

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

WHEN
Thursday
July 22, 2021
5:00 pm

WHERE
Teleconference via Zoom
Browns Valley, CA
95918

This meeting will be conducted by Zoom Video Conference and Audio Teleconference Only.

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**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
JULY 22, 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 and Wheeler. Director Sokoloski absent. 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 Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods to approve the July 8, 2021 minutes. Directors Bordsen, Woods, Lowe and Wheeler ayes, Director Sokoloski absent. Motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. The Board will discuss conducting and aerial LiDAR and submerged bathymetric survey of Collins Lake when the minimum pool is reached. No action taken.

4. The Board will discuss water truck permits and may take action as appropriate. No action taken.

5. Manager's Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	8,650 AF	17.5%	1,128.7 FT	54.3 FT	66.8 CFS	0 kW
1 YEAR AGO	27,910 AF	56.4%	1,158.3 FT	24.7 FT	80.7 CFS	476 kW

Dry conditions continue as BVID ends the third month of the irrigation season. Community efforts on conservation continue to maintain the projected route that 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	46.69 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.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

As of July 22, 2021, there has been one applicant for the General Manager position, and the Personnel Committee has opted to wait another several weeks before reviewing and interviews in hope that there is a larger applicant pool to rank.

Management is monitoring the COVID 19 resurgence and is prepared to increase protective measures consistent with County standards. This may include another office closure and management working from home on a rotating schedule if the conditions are appropriate. The number of new COVID cases in Yuba County have increased by 319% over the last two weeks, most of which are the Delta variant of the virus. Sutter County has seen a greater increase of 782% of infections. Local health officials are warning that the Delta variant is far more contagious than what we've seen and is requiring hospitalization and ventilation for younger and unvaccinated people. For reference, only 33% of the population is vaccinated in Yuba County.

As of July 22, 2021, there has been one applicant for the General Manager position, and the Personnel Committee has opted to wait another several weeks before reviewing and interviews in hope that there is a larger applicant pool to rank. There has also been an additional inquiry and staff expects to receive an additional resume in the following days.

Distribution System Operator Curtis McNeal has given his resignation notice. With another recent vacancy, the crew is left short by two positions.

CURRENT PROJECTS

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.

Highway 20 Realignment

Staff has given notice to Peterson Brustad, Inc. as well as Caltrans that the District will not proceed with the bridge crossing due to the high cost and 14-inch limitation.

Virginia Ranch Dam

Staff is still waiting on parts to complete the repair on the generator.

PAST MEETINGS

N/A

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

Water conservation efforts in the upper district appear to have us on track to make the mid-September target.

The electric pump, serving customers on White Oak is still out for repair, we have rented a temporary diesel pump to serve customers.

Virginia Ranch Dam Power plant is currently up and running, Henwood energy was able to make some adjustments on the governor to keep it operating at low lake elevations.

Crew widened and improved approximately 400 feet of the Pumpline Canal between the South ditch turnout and North Ditch turnout.

Staff continues to be busy with service calls and repairs.

Lower District

Pumpline Canal is running 47 cfs.

District well is running.

6. Director's Comments and Reports: None

7. Correspondence: None

8. Adjournment: 5:38PM