

Water Rights Committee Report

September 9, 2022

Purpose: To protect our Water Rights, operate our exchanges, and remain in compliance with the State Department of Water Resources

Co-Chairs as Pat Sorenson and Karl Davis; members as Roy McCutchen, Paul Flanagan, Ryan Sommers and Selina Davis

What another green lush wet past month or so we have seen in BEM! Recent precipitation has brought lake levels up keeping pace with evaporation and downstream releases.

Our water engineers have updated our spreadsheet showing our reduced Return Flow obligation this water year and the first spreadsheet with the changes has been submitted to the state.

The Water Rights Committee was sent the first draft for our upcoming Diligence Filing that is now under review for this year.

One of our biggest “operational” tasks remains at the lower flume pocket and upstream bank improvements but we understand Op’s. has recently met with a contractor to prepare a work order for possible repairs in early October, weather and site conditions permitting.

A very big thank you to operations for digging out an area upstream of the upper flume for the water flow to settle before entering the flume.

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