

March 29, 2022

Arnold Irrigation District
Special Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Bob Schuur at 3:00 pm via conference phone. All people were present via conference phone only. Board members present were Bob Schuur, Walt Warchol, Rob Rastovich, Steve Johnson, and Juanita Harvey.

The purpose of today's meeting is to discuss the natural flows, to determine a possible start-up date for the 2022 irrigation season, and to discuss how the start-up would occur.

Steve stated that there is 800 cfs of natural flow at the beginning of April. He suggested we turn on before April 10th, but which day was to be decided by the board.

The Barrett Siphon plugged up over the stock run. The crew will wait until Friday to make sure the siphon is clear of any blockage before we start up.

During the stock run we were running 40 cfs.

Steve felt that if we started up the season at 35 cfs and gradually increased to 40 or 45 cfs and see what the demand is before increasing to 60 cfs as a target to see how the system operates. We will then look at operating with a larger amount of 70 or 75 cfs later in April

We need to determine how far above 60 cfs do we want to increase the water to. Last year when we were delivering 80 cfs we started hitting our storage at the end of May.

With the remnant parcels gone and with all the repairs and cleaning which the crew accomplished on the canals over the winter, and ½ of the water needed to deliver to the Goat Farm, the system should run much better. With the changes made and running at 60 cfs, we could see how the deliveries are being met. The improvements made should show a benefit in the delivery of the water.

Rob felt that if natural flow is available, we should use it at 5.5 gpm and then when we hit storage, we should automatically go down to 4.5 gpm. He felt that as much as possible as soon as possible is the best solution.

The board consensus was to start up on April 3rd pending the resolution of the Barrett Siphon blockage. We would then increase from 35 cfs to 60 cfs gradually and if natural flow is available we would increase to 70 cfs at 5.5 gpm and once we hit storage we would back down to 4.5 gpm

The meeting adjourned at 3:33 pm.

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