

Browns Valley Irrigation District
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**AGENDA OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

WHEN
Thursday
August 12, 2021
5:00 pm

WHERE
Teleconference via Zoom
Browns Valley, CA
95918

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**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
AUGUST 12, 2021**

President Lowe called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Browns Valley Irrigation District to order. Directors present were Bordsen, Woods, Wheeler and Sokoloski. Also in attendance were Secretary / Clerk Springsteen and Operations Manager Shrader.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the July 22, 2021 Regular Board Meeting will be reviewed by the Board for approval. A motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Wheeler to approve the July 22, 2021 minutes. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. Finance Committee Report: Concerning the Financial Report for July 2021. A motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Bordsen to approve the July 2021 Financials. All ayes, motion passed.

4. The Board will discuss the 2021 Irrigation Season and associated operations. After discussion a motion by Director Borden, seconded by Director Woods to discontinue the 2021 irrigation season on September 13, 2021 with the possibility of resuming service on October 4, 2021 if conservation continues and water is available. All ayes, motion passed.

5. The Board will receive a staff report on water rights curtailments from the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). No action taken.

6. The Board will consider authorizing the Administrative Services Manager and/or the Technical Services Manager as representatives of the District in the General Manager’s absence on the State’s Designation of Applicants Agent Resolution concerning CalOES and FEMA disaster funds from the Cascade Fire. Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods moved to approve the State of CA Resolution 115-91009. President Lowe then polled the Board:

AYES: Directors Bordsen, Lowe, Wheeler, Woods & Sokoloski
 NOES: None
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: None
 Resolution 115-91009 Passed

7. Manager’s Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	4,950 AF	10.0%	1,121.5 FT	61.5 FT	67.9 CFS	0 kW
1 YEAR AGO	36,970 AF	74.7%	1,169.4 FT	13.6 FT	91.0 CFS	490 kW

Dry conditions continue as BVID begins the fourth month of the irrigation season. Community efforts on conservation continue to maintain the projected route, which is slightly better than the 2015 customer usage. Estimates with current consumption patterns show an end date around the week of September 20, 2021, but staff emphasizes this subject to change as the weather and usage can vary throughout the summer and early fall.

YUBA RIVER STATUS (PUMPLINE CANAL)

DATE	MAX DIVERSION RATE (BVID/YWA CONTRACT)	BVID WATER RIGHT (CURRENT MONTH)	CURRENT DIVERSION*
TODAY	90 CFS	47.2 CFS	46.66 CFS

**If the current diversion exceeds BVID monthly water right, the difference is deducted from the District's "Project Base Supply."*

Lower District supplies on the Yuba River continue as expected. The District is limited to its monthly water rights allocation (47.2 cfs), plus any remaining project base supply. The irrigation season will end September 30, 2021 and on October 1, 2021, when the fall allocation begins, the District will continue receiving its water right per corresponding month, which is normal since project base does not extend past September:

MONTH	FALL DIVERSION RATE
September	47.2 CFS
October	47.2 CFS
November	35 CFS
December	13 CFS

The Member Units have requested the Yuba Water Agency increase the reimbursement amount for deficiency pumping to \$100 to account for an increased administrative burden. Staff will keep an eye on the outcome, but there are indications that any amount above what is reasonably close to actual utility costs could be considered a gift of public funds. Staff expects the amount to be in the \$40 - \$50 per acre-foot range.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Management is monitoring the COVID 19 resurgence and is prepared to increase protective measures consistent with County standards. This includes another office closure and management working from home on a rotating schedule if the conditions are appropriate.

As of August 12, 2021, there has been one applicant for the General Manager position, and the Personnel Committee has opted to wait more time before reviewing and interviews in hope that there is a larger applicant pool to rank.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Cascade Fire

Staff is currently closing the FEMA/CalOES grant associated with repairing the flumes damaged in the 2017 Cascade Fire.

Sicard Pipeline Project

Management is looking for ways to begin purchasing pipe for the project to begin a 7,000-foot section that is especially leaky. The Yuba Water Agency advised that any pipe purchased now outside any of the appropriate bidding procedures detailed in the grant could put the funds in jeopardy.

PAST MEETINGS

N/A

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

Customers in the upper district continue are continuing to do their part in conserving Collins Lake water. Releases are averaging around 132 acre-feet per day.

The electric pump, serving customers on White Oak has been repaired and is back in service.

The electric pump serving Bonanza Way failed after a power outage the first week of August. The pump has been repaired and is operating.

Virginia Ranch Dam Power plant went offline due to a PG&E outage. Staff is unable to restart the generator due to the wicket gates not opening properly. Henwood has been contacted and will address ASAP.

The crew has repaired mainline breaks on the Able pipeline, and the Bald Mountain line.

Staff continues to be busy with service calls and repairs.

Lower District

Pumpline Canal is running 47 cfs.

District well is running.

8. Director's Comments and Reports: None

9. Correspondence: None

10. Adjournment: 5:32PM