

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

WHEN
Thursday
December 16, 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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DECEMBER 16, 2021**

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

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the November 18, 2021 Regular Board Meeting will be reviewed by the Board for approval. A motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Bordsen to approve the November 18, 2021 minutes. Directors Bordsen, Sokoloski, Lowe and Wheeler ayes, Director Woods absent. Motion passed.

2. Public Forum:

- Charles Sharpe from Oregon House commented on the water shortage in 2021
- Ryan McNally from YCWA asked BVID recognize the retirement of Scott Madiac from YCWA with a plaque of appreciation

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

4. Finance Committee Report: Concerning the November 2021 Financials. A motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Bordsen to approve the November 2021 financials. Directors Bordsen, Sokoloski, Lowe and Wheeler ayes, Director Woods absent. Motion passed.

5. Personnel Committee Report: Concerning the proposed COVID policy and cost of living adjustment for office staff. The Board will discuss and may take action as appropriate. No action taken.

6. The Board will consider adopting Resolution 12-16-21-01 authorizing the General Manager to receive and manage a credit card from Tri Counties Bank to be used for purposes necessary for District business. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Wheeler to authorize GM to receive and manage a Tri Counties Bank credit card. Director Lowe polled the Board

AYES: Directors Bordsen, Lowe, Wheeler, and Sokoloski
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Director Woods
Resolution 12-12-21-01 Passed

7. Manager's Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	15,860 AF	32.0%	1,141.6 FT	41.4 FT	1.0 CFS	0 kW
1 YEAR AGO	11,760 AF	23.8%	1,134.6 FT	48.4 FT	2.4 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 contracted with Alliant Networking Services to streamline email integration with Microsoft Office 365 which will provide seamless coordination between staff's email, calendars, phones, and contacts. The migration will begin on December 20, 2021.

The Manager and Technical Services Manager met with Marieke Furnee and Charles Sharp to discuss District operations.

State Water Resources Control Board has been issuing curtailment orders for the Delta Watershed. To learn more about the details surrounding the orders, office staff met with MBK Engineers and discussed river conditions and storage.

As of Monday, December 13, 2021, Collins Lake was at 19% capacity and 1,130.2 feet. As of today, the lake is at **32%** and **1,141.6** feet with runoff continuing and additional storms on the horizon.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Virginia Ranch Dam PPA

Staff is moving forward with the contract conversion to PG&E's RES-BCT program, with execution of the contract to begin in February 2022.

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. Both parties agreed to continue the discussion to a later date, and for the Member Units to submit additional information and actual pumping costs to the Agency.

Sicard Pipeline

The environmental document has been released for public comment, and comments will be accepted until January 3, 2022. 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

- 11/22/2021 The Manager and Administrative Services Manager met with YWA staff about the Power Enhancement Agreement.
- 11/29/2021 The Manager attended the weeklong ACWA Conference in Pasadena.
- 11/29/2021 The Manager and Technical Services Manager attended a Member Unit Water Management workshop.
- 12/6/2021 The Manager and Technical Services Manager met with members of the public to discuss BVID operations.
- 12/6/2021 The Manager, Operations Manager and Technical Services Manager met with YWA staff to discuss the Sicard Pipeline Grant and Project.
- 12/7/2021 The Manager, Operations Manager and Technical Services Manager met with MBK Engineering staff to discuss current water conditions and limitations.
- 12/8/2021 The Manager attended the Yuba River Endowment Board meeting.
- 12/13/2021 The Manager met with Jacob Young and Ed Palma about Collins Lake operations.
- 12/14/2021 The Manager attended a Member Unit meeting to discuss Groundwater Pumping.
- 12/15/2021 The Manager attended a Groundwater Substitution Committee meeting.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- 12/17/2021 The Manager, Operations Manager, Technical Services Manager and Ryan McNally will meet with GEI to discuss inundations maps, as well as DSOD and FERC requirements.
- 12/22/2021 The Manager and Technical Services Manager will attend a Member Unit Water Management workshop.

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

Crews continue to be busy with maintenance around the district, including mechanically cleaning the upper end of the Thousand Trails ditch.

After this week's storm, staff has been inspecting the delivery system for any damages or blockages to the ditches.

Yearly maintenance of district equipment is being performed.

Lower District

Pumpline Canal lift pumps have been turned off due to the recent storms and fish screen maintenance is being performed while pumps are off.

8. Director's Comments and Reports: None

9. Correspondence:

- Letter dated December 9, 2021 to BVID Kelly McNally from FERC regarding Focused Spillway Assessment for VRD
- Letter dated December 9, 2021 to BVID Kelly McNally from FERC regarding Revised Public Safety Plan
- Letter dated December 3, 2021 to BVID from Kevin Perkins Yuba County Planning Manager regarding SR20/Kibbe Rd Intersection

10. Closed Session: The Personnel Committee will report to the Board its recommendation on a wage adjustment for staff not otherwise covered by the Memorandum of Understanding. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Lowe to adjust the Technical Services Managers Salary by 13.0% plus a 5% Cola, increase Operations Manager salary by 6.47% plus 5% Cola and the Admin Services Manager salary will remain the same plus a 5% Cola. Per the MOU regarding paid holidays they approved for the office to recognize Christmas on December 23 and December 24, 2021. Directors Bordsen, Sokoloski, Lowe and Wheeler ayes, Director Woods absent. Motion passed.

11. Open Session: The Board will report any action taken in closed session.

12. Adjournment: 5:32PM