

Bishop Creek Water Association  
Monthly Board Meeting Agenda  
June 9, 2026  
7:00 pm

1. Opening and Introduction
2. Acceptance of May 12, 2026 Monthly Meeting Summary
3. Approval of the May 2026 Financial Report
4. Bishop Creek Precipitation, Flow, and Storage Report
5. Appointment of Finance Committee
6. Old Business
  - a. Street Culverts:
    - i. 3028 Laurel Rd Culvert
    - ii. Annual Culvert Survey
  - b. Low flows on Mt Tom Rd and Vista Rd
  - c. Leakage from Waterson Area Ditch onto LADWP
  - d. Ditch Relocation at NW corner of Carol Ln. (parcel no 011-510-27)
  - e. Collection of Past Due Assessments
  - f. Water Rights filing
  - g. Ditch Diversion Box Repair/Rebuild Project
  - h. Bishop Tribe BCWA Membership?
7. Watermaster Report
8. New Business
  - a. Other (by BCWA Board member or members in good standing)
9. Next Monthly Board Meetings: June 9, 2026, at 7:00 pm at GLCC
10. Adjournment

Bishop Creek Water Association  
Monthly Board Meeting Summary  
May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
7:00 pm

**1. Opening and Introduction**

BWCA Monthly Board meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. Trustees in attendance: Gene Coufal, Mark Frumkin, Don Kunze and Ben Arcularius attended for Eric Tillemans (LADWP). Trustee Merry Armstrong and Watermaster Indigo Ganoung were not present.

**2. Acceptance of April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Monthly Board Meeting Summary**

The April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 monthly Board Meeting Summary was unanimously accepted as written.

**3. Approval of March and April 2026 Financial Reports**

The March and April reports were approved unanimously. Mark reported that dues are set to come in soon and that US Bank still owes \$80.

**4. Snowpack, Precipitation and Bishop Creek Flow and Storage Report**

Ben reported that Plant 6 is currently flowing above Chandler with runoff active.

**5. Appointment of Finance Committee Chairperson**

Tabled until next meeting.

**6. Old Business**

a. Street Culverts

- i. 3028 Laurel Rd Culvert: Working with county as the road is ok but the culvert is still plugged flowing very little water.
- ii. Highland Dr w/o Barlow Ln: Highland Dr culvert replacement project is complete.
- iii. Annual Culvert Survey: no update

b. Low ditch flows at 314 Shepherd Ln: Completed after field visit.

c. Sierra Highway Widening project: Gene reported that water is back on but will still follow up on any needed adjustments.

d. Leakage from Watterson Area Ditch onto LADWP: no update

e. Watermaster Telephone: Don reported after some investigation that we have the cheapest option available. There are cheaper options, however they are only for individuals which the BCWA does not qualify.

f. Ditch Relocation at NW corner of Carol Ln. (Parcel no 011-510-27): No update

g. Collection of Past Dues: The Merry will try to find contact information for the Desiderata Homeowners Board to resolve membership issues.

- h. Water Rights Filing: Have not received any communication from the State Department of Water Rights.
- i. Ditch Diversion Box Repair/Rebuild Project: On hold
- j. Bishop Tribe BCWA Membership: No Update

**7. Watermaster Report**

No report

**8. New Business**

- a. Lows Flows on Mt Tom Rd and Vista Road: Work will continue to resolve this issue. The ditch needs to be cleaned. One owner claims he has damages due to flooding that total \$20,000. The board would like to have the new changes to the bylaws posted to the website.
- b. Ron Yribarren reported issues with Highlands Park making flow changes on his water. It sounded like Ron resolved the problem after working with the upstream property owner. The board offered to write a letter on his behalf if the issue continued.

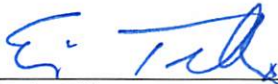
**9. Next Meetings**

- a. The next monthly Board meeting will be held on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Inyo County Board of Education Facility, Lozito Conference Center (GLCC), 166 Grandview Dr., Bishop.

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Eric Tillemans

Secretary

Bishop Creek Water Association

**BISHOP CREEK WATER ASSOCIATION  
2026 FINANCIAL REPORT**

	<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>MARCH</b>	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>JUNE</b>	<b>JULY</b>	<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>YEAR</b>
<b>BEGINNING SAVINGS BALANCE</b>	87130.77	87345.63	77605.12	58039.71									
<b>BEGINNING CHECKING BALANCE</b>	11122.13	3844.26	10401.82	26453.28									
<b>CUSTOMER DEPOSITS TO CHECKING</b>		956.00	262.20	812.00									
<b>WORKERS COMP REFUND</b>													
<b>CUSTOMER DEPOSITS TO SAVINGS</b>													
<b>INTEREST INCOME TO SAVINGS</b>	214.86	259.02	172.39	138.63									
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	214.86	1215.02	434.59	950.63									
<b>TRANSFER FROM SAVING</b>		10000.00	20000.00										
<b>EXPENSES</b>													
<b>WATERMASTER PAY</b>	3668.97	1745.64	1745.64	1745.64									
<b>TRUCK ALLOWANCE</b>	900.00	450.00	450.00	450.00									
<b>WATERMASTER VACATION PAY</b>													
<b>WATERMASTER PHONE</b>	96.42	96.34	81.23	91.19									
<b>PAYROLL TAXES - IRS</b>	1646.90			1116.00									
<b>PAYROLL TAXES - STATE</b>													
<b>PAYROLL - TAXES UNEMPLOYMENT</b>	205.31			202.08									
<b>STATE FUND - WORKERS COMP INS.</b>		595.77											
<b>CAL RURAL SPECIAL DISTRICT INS.</b>				7148.00									
<b>CRWA MEMBERSHIP</b>			278.00										
<b>HOLLAND &amp; ALLRED CPAS</b>	753.77		696.22										
<b>USPS - STAMP/BOX RENT</b>													
<b>PRINTING</b>		1071.19											
<b>LEGAL FEES</b>													
<b>WEBSITE &amp; ZOOM</b>													
<b>DITCH COLVERT FACILITY REPAIR/ MAINT.</b>			690.95										
<b>BANK CHARGES</b>	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50									
<b>Dinner</b>													
<b>BROWN'S</b>													
<b>RETURNED CHECKS/BANK CHARGES</b>													
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	7277.87	3965.44	3948.54	10759.41									
<b>ENDING CHECKING BALANCE</b>	3844.26	10401.82	26453.28	15693.87									
<b>ENDING SAVING ACCT. BALANCE/CD'S</b>	87345.63	77605.12	58039.71	58990.34									
<b>TOTAL BANK BALANCE</b>	91189.89	88006.94	84492.99	74684.21									

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

**MARCH            2026**

USBANK CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$	9,026.00
USBANK SAVINGS ACCOUNT		77,555.63
		<u>-</u>
 TOTAL BANK BALANCES - February 28, 2026		 86,581.63

**DEPOSITS:**

Customer Deposits - Into Checking	\$	-
Customer Deposits - Into Savings		262.20
State Fund Refund - Into Checking		-
Interest Income - Into Savings		221.88
Interest Income - Into CD		-
Transfer from Savings		<u>20,000.00</u>

**TOTAL DEPOSITS** **20,484.08**

**CHECKS WRITTEN:**

Water Master Pay            872.82 x 2	\$	1,745.64
Truck Allowance -            225.00 x 2		450.00
Additional Pay - Severance Time		-
Telephone		81.23
Payroll Taxes - IRS		-
Payroll Taxes - State		-
Payroll Taxes - IRS Unemployment		-
USBank - Service Charge - Checking Account		6.50
USBank - Service Charge - Savings Account		-
CRWA Insurance		7,148.00
Holland & Allred - Quarterly Accounting		696.22
Gene Coufal - Cement for Culvert		690.95
Transfer to Savings		<u>-</u>

**TOTAL CHECKS WRITTEN** **(10,818.54)**

USBANK CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$	18,207.46
USBANK SAVINGS ACCOUNT		58,039.71
		<u>-</u>
 TOTAL BANK BALANCES - March 31, 2026		 \$ 76,247.17

**BISHOP CREEK WATER ASSOCIATION**  
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**APRIL            2026**

USBANK CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$	18,207.46
USBANK SAVINGS ACCOUNT		58,039.71
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<b>TOTAL BANK BALANCES - March 31, 2026</b>		<b>76,247.17</b>

**DEPOSITS:**

Customer Deposits - Into Checking	\$	-
Customer Deposits - Into Savings		812.00
State Fund Refund - Into Checking		-
Interest Income - Into Savings		138.63
Interest Income - Into CD		-
Transfer from Savings		-

**TOTAL DEPOSITS** **950.63**

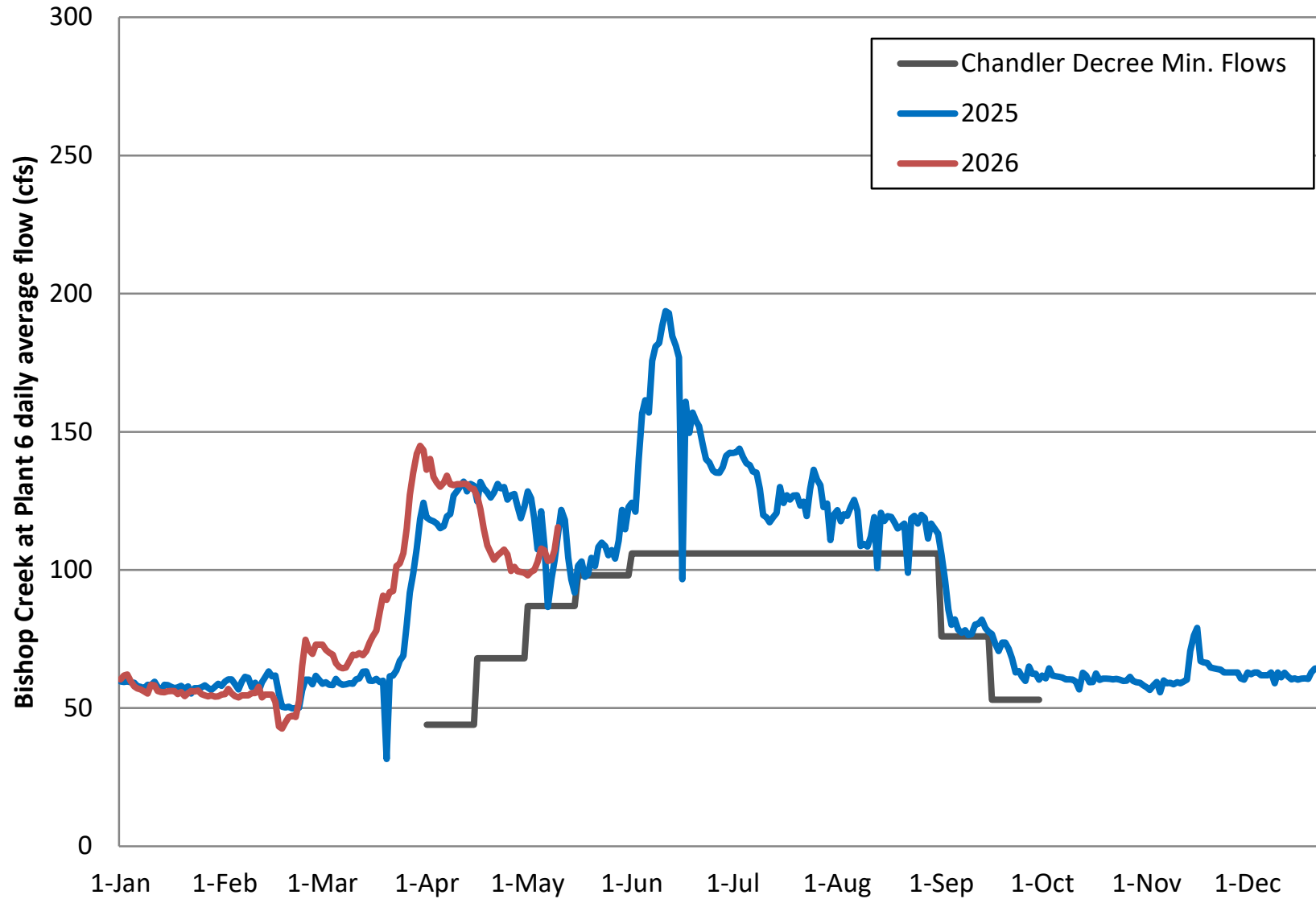
**CHECKS WRITTEN:**

Water Master Pay            872.82 x 2	\$	1,745.64
Truck Allowance -            225.00 x 2		450.00
Additional Pay - Severance Time		-
Telephone		91.19
Payroll Taxes - IRS		1,116.00
Payroll Taxes - State		202.08
Payroll Taxes - IRS Unemployment		-
USBank - Service Charge - Checking Account		6.50
USBank - Service Charge - Savings Account		-
CRWA Insurance		-
Holland & Allred - Quarterly Accounting		-
Gene Coufal - Cement for Culvert		-
Transfer to Savings		-

**TOTAL CHECKS WRITTEN** **(3,611.41)**

USBANK CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$	14,596.05
USBANK SAVINGS ACCOUNT		58,990.34
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<b>TOTAL BANK BALANCES - April 30, 2026</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>73,586.39</b>

# Bishop Creek Flows at Plant 6





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**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH**

**MAY                    2026**

USBANK CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$	14,596.05
USBANK SAVINGS ACCOUNT		58,990.34
		-
 TOTAL BANK BALANCES - April 30, 2026		 73,586.39

**DEPOSITS:**

Customer Deposits - Into Checking	\$	-
Customer Deposits - Into Savings		28,278.00
State Fund Refund - Into Checking		-
Interest Income - Into Savings		168.42
Interest Income - Into CD		-
Transfer from Savings		-

TOTAL DEPOSITS 28,446.42

**CHECKS WRITTEN:**

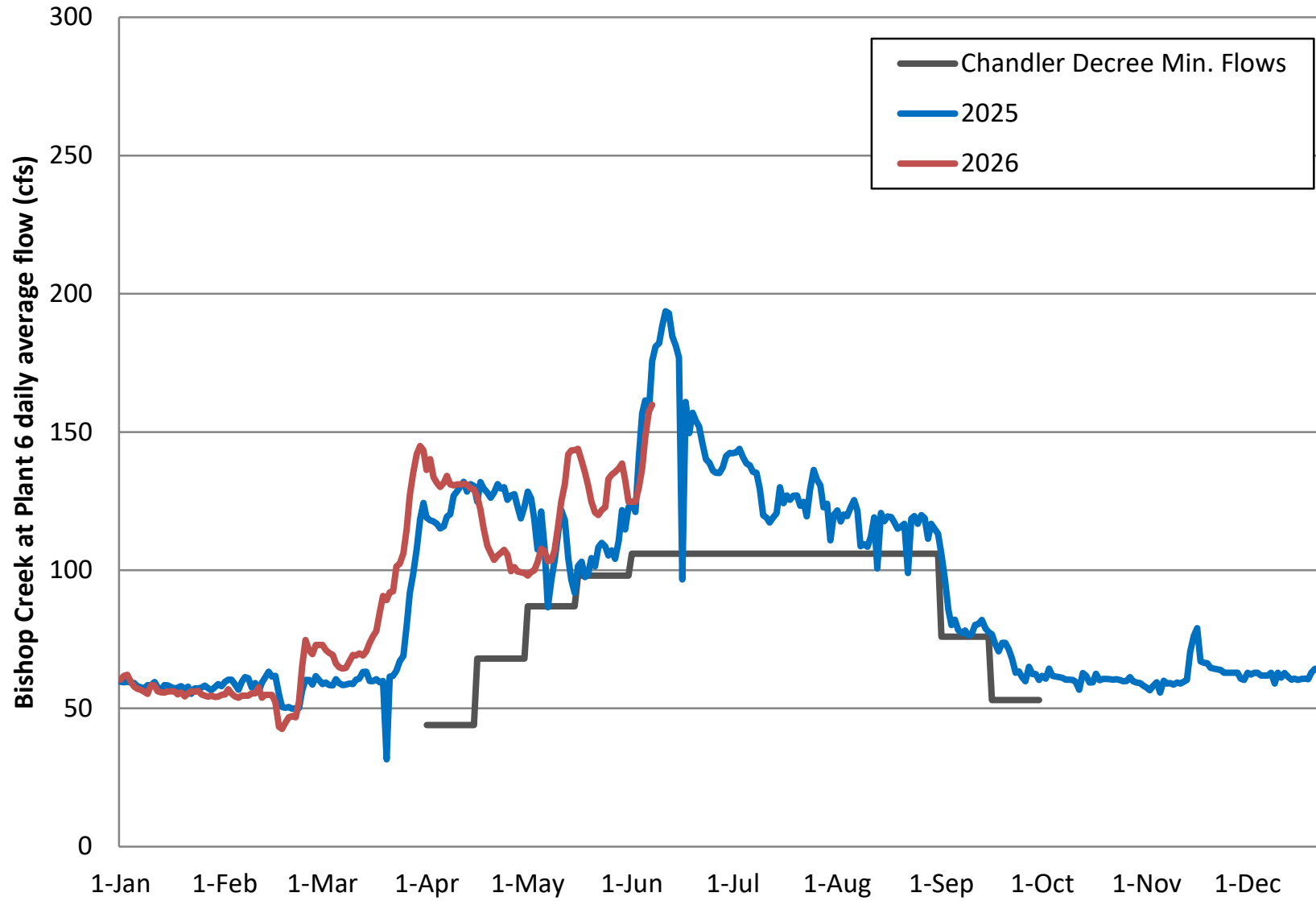
Water Master Pay                    872.82 x 2	\$	1,745.64
Truck Allowance -                    225.00 x 2		450.00
Additional Pay - Severance Time		-
Telephone		96.43
Payroll Taxes - IRS		-
Payroll Taxes - State		-
Payroll Taxes - IRS Unemployment		-
USBank - Service Charge - Checking Account		6.50
USBank - Service Charge - Savings Account		46.75
USPS - Stamps		702.00
Alex Printing		296.07
State Fund		348.75
Gene Coufal - Cement for Culvert		933.57
Transfer to Savings		-

TOTAL CHECKS WRITTEN (4,625.71)

USBANK CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$	10,017.09
USBANK SAVINGS ACCOUNT		87,390.01
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TOTAL BANK BALANCES - May 31, 2026 \$            97,407.10

# Bishop Creek Flows at Plant 6



# BISHOP CREEK WATER ASSOCIATION

Post Office Box 1273  
Bishop, California 93515

Ms. & Mrs. Kevin Switzer  
2601 Highland Dr  
Bishop CA 93514

May 28, 2026

## SECOND NOTICE

Subject: Obstructed Ditch Flow at 2601 Highland Dr.

To: Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Switzer,

After numerous attempts, on May 20, 2026, Indigo Ganoung, Watermaster for the Bishop Creek Water Association (BCWA), was able to talk to Mrs. Annette Switzer at your home regarding the overgrown ditch on the east side of your property (along Barlow Ln.) It was not flowing freely, causing water to back up into the street with nearly continuous flooding of the Highland Dr and Barlow Ln. intersection. Your attempt to remove some of the overgrown vegetation provided some relief but was far from fixing the problem. Flooding of the street, in addition to being a violation of the BCWA's MOU with Inyo County, is wasteful and creates a hazardous situation and potentially damages the street pavement. The MOU requires a reduction of ditch flow until the obstruction is removed. Reducing the ditch flow in this situation affects your upstream neighbors on two complete streets as it limits the amount of water that the Watermaster can deliver to the BCWA members.

The BCWA 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 describe the responsibilities of its members and provides guidance for operating the system. By virtue of having water diverted from Bishop Creek on your property you are automatically a member of the BCWA (Article VII, Section 2). It is the responsibility of each member/property owner to maintain the water conveyance facilities on their property in clean working condition so that equitable flows can be maintained.

The above-described impedance of flow is explicitly in violation of the BCWA Articles and By-Laws. Specifically, Article IX, Sections 4 and 5 say:

### **Section 4**

*"Each member shall keep his ditches free and clear of debris (sand, silt, rocks, grass, weeds, and trash) so that water, including waste water, may move for the beneficial use of members below."*

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## **Section 5**

*"In the event the equitable distribution of water is impeded or interfered with causing flooding, wastage or other detriment to the flow of water to occur by reason of the refusal, inability or neglect of any member or members to remedy the same, the association may, after due notice, have the remedial work performed and the responsible member or members shall be billed therefor, at the cost of the work. "*

The BCWA Articles and By-Laws is available on the BCWA website, [www.bishopcreekwater.org](http://www.bishopcreekwater.org).

You will need to have the ditch on the east edge of your property cleared of debris and enlarged to handle the flow from the two ditches entering your property so that water flows freely from where it enters your property to where it exits. To resolve this problem the necessary work on this ditch needs to be completed as soon as possible but no later than by June 12, 2026. Failure to do so will result in the Board of the BCWA having to seek a remedy that will restore the ditch flow capacity. The cost of doing this work will be passed on to you as the property owner.

If there is a need to reduce the ditch flow while the work is being performed, please contact the BCWA Watermaster Indigo Ganoung, at (760) 920-7981. Please notify the BCWA Watermaster when the work is completed so that it may be inspected. If you have any questions regarding this or wish to discuss it, please contact me at the phone number below.

Sincerely,



Board of Trustees

Gene Coufal – President (760) 873-6209

Merry Armstrong (760) 920-9959

Don Kunze (760) 937-1028

Mark Frumkin (818) 590-0554

Eric Tillemans (760) 920-8989

Cc: BCWA Board Members  
BCWA Watermaster

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