

Bishop Creek Water Association
Monthly Board Meeting Agenda
July 14, 2026
7:00 pm

1. Opening and Introduction
2. Acceptance of June 9, 2026 Monthly Meeting Summary
3. Approval of the June 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. Damaged Diversion Structure at 218 Yaney St
 - b. Use of Ditch Water at 210 S Mtn View Rd (member not in good standing)
 - c. Other (by BCWA Board member or members in good standing)
9. Next Monthly Board Meetings: August 11, 2026, at 7:00 pm at GLCC
10. Adjournment

Bishop Creek Water Association
Monthly Board Meeting Summary
June 9th, 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, Merry Armstrong and Tony Tillemans (attending for Eric Tillemans (LADWP)). Watermaster Indigo Ganoung was also present.

2. Acceptance of May 12th, 2026 Monthly Board Meeting Summary

The May 12th, 2026 monthly Board Meeting Summary was accepted as written.

3. Approval of May 2026 Financial Report

The May report was approved unanimously. Mark reported the banking issues have been resolved.

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

Chris Thompson reported that South Lake could possibly be drained in Sept/Oct for SCE maintenance work. This could cause lower flows. Currently, SCE has maintained Bishop Creek flows above Chandler Decree minimums.

5. Appointment of Finance Committee Chairperson

The bylaws state the committee must have 5 members. Mark, the committee chairperson, is working on a full committee to recommend for approval.

6. Old Business

a. Street Culverts

- i. 3028 Laurel Rd Culvert: This is the next culvert the Board is wanting to be replaced by the Inyo County Road Department.
- ii. Annual Culvert Survey: The annual meeting with the Inyo County Road Department will be held in September and the survey will need to be completed by then.

- b. Low ditch flows in vicinity of Ranch Rd at Mt Tom Rd and Vista Rd: A blocked culvert/ditch on the west side of Mt Tom Rd has caused the issue to arise again. Absentee property owners are neglecting ditch maintenance which is leading to the ongoing problem. A letter will be sent to the owner of 317 Mt Tom regarding lack of maintenance. Gene reported that some of the downstream owners were talking about having backhoe work done to clean the debris. Merry added that the BCWA board can advise on these types of issues but that the responsibility for maintenance remains

with the owners. Also, Merry reported that the county placed a metal plate over the culvert in Ranch Rd at Vista Rd.

- c. Leakage from Watterson Area Ditch onto LADWP: DWP is looking into this issue.
- d. Ditch Relocation at NW corner of Carol Ln. (Parcel no 011-510-27): No update
- e. Collection of Past Dues: There is an issue with properties in Desiderata. Merry is trying to gather more information including property boundaries. Residents may need to be contacted and Merry will reach out to a realtor.
- f. Water Rights Filing: Have not received any communication from the State Department of Water Rights.
- g. Ditch Diversion Box Repair/Rebuild Project: On hold
- h. Bishop Tribe BCWA Membership: No Update

7. Watermaster Report

Indigo just returned back from vacation.

8. New Business

a. Other:

- Mark raised a question about O'Brien property utilizing flood irrigation water while being severely past due. Gene will proceed with legal route hoping for a favorable ruling from judge that may end with a lien on property.
- Chris Thompson plans on holding cross training with Indigo to help cooperative operations.
- Merry inquired about the fallen tree on the reservation during the May 17th windstorm. Gene reported that Dan Stone, Tribe Watermaster, resolved the issue within a few days.
- Gene reported that the flooding continues to be a problem at the corner of Barlow and Highland. Gene asked Tony to hand deliver the May 28, 2026 letter to Mr. Kevin Switzer that was sent by certified mail but refused by the recipient.
- Gene reported that the water structure at 218 Yaney is causing issues. Chris reported that a car accident caused the issue and water was flooding onto DWP land. DWP will investigate the issue and may reach out to Real Estate division to pursue moving the ditch.
- Clooney Check Structure: DWP recently visited to facilitate lowering the flow for construction crews.
- 209 Mt Tom Rd: Gene reported flow issues being caused by a new upstream property owner who is flood irrigating. Gene asked Indigo to contact the upstream owner and explain the practice of leaving pass through water while flood irrigating.
- Don raised issue of providing a reliable vehicle for the Watermaster to respond to issues. He proposed leasing a truck for 3 years (\$2,500 down with \$468 monthly payment). Gene asked Indigo to consider the idea while also proposing an increase to the monthly truck allowance to help

cover the rising fuel costs. Merry requested Indigo to track mileage during work visits. Gene motioned to increase monthly allowance by \$100 which passed unanimously. This increase will start during the current pay period.

9. Next Meetings

- a. The next monthly Board meeting will be held on July 11, 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 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Eric Tillemans

Secretary

Bishop Creek Water Association

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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
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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
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CHECKS WRITTEN:

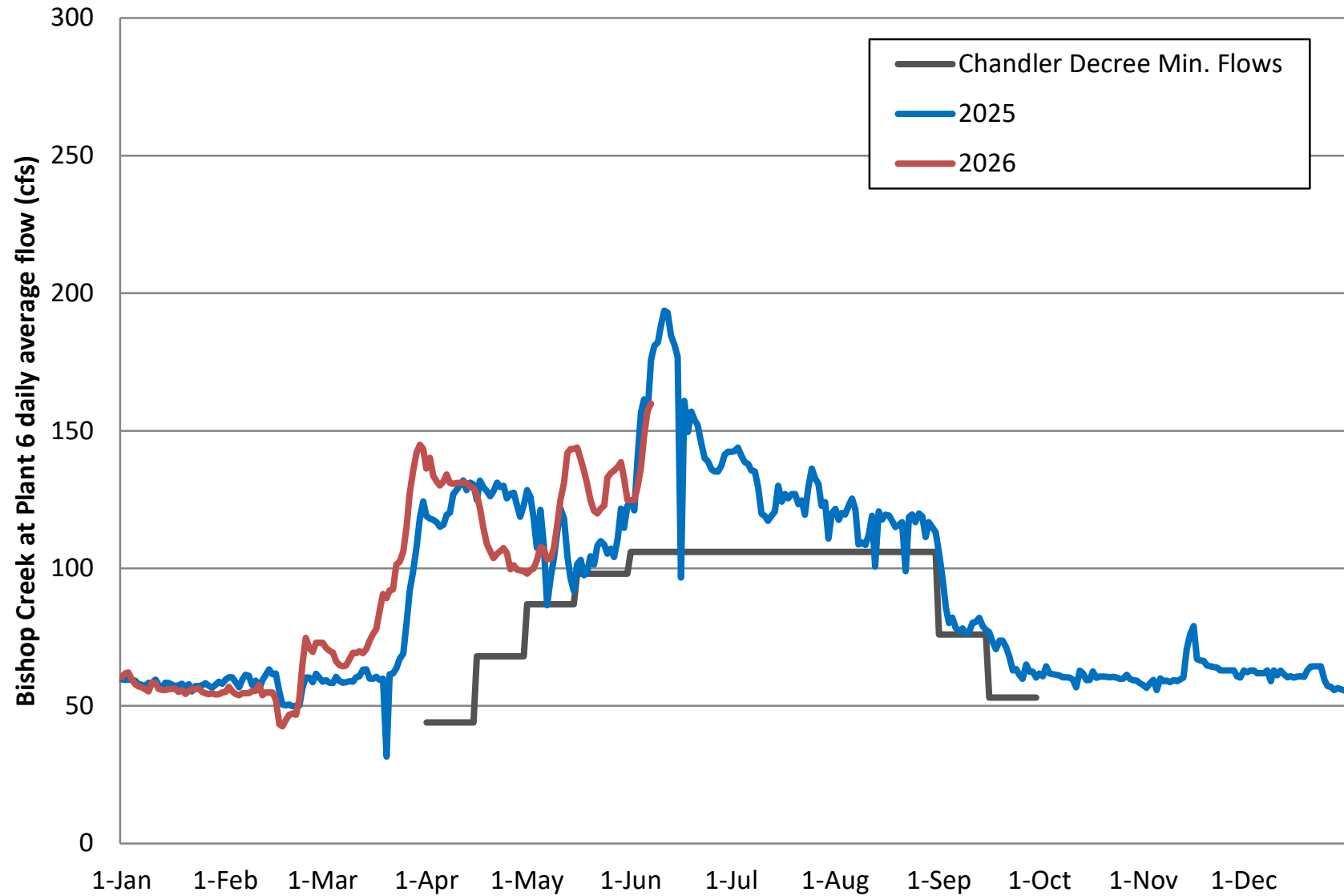
Water Master Pay 872.82 x 2	\$	1,745.64
Truck Allowance - 225.00 x 2		450.00
Additional Pay - Severance Time		-
Telephone		96.43
Payroll Taxes - IRS		-
Payroll Taxes - State		-
Payroll Taxes - IRS Unemployment		-
USBank - Service Charge - Checking Account		6.50
USBank - Service Charge - Savings Account		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)
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USBANK CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$	10,017.09
USBANK SAVINGS ACCOUNT		87,390.01

TOTAL BANK BALANCES - May 31, 2026	\$	97,407.10
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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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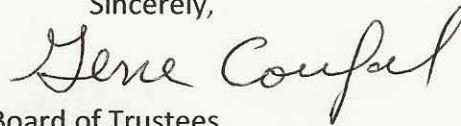
"In the event the equitable distribution of water is impeded or interfered with causing flooding, wastage or other detriment to the flow of water to occur by reason of the refusal, inability or neglect of any member or members to remedy the same, the association may, after due notice, have the remedial 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.

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

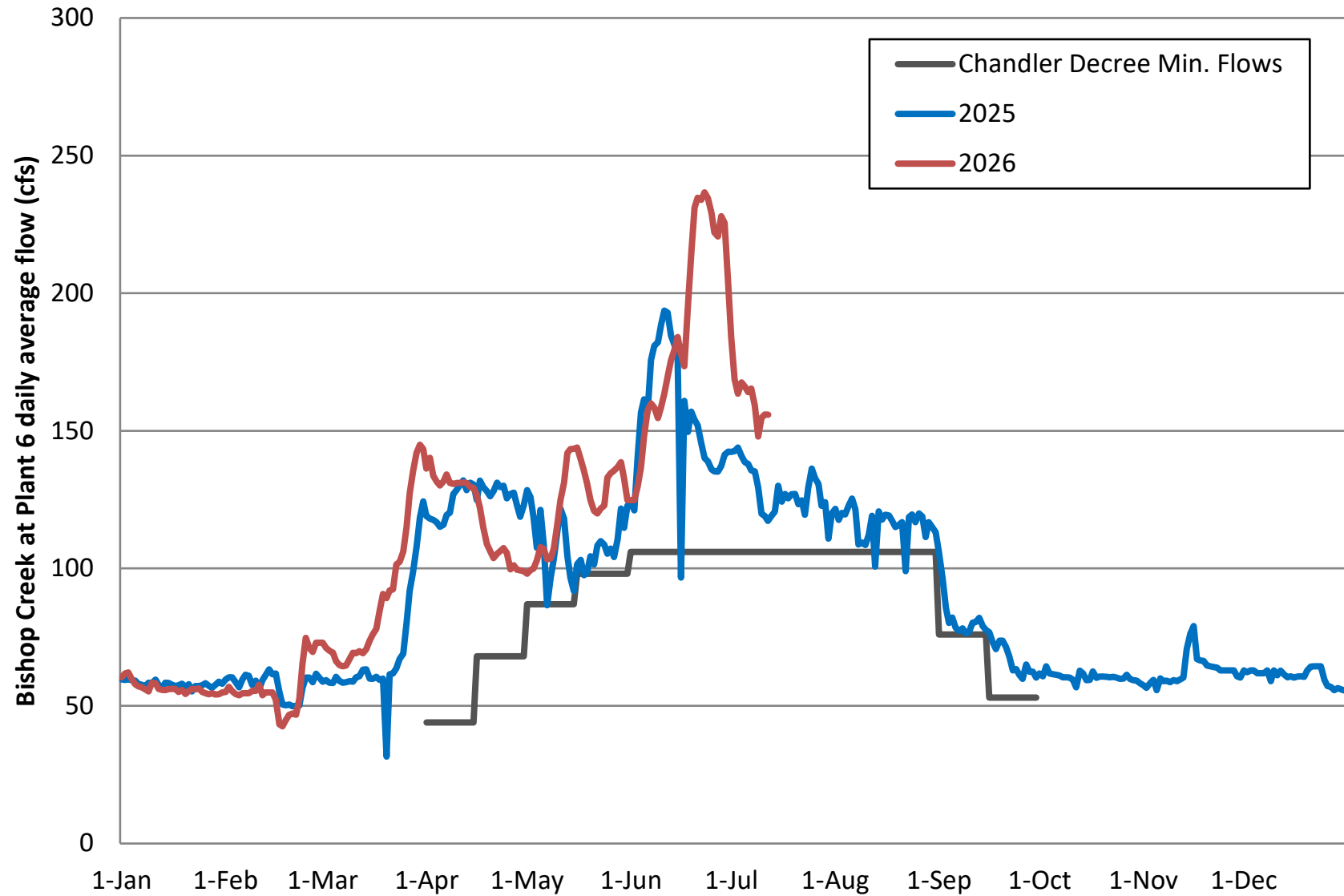
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Ms. Linda Christian
5037 Leed St
Simi Valley CA 9

June 15, 2026

Subject: Obstructed Ditch Flow at 317 Mt Tom Rd., Bishop CA

To: Ms. Linda Christian,

Numerous visits during the May/June period have been made to Mt Tom Rd by the BCWA (Bishop Creek Water Association) Watermaster and Board members due to complaints regarding flooding, backing up of ditch flows, and water running into the street. One of the major culprits of this is the obstructed, overgrown ditches on your property. The debris and vegetation growing in the ditches on your property is creating problems for your upstream and downstream neighbors. In addition, flooding of the street is both: 1) a violation of the BCWA's MOU with Inyo County; and 2) is wasteful and creates a hazardous situation and potentially damages the street pavement. The MOU requires a reduction of ditch flow until the obstruction causing the street flooding is removed. Reducing the ditch flow in this situation affects your upstream neighbors as it limits the amount of water that the Watermaster can deliver to other BCWA members.

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