

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

WHEN
Thursday
February 10, 2022
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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OF THE
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 10, 2022**

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

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the January 27, 2022 Board Meeting will be reviewed by the Board for approval. A motion by Director Woods seconded by Director Wheeler to approve the January 27, 2022 minutes. Directors Bordsen, Woods and Wheeler aye. Directors Lowe and Sokoloski absent. Motion passed.

2. Public Forum: Richard Vierra inquired about increasing back to his 2020 units after voluntarily reducing for the 2021 irrigation season.

3. Finance Committee Report: Concerning the January 2022 Financials. A motion by Director Wheeler seconded by Director Woods to approve the January 2022 financials. Directors Bordsen, Woods and Wheeler aye. Directors Lowe and Sokoloski absent. Motion passed.

4. The Board will consider re-authorizing Board of Directors meetings to be held via teleconference under AB 361. A motion by Director Bordsen seconded by Director Woods to re-authorize Board meetings to be held via teleconference. Directors Bordsen, Woods and Wheeler aye. Director Lowe and Sokoloski absent. Motion passed.

5. Manager’s Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	32,310 AF	65.3%	1,163.9 FT	19.1 FT	1.0 CFS	0 kW
1 YEAR AGO	16,860 AF	34.1%	1,143.1 FT	39.9 FT	1.0 CFS	0 kW

YUBA RIVER STATUS (PUMPLINE CANAL)

DATE	MAX DIVERSION RATE (BVID/YWA CONTRACT)	BVID WATER RIGHT (CURRENT MONTH)	CURRENT DIVERSION*
TODAY	20 CFS	20 CFS	0 CFS

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

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Staff has been working on the 2022 Budget, and we expect to have a draft ready for Finance Committee review by next week. The RES-BCT contract is close to being finalized with PG&E.

Office staff has been fielding a lot of phone calls and requests from customers to return to 2020 water unit purchases. The difference between 2020 and 2021 water unit purchases, was approximately 100 units.

The bathymetric survey for Collins Lake was completed the first week of February.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Groundwater Pumping

The Member Units met with Yuba Water Agency staff on December 14, 2021, to discuss the value per acre foot pumped in 2021 to offset groundwater used in lieu of surface water to account for shortages. The value offered by YWA was less than what the Member Units were requesting. Additional information was submitted to YWA for review, and we received payment on February 3, 2022.

Sicard Pipeline

Staff is continuing to work with YWA on the grant portion of the project, and pipeline construction is tentatively planned for Spring of 2022.

PAST MEETINGS

- 2/1/2022 YWA Board of Directors meeting.
- 2/7/2022 Bay-Delta Task Force Meeting.
- 2/8/2022 BVID Staff and Michelle Smith - Barker
- 2/9/2022 Member Unit Update meeting with YWA.
- 2/10/2022 Met with GEI to discuss VRD DSSMR.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- 2/11/2022 Yuba River Endowment Board meeting.
- 2/15/2022 YWA Board of Directors meeting.
- 2/16/2022 BVID Staff and YWA Director Don Blaser
- 2/23/2022 Member Unit Workshop

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

Crews continue to be busy with maintenance around the district.

Two new services are being installed on the Bald Mountain line and the Sicard Ditch is being mechanically cleaned in preparation for pipe installation.

During the yearly maintenance inspection of the Virginia Ranch Dam Powerplant, the heat exchanger was leaking water into the oil. Henwood Energy has sourced a machine shop and the repair is underway.

Lower District

The Pumpline Canal remains off.

An additional drain under the Pumpline Canal near Loma Rica Road has failed and repair is currently underway.

6. Director's Comments and Reports: None

7. Correspondence: None

8. Closed Session: Conference with legal counsel – anticipated litigation; Government Code section 54956.9; significant exposure to litigation involving water entitlement claim of C.N Wang, Osgood Ranch.

9. Open Session: The Board will report any action taken in closed session. Discussion only, no action taken.

10. Adjournment: 5:36PM