

MINUTES OF EMERGENCY MEETING OF JOINT COMMITTEE  
OF THE OWYHEE PROJECT

March 7, 2017

An emergency meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project to discuss water releases from the Owyhee Dam was held at the offices of Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna & Horton, LLP, 106 Main Street, Nyssa Oregon, at 11:08 a.m., on March 7, 2017, Eric White, Chairman, presiding.

The following members of the Joint Committee were present:

Brett Nielsen	Eric White
Frank Ausman	Jerry Nagaki
Dan Tschida	Chris Landa

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, Manager of the Hydro Projects; John Eells, South Board Manager; Monty Culbertson from the Owyhee Ditch Company; Harvey Manser, OID Assistant Manager; Bruce Corn, OID Alternate; Kathy Glenn, Legal Assistant; and Larry Meyer, *Argus Observer* Reporter.

MEETING NOTICE. Mr. Chamberlin stated that this is an emergency meeting and that the reason for the meeting is to discuss the incoming water situation and potential flooding. Mr. Chamberlin said that he did contact the Argus Observer and notified them of today's meeting prior to the meeting.

REPORT ON SNOW COURSE FLIGHT. Mr. Chamberlin said that the situation is right where it needs to be but that it can change fast due to the weather forecast calling for warm temperatures and wet weather in the mid to later part of the week. Mr. Chamberlin said that he was unable to fly the whole snow course due to weather conditions. He said what he did see is there is only a dusting of snow at the Succor Creek site. Based on looking towards Jordan Valley, it looks like the low-valley snow is gone. According to the Snotel report, there is still a considerable amount of snow at most of the sites. Mudflat is about 104% of normal. Mr. Chamberlin ran a comparison of the years and discussed the numbers.

WATER INFLOW SITUATION AND FORECAST. Mr. Chamberlin passed around a handout on storage, releases, and inflows. Copies of the handouts are attached to these minutes. The Committee members reviewed and discussed the inflows and forecasts.

WATER RELEASES. A lengthy discussion was had on water releases and balancing the need to fill the reservoir with minimizing downstream flooding. Mr. Chamberlin recommended opening one jet flow valve and then meeting again based upon inflows. After a

detailed discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Landa and was seconded by Mr. Nielsen to release water through one of the jet flow valves slowly increasing the flow to 700 cfs through the valve. A vote was had on the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Corn said it is important for Mr. Chamberlin to try to fly again.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Secretary

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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MONTHLY FORECAST SUMMARY  
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FORECAST	PERIOD	1981-2010 AVERAGE (1000AF)	NORMAL SUBSEQUENT CONDITIONS			120% NORMAL SUBSEQUENT CONDITIONS		80% NORMAL SUBSEQUENT CONDITIONS	
			FORECAST (1000AF)	PERCENT NORMAL		FORECAST (1000AF)	PERCENT NORMAL	FORECAST (1000AF)	PERCENT NORMAL
			AVE	NORM	%	HIGH	%	LOW	%
ANDERSON	MAR-JUL	520.2	848.0	163					
BAKER	MAR-JUL	70.0	92.9	133	97.7	140	88.2	126	
BEULAH LTF	MAR-JUN	72.1	94.0	130	102.4	142	85.7	119	
BOISE*	MAR-JUL	1434.3	2200.0	153					
BULLY CREEK	MAR-JUN	25.9	39.4	152	44.0	170	34.7	134	
CASCADE	MAR-JUL	533.5	701.4	131	748.8	140	654.1	123	
DEADWOOD	MAR-JUL	129.8	179.9	139	190.5	147	169.3	130	
HORSESHOE BEND	MAR-JUL	1658.5	2311.1	139	2462.8	148	2159.4	130	
MANN CREEK	MAR-JUN	24.2	31.0	128					
MAL. NR. DREWSEY	MAR-JUN	102.9	134.7	131	148.2	144	121.1	118	
N. F. MALHEUR R.	MAR-JUN	66.3	84.4	127	92.0	139	76.8	116	
OWYHEE	MAR-JUN	534.3	782.8	146	867.5	162	698.0	131	
OWYHEE NR. ROME	MAR-JUN	498.3	671.3	135	744.9	150	597.6	120	
WARM SPRINGS LTF	MAR-JUN	108.8	144.6	133	159.2	146	130.0	119	
WILDHORSE	MAR-JUN	29.4	54.8	187	58.7	200	50.9	173	
UNITY	MAR-JUL	46.6	64.6	139	70.1	150	59.2	127	

\*Coordinated