

Saroni Canal Advisory Board Meeting

April 8, 2021

Walker River Irrigation District

Present in Person:

Bert Bryan

Present via Phone:

Jessica Halterman

Gary Garms

Gunnar Garms

Steven Fulstone

Richard Nuti

Meeting Called to Order

Bert called the meeting to order at 8:01 am.

Discussion on de-mossing for the water season 2021

Bert requested to know if the Board wants 1 or 2 rounds of de-mossing this year. The runoff is supposed to peak in mid-May but it is projected there will be enough water on the West Walker to have full decree for a week or two. Typically on a bad year the canal de-mosses once using 6 barrels. Bert talked to Ralph and he is gathering orders but he has given a cost on the barrels. Bert spoke with Kris and his thought was to get at least 1 round but he would like 2. If there is not a need for a second round, the Canal will have enough chemical on hand for next year. Richard stated buying 2 rounds now would be a good idea. Steven and Gunnar agreed. Bert will put in an order for 12 barrels. Bert will work with the users and ditch rider to schedule.

Discussion on the spraying and other repairs and maintenance for the water season 2021

Bert reported that the majority of the canal has been burned and the crew will be grading the roads soon. The Conservation District sprayed the goat heads on the top

section then sprayed all the way behind the Heyday. Ed is looking for direction on where to go from there. Bert recommends getting to or through Canal Road. The cost of the pre-emergent chemical and time will be cheaper than last year. Steven requested to know if there were thoughts of putting Karmex in the bottom of the canal. Bert stated Ralph recommends it but there is a certain amount of water needed to activate it and flush it out. Being a tight water year, it is the Board's decision on purchasing and applying the Karmex. Richard suggests spraying to the end of the ditch. The crew did a good burn and if the Canal gets a good spray this year, it will help next year. Gunnar agreed and reported that Lateral B has milk weed, thistle and iron weeds already. Bert stated if any noxious weeds are seen to let him know as the Conservation District works with the County on covering the cost via the Weed Fund. Bert stated he will get ahold of Ed and have him spray to the end of the Laterals. Steven questioned what chemical they are using; Bert stated it is like the glyphosate, but he will get the label from Ed and get it to the Board. Steven asked if there was a budget for spraying; Bert stated it is encompassed in the repairs & maintenance line item. Steven requested an estimate before the Conservation District begins.

Other topics

None presented.

Board Comments

Gunnar asked if a dirt berm could be put in on the back side where the tarps and boards are so that no water will be lost; Bert stated he would look and see what the best option would be. There have been people riding dirtbikes and quads within the canal and he is concerned any berm would be seen as a crossing point, but he will look to see how to minimize any loss in that area.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 am.