

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

**WHEN**  
**Thursday**  
**September 09, 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  
SEPTEMBER 09, 2021**

President Lowe called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Browns Valley Irrigation District to order. Directors present were Bordsen, Lowe, Sokoloski, Wheeler and Woods. Also in attendance and serving as Secretary / Clerk was Ryan McNally. Administrative Services Manager Springsteen and Operations Manager Shrader were participating via web conference.

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the August 26, 2021 Regular Board Meeting and the September 02, 2021 Special Board Meeting will be reviewed by the Board for approval. A motion by Director Lowe, seconded by Director Bordsen to approve the August 26, 2021 and September 02, 2021 minutes. All ayes, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** Mr. David Pietz commented about what he interpreted to be inaccuracies associated with the weekly lake elevation chart, alleging that there is more water in the reservoir than was in the reservoir on this date in 2015.

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

**4. The Board will consider approving an updated procurement policy.** A motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Bordsen to approve the updated procurement policy. All ayes, motion passed.

**5. Manager’s Report:**

**COLLINS LAKE STATUS**

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
<b>TODAY</b>	<b>1,160 AF</b>	2.3%	<b>1,111.9 FT</b>	<b>71.1 FT</b>	66.5 CFS	<b>0 kW</b>
1 YEAR AGO	20,970 AF	42.4%	1,145.9 FT	37.1 FT	67.0 CFS	0 kW

Dry conditions continue as BVID begins the fifth 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 shows an arrival at minimum pool (1,109 feet surface elevation, or 7,500 acre feet) during the week of September 13, 2021.

**YUBA RIVER STATUS (PUMPLINE CANAL)**

DATE	MAX DIVERSION RATE (BVID/YWA CONTRACT)	BVID WATER RIGHT (CURRENT MONTH)	CURRENT DIVERSION*
<b>TODAY</b>	90 CFS	47.2 CFS	<b>15 CFS</b>

*\*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 and demand has begun to taper down. 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

It is important to remember that per the Water Supply Agreement, any water saved during the irrigation season cannot be applied toward the fall allocation. This is due to the fixed fall allocations that are established with tight tolerances consistent with fish flow requirements.

**STAFF ACTIVITIES**

Management is monitoring the COVID 19 resurgence and is prepared to increase protective measures consistent with County and/or State standards. This includes another office closure and management staff working from home on a rotating schedule, if the conditions are appropriate. Management is fully outfitted with the equipment and networking access to perform all office functions remotely, including call forwarding and VPN access to the server and files.

Cordua Irrigation District has emptied their canal and as a result, left Ramirez Water District without a way to receive their surface water. Staff has reached out to Ramirez to offer capacity in the Pumpline Canal until fall flood up if they agree to pay to lift it from the Yuba River. Ramirez is developing a strategy and will return to staff to see if this offer will work for them.

Curtailments continue for all of BVID’s water rights, with the exception of the District’s pre-1914 water rights on the Yuba River.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

### **Collins Lake**

Staff is working to locate appropriate contractors to provide aerial and submerged surveys of Collins Lake. The ROV to inspect the intake structure is scheduled for September 14, 2021.

### **Cascade Fire**

Staff has submitted the final closeout documents to FEMA/Cal OES for the Cascade Fire. Our consultant believes FEMA will have additional questions, but that is something we will be able to work through.

## **PAST MEETINGS**

N/A

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

N/A

## **DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS**

### **Upper District**

As expected, customers have increased usage in the upper district in anticipation for the early shutoff.

We have selected a candidate for one of the open Utility Worker positions; we will most likely fill the other vacancy in the spring before the 2022 water season. We are looking at an internal transfer for the open DSO 1 position.

The powerhouse has been up and running, however due to low lake levels, the generator could not pass the required flows so the bypass valve had to be opened. The District is likely to be finished generating hydroelectricity for the year.

The Able line experienced two new outages due to breaks, they have been repaired and are back on line. Staff continues to be busy with service calls and repairs.

### **Lower District**

Demand has decreased and the pumps are running at 15 CFS

District well is off.

**6. Director's Comments and Reports:** Director Lowe commented on the potential to briefly resume irrigation deliveries in the week or two following the planned September 13, 2021 end date. He asked that the subject be discussed at the September 23, 2021 Board meeting.

**7. Correspondence:** None.

**8. Closed Session:** Public employee appointment or employment involving the unrepresented position of General Manager (Government Code section 54957(b)).

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

- A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods approving employment terms for the General Manager and directing staff to develop an Agreement with legal counsel to include such terms. All ayes, motion passed.

**10. Adjournment:** 6:07 PM