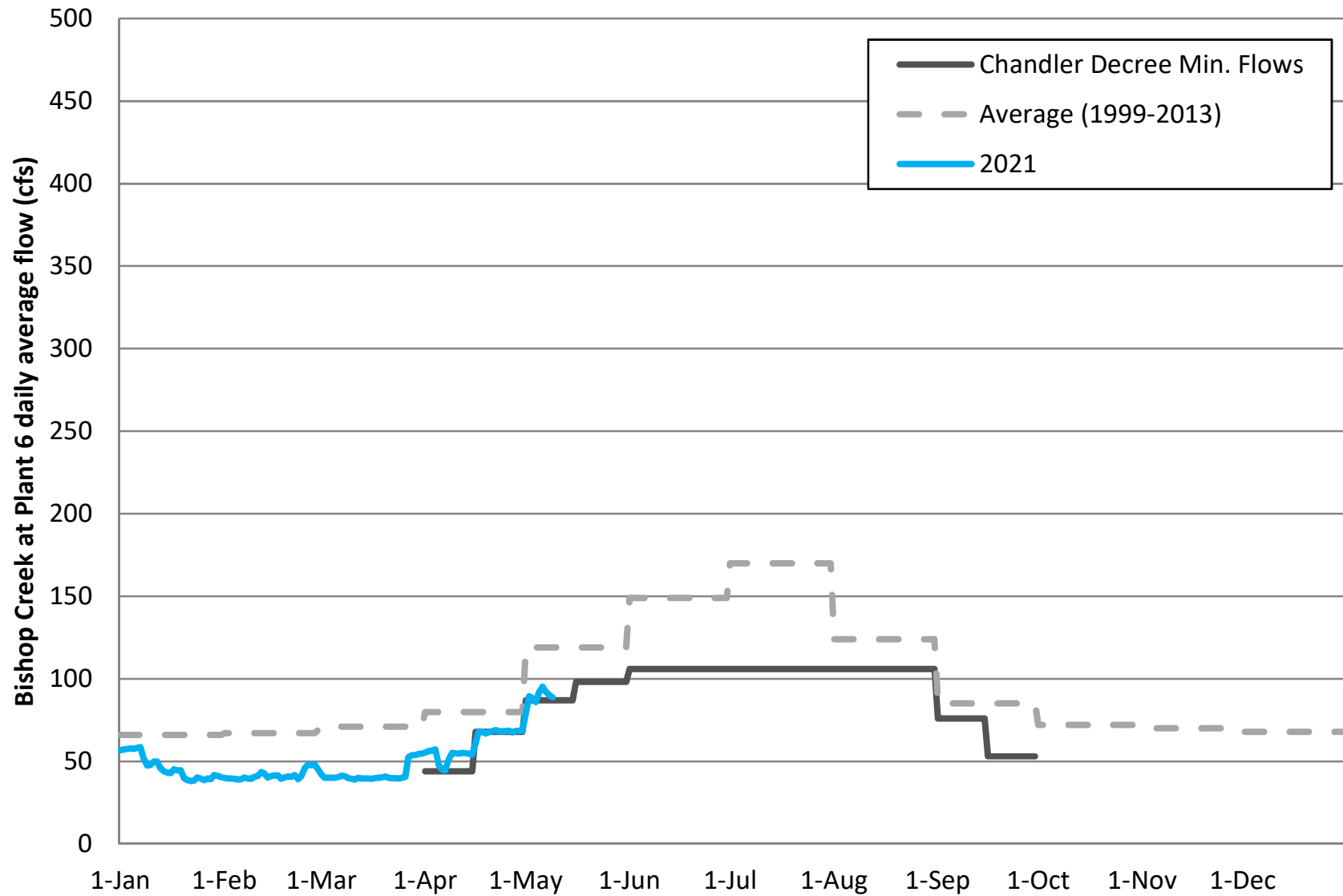
TOTAL CHECKS WRITTEN		<u>(5,569.75)</u>
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UNION CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$	8,582.86
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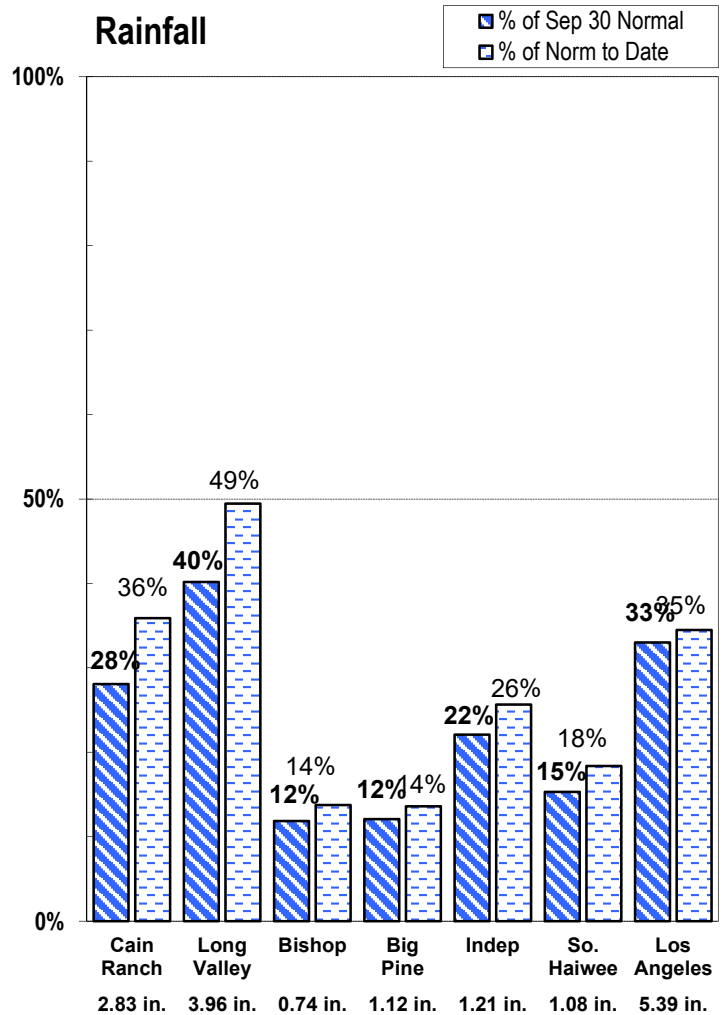
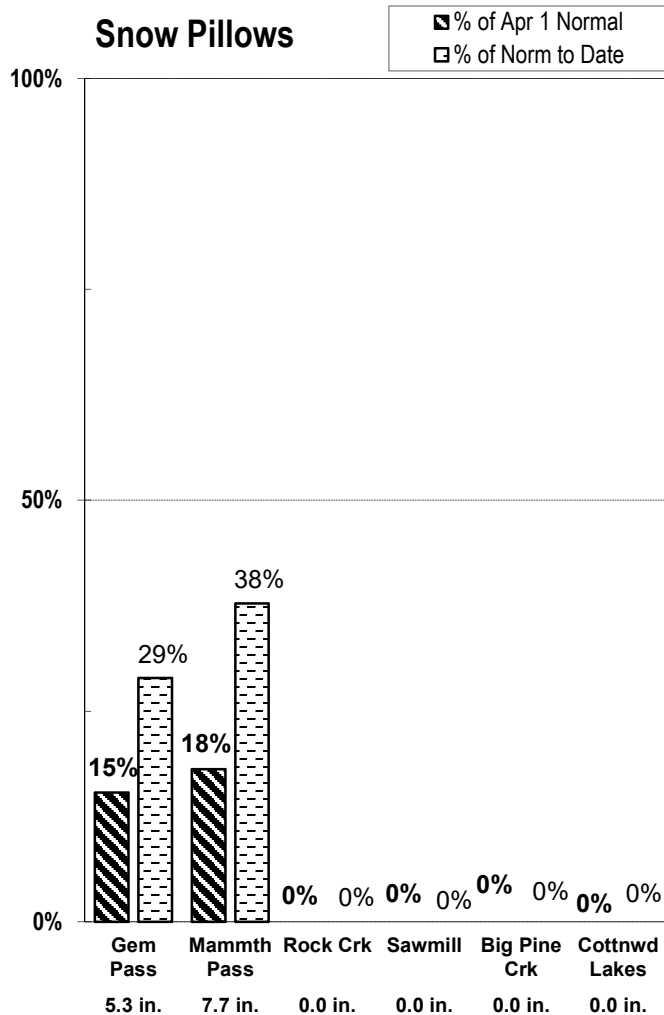
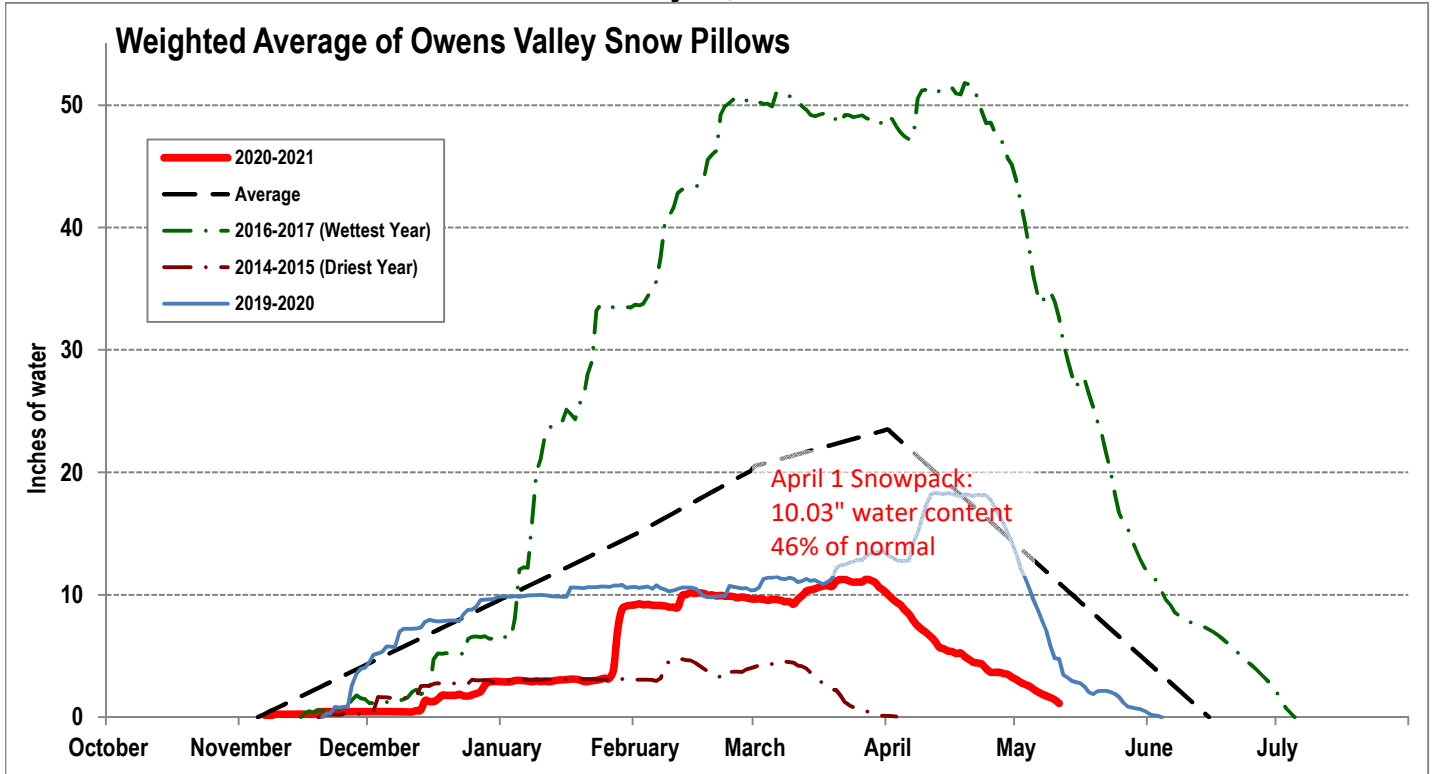
UNION BANK SAVINGS		<u>24,975.45</u>
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TOTAL BANK BALANCES - April 30, 2021	\$	33,558.31
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Bishop Creek Flows at Plant 6

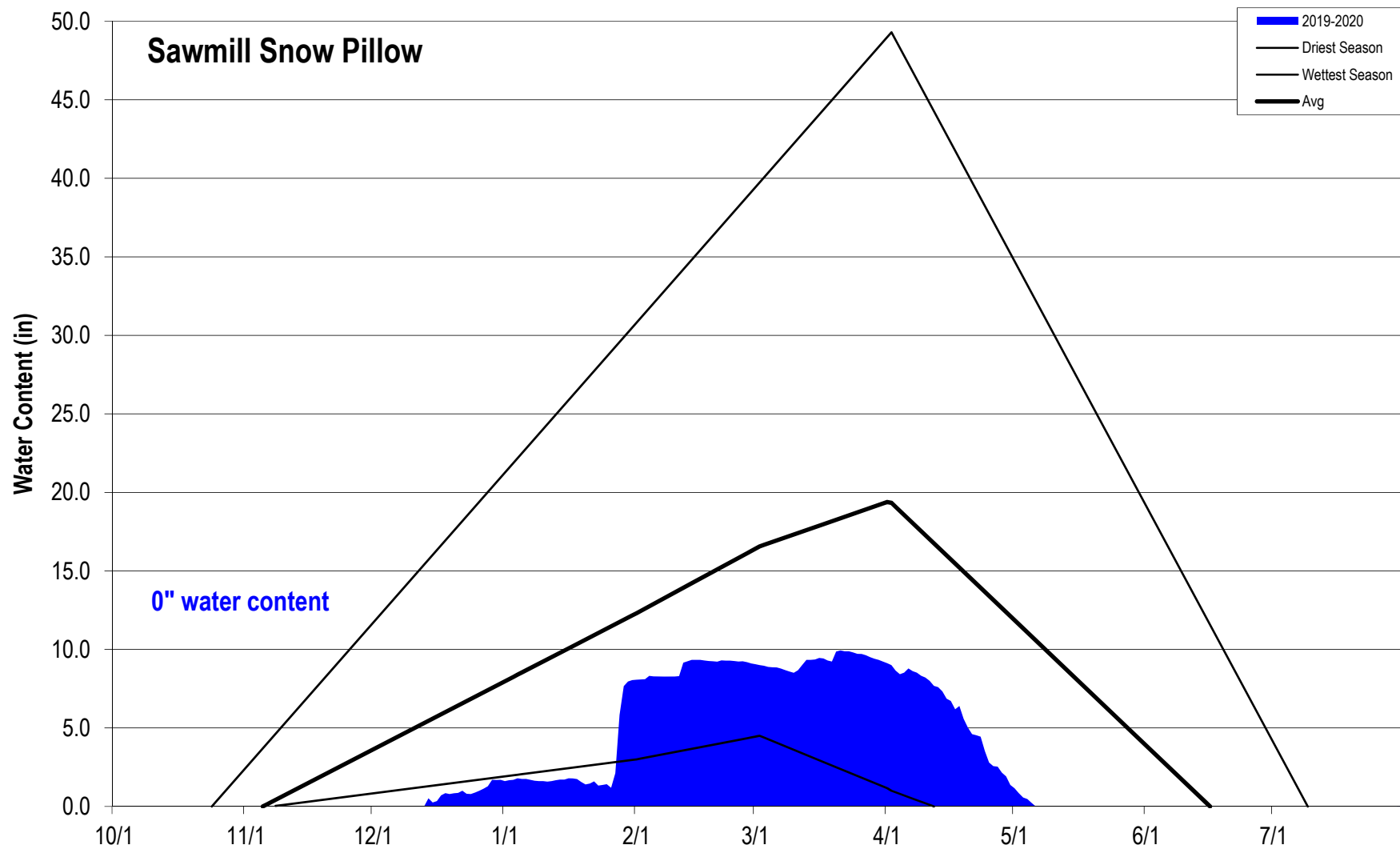


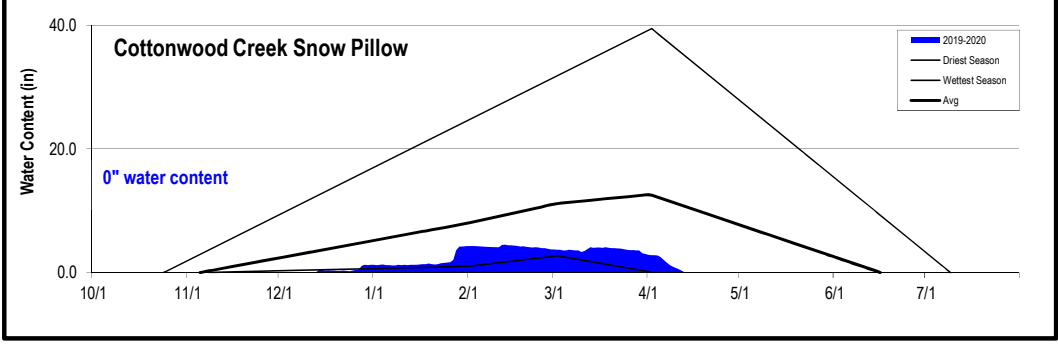
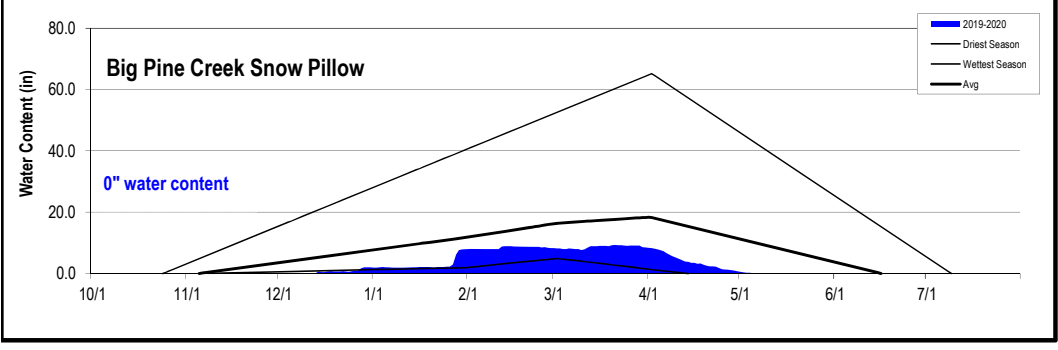
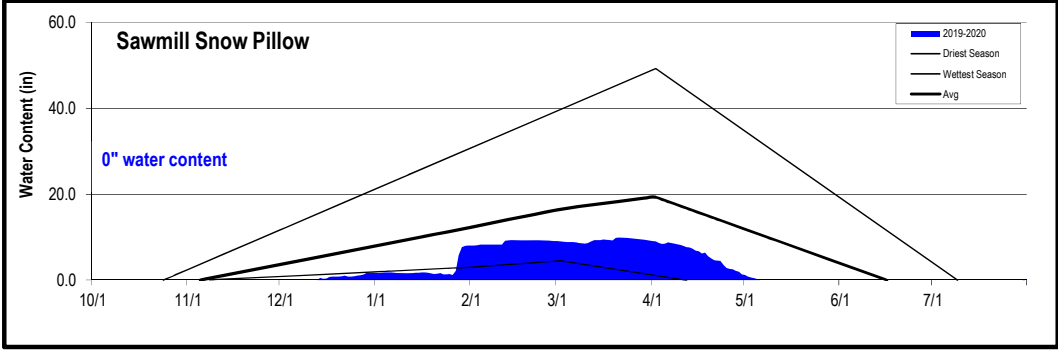
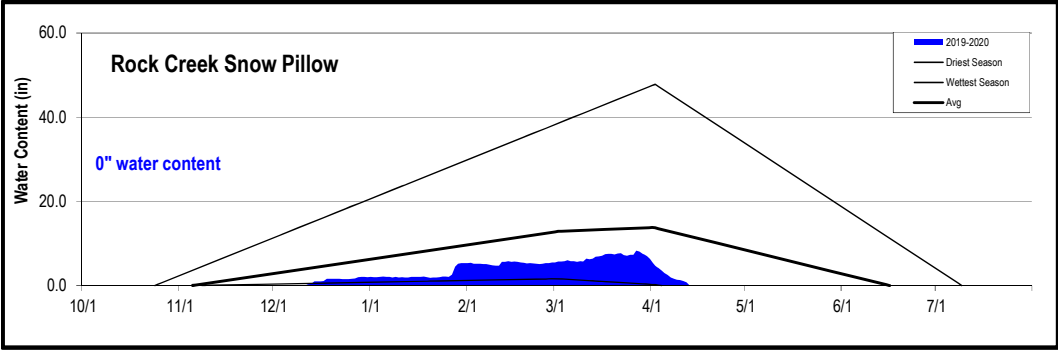
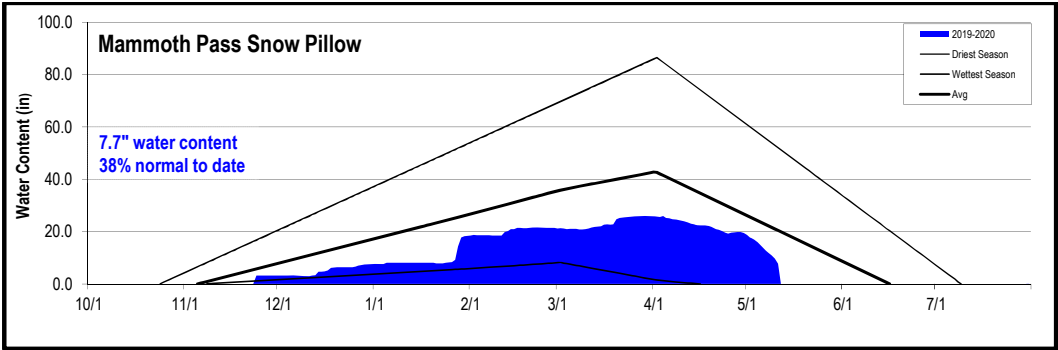
EASTERN SIERRA CURRENT PRECIPITATION CONDITIONS May 11, 2021



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

Sawmill Snow Pillow





Gene-

29 Apr. 2021

With the 2021-2022 Annual Water Assessment soon due I am writing to once again ask that Bishop Creek Water association (BCWA) make corrections and not send me a bill with added, unfair and unreasonable charges. Because I did not receive services like everyone else, and I was treated harshly and ignored, a one-time waiver is only fair. Below is a list of the treatment I received— and did not receive— from BCWA.

- Ditch water was denied for two years while everyone else got it.
- Vegetation and a beautiful, mature birch tree were lost.
- I signed up for email notices about water delivery... none were ever sent.
- My requests for info and my questions on why there was no water were ignored.
- Messages were left with the Watermaster over and over with not one reply.
- At meetings I was given false information, and once overheard a discussion saying my ditch had a "situation". I was excluded from that discussion.
- At one meeting I was verbally attacked; yelled at, ridiculed, and belittled. It was shameful.
- I phoned each of the five Board members and only two replied; one took 3 weeks.
- For eight years I have been harassed with charges added to my bill, adding insult to injury

It's hard to believe this is considered acceptable behavior, swept under the rug with no accountability. My ditch was dry for two years, while everyone else got water. Even my neighbor's ditch, not ten feet away, was gushing. Ditches were overflowing while I got nothing. No explanation, no answers. This is not service. I spent several hours of my time trying to help BCWA— an example of working together. But there was no reciprocation. All I got was abuse, harassment, and punishment. This is just plain wrong.

The way I see it, the Board is hung up on the issue of "control". In your heart you likely agree that what I experienced was unfair, but to admit that would be admitting failure and lack of control. You feel it would be a display of "weakness and defeat". And offering a fee waiver (as accountability for the lack of service and mistreatment) would amount to me "winning". This is nonsense. I have lost many times over. Yet, BCWA continues to impose "punishment", year after year. This type of behavior needs to be acknowledged. The community needs to know about it, so I plan on sending a letter to the paper. But, I thought I'd wait... in case there's a change of heart; for some reason I still have hope and optimism. Accepting accountability and discontinuing the hostile treatment would be a "win" for BCWA, demonstrating fairness, stopping the endless animosity, and showing that the organization is willing to work with its members. It would be the right to do.

Sincerely,





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

TO: Board of Directors
Bishop Creek Water Association
Post Office Box 1273, Bishop, California 93515

FROM: Bill & Maggie Egan

DATE: April 12, 2021

Hello.

Per the BCWD Bylaws, we are writing to inform you of our intended use of ditch water for this spring, summer and fall.

As you likely are aware, we are one of the properties in the system that still flood irrigates; we do not have a sprinkler system. It has been our practice to flood irrigate on Mondays and/or Thursdays. Depending on water supply and climate, we plan to continue with that practice. If that schedule needs to be amended, we will notify the Watermaster.

It is our intention to minimize the impact on water users downstream, and greater flow means that diversion of the main ditch will be for a shorter period of time. As such, we ask that the Watermaster assure that properties upstream are not diverting flow while we are flooding. In the event we suspect that upstream diversions are reducing flow in the main ditch, we will first check the ditch above us. If the ditch appears to be clear of debris, we will contact the Watermaster for a remedy, as stated in the BCWD Bylaws.

We are copying this letter to the residents of the properties we know to be on the same branch of the system with us, which are the 2 properties directly upstream and 2 properties directly downstream from us.

Thank you.

William "Bill" Egan

Margaret "Maggie" Egan

Bishop Creek Water Association Monthly Meeting

Date 5/11/21

Attendance Sheet

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BISHOP CREEK WATER ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH

MAY 2021

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE
SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE

\$ 8,582.86
24,975.45

TOTAL BANK BALANCES - April 30, 2021

33,558.31

DEPOSITS:

Customer Deposits - Into Checking
Customer Deposits - Into Savings
Misc Refund
Interest Income
Transfer from Savings

\$ -
16,132.40
-
2.00
-

TOTAL DEPOSITS

16,134.40

CHECKS WRITTEN:

Water Master Pay - 872.76 x 2
Truck Allowance - 200.00 x 2
Additional Pay - Area Mapping
Telephone
Payroll Taxes - IRS
Payroll Taxes - State
Payroll Taxes - IRS Unemployment
Alex Printing
Union Bank Service Charge - (Refunded)
Cal Rural Water Assoc Ins
State Fund - Worker's Comp Insurance
Holland & Allred - Quarterly Accounting
US Post Office - Stamps
Brown's
Transfer to Savings

\$ 1,745.52
400.00
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76.15
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181.07
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TOTAL CHECKS WRITTEN

(2,402.74)

UNION CHECKING ACCOUNT

\$ 6,180.12

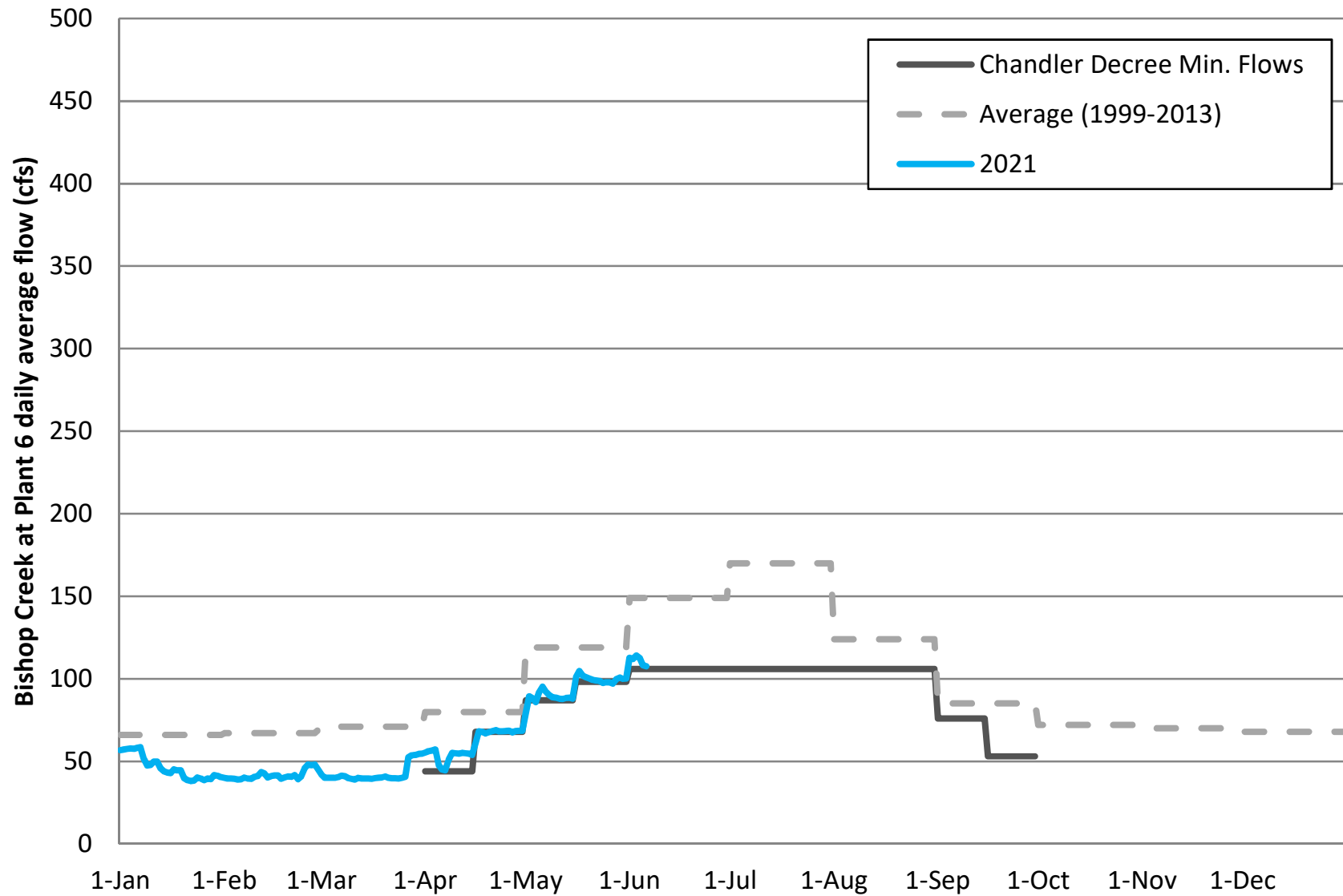
UNION BANK SAVINGS

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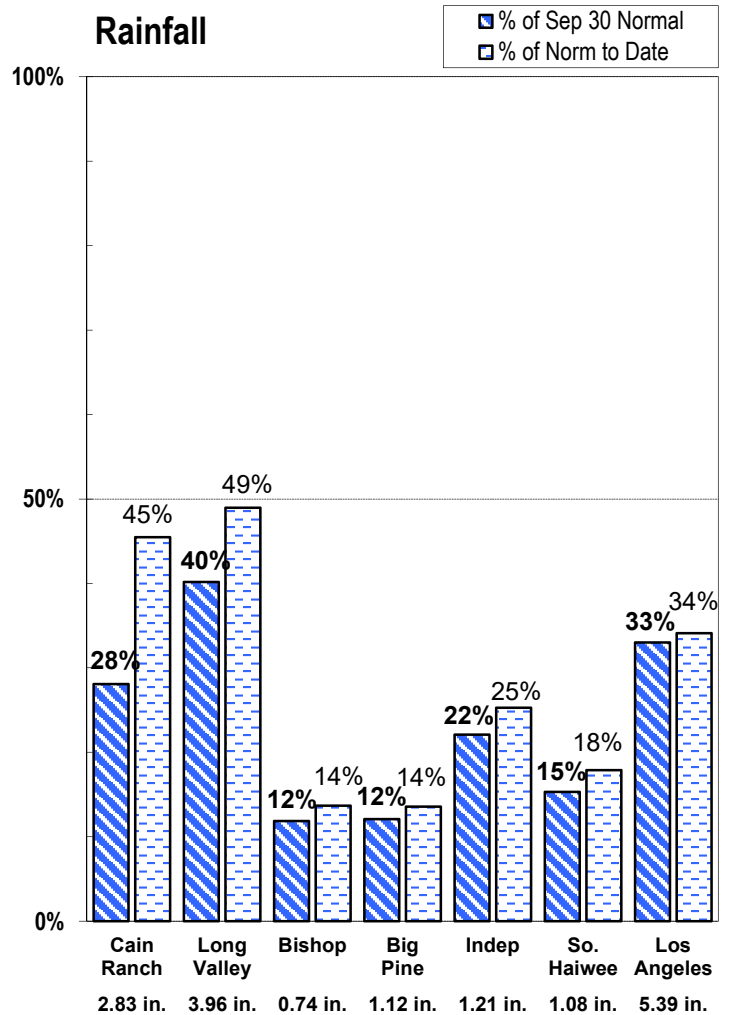
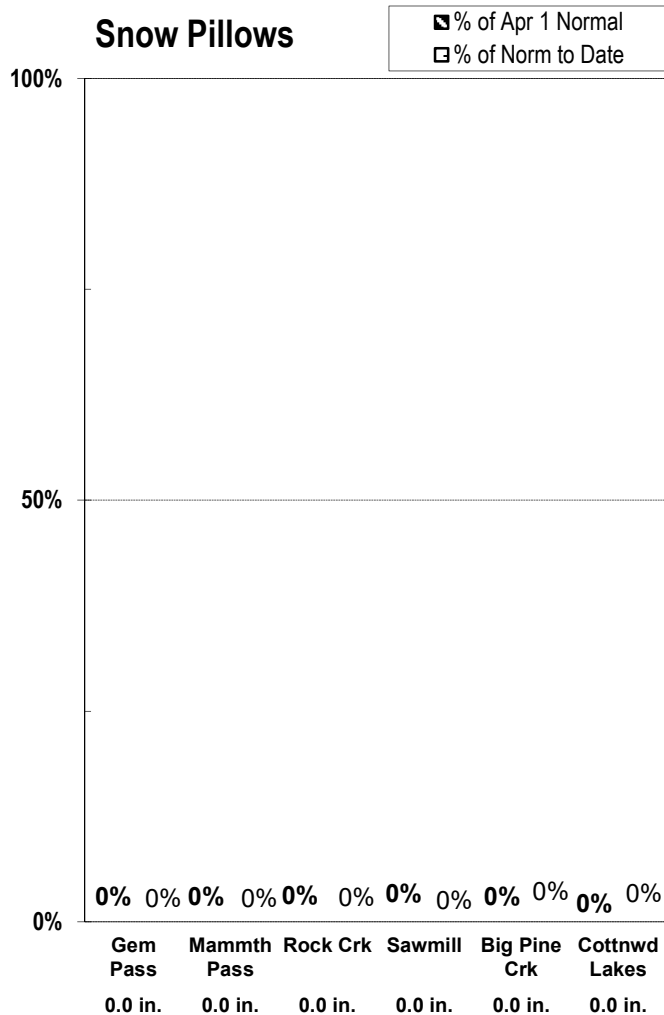
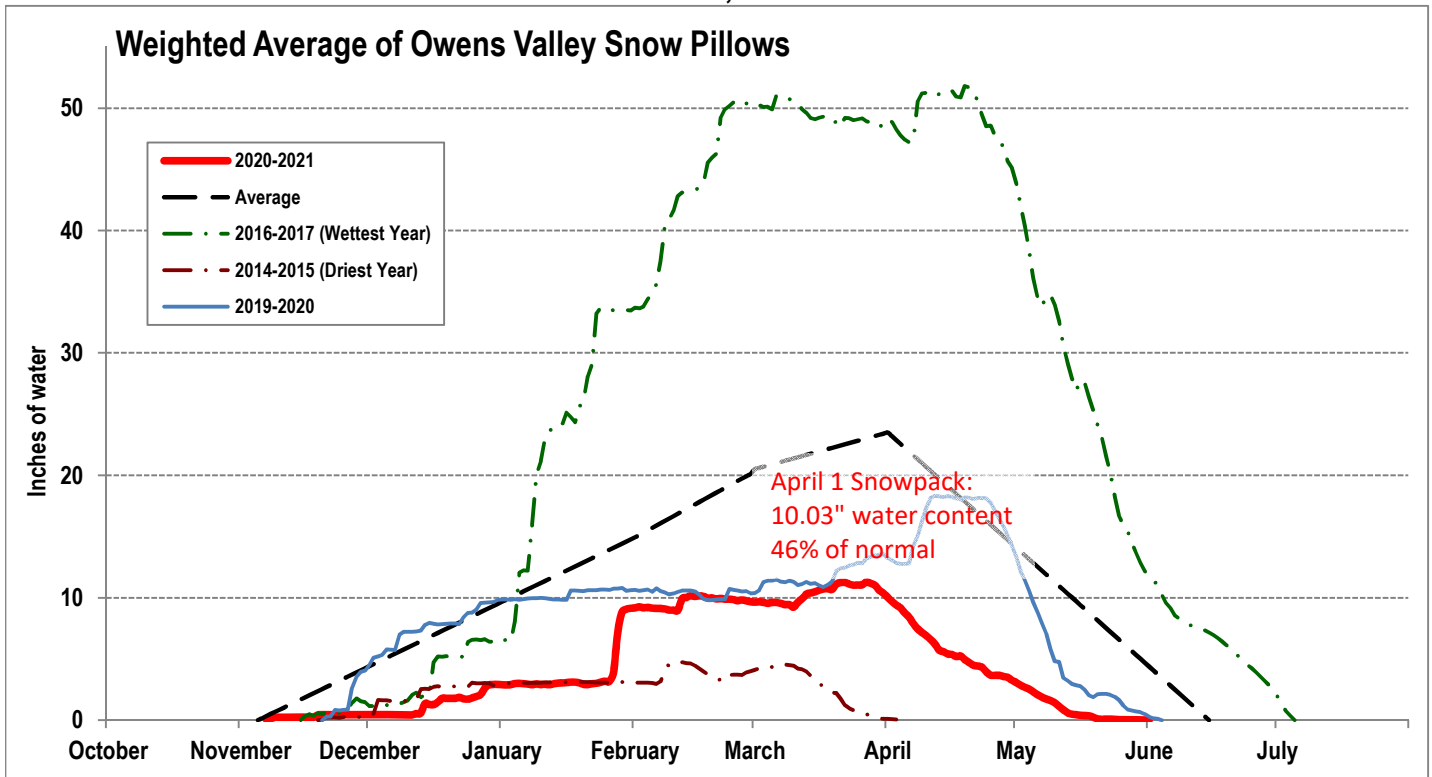
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\$ 47,289.97

Bishop Creek Flows at Plant 6



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