

TO: Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District Board of Directors
Agenda Item 6.a.i

FROM: Dan W. Bartel

DATE: July 14, 2020

RE: Onyx Ranch Operations Report

Discussion:

Staff has been working to implement an interim operations plan considering the District’s developing goals and objectives on the Ranch. Specifically, staff has:

- Continued operation of conveyance system
- Staff has discussed fencing plans with Hafenfeld and Creighton and has ordered materials and plans to construct 3-4 miles of fencing this summer and fall.
- Staff and Karen Northcutt produced and published a DEIR video briefing.
- DEIR comments are due July 27.
- Onyx Staff assisting regular District staff with James fencing.
- Staff received roof repair proposal for \$10,096 to replace the roof on the Hunter’s Cabin.

Onyx Ranch diverted 1,292 AF in May. Monthly demands were down from previous years due to field transitions and wells have turned on to supplement the available surface water supplies. South Fork flows downstream of Bloomfield averaged 33 cfs for the month with a peak of 55 cfs, below the long-term median. Flows continue to drop and diversions are being allocated according to the water right structure.

