

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

WHEN
Thursday
October 14, 2021
5:00 pm

WHERE
Teleconference via Zoom
Browns Valley, CA
95918

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OCTOBER 14, 2021**

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

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the September 23, 2021 Regular Board Meeting will be reviewed by the Board for approval. A motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Wheeler to approve the September 23, 2021 minutes. Directors Bordsen, Woods, Wheeler and Sokoloski ayes, Director Lowe absent. Motion passed

2. Public Forum: None

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

4. The Board will discuss options for a LiDAR survey of the Virginia Ranch Dam and Spillway and Collins Lake, including a bathymetric profile, and may take action as appropriate. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods to appoint staff to approve contract with Sierra Overhead Analytics within a cost not to exceed \$60,000 without further Board action. Directors Bordsen, Woods, Wheeler and Sokoloski ayes, Director Lowe absent. Motion passed

5. The Board will receive a staff report regarding 2022 employee healthcare benefits. Discussion only, no action taken.

6. The Board will consider adjusting the November and December meeting schedules to account for the holidays. A motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Sokoloski to adjust the regular Board meeting for the months of November and December 2021 to be held November 18, 2021 and December 16, 2021. Directors Bordsen, Woods, Wheeler and Sokoloski ayes, Director Lowe absent. Motion passed

7. The Board will consider approving an employment agreement with Kelly McNally to serve as General Manager for BVID. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods to approve the employment agreement with Kelly McNally. Directors Bordsen, Woods, Wheeler and Sokoloski ayes, Director Lowe absent. Motion passed

8. Manager’s Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	0 AF	0.0%	1,107.1 FT	75.9 FT	0.1 CFS	0 kW
1 YEAR AGO	29,400 AF	59.4%	1,159.5 FT	23.5 FT	65.6 CFS	370 kW

**Remaining volume is reflective of usable water above minimum pool. Collins Lake currently has 6,940 acre-feet, which is 560 acre-feet below minimum pool.*

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	42 CFS

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

The irrigation season ended on September 30, 2021. We are now in the fall allocation period and the District will continue receiving its water right per corresponding month, despite potential curtailments (per the Water Supply Agreement).

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

STAFF ACTIVITIES

On October 11, 2021, staff received notice from the State Water Resources Control Board advising of an inspection of several of BVID’s diversions. It appears the SWRCB is doing spot checks of the curtailments and want to see the releases from the dam as well as diversions at the Sicard Ditch. Inflow to Collins Lake is minimal to zero, and there are currently no diversions at the Sicard Ditch. The inspection is scheduled to occur on Friday, October 15, 2021 at 10:00 AM and MBK will accompany and represent District staff for technical questions.

Ryan McNally met with a potential District 5 Supervisor candidate to discuss greenbelts and the District’s involvement with fire prevention. Staff is trying to locate aerial photos that demonstrate how irrigation prevented losses during the 2017 Cascade Fire, but before and after photos in that timeframe are difficult to find.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Collins Lake

On September 13, 2021, staff inspected the outlet works in Collins Lake. The ROV inspected the intake structure and found it to be configured differently than designed. Instead of one horizontal intake surface, there are additional redundant vertical surfaces. The structure is also keyed to allow for the drop-in replacement of the screens if needed.

Virginia Ranch Dam PPA

Staff is working with several private energy brokers that might potentially be better than the PG&E options previously discussed. Legal counsel is involved to ensure the District isn't inadvertently compelled to pay Consultant Fees as part of the Agreement to share their offer as some of the formulas are proprietary.

Groundwater Pumping

The Member Units are scheduled to meet in the next week or two to finalize the value per acre foot pumped in 2021 to offset groundwater used in lieu of surface water to account for shortages. Yuba Water Agency has committed to paying landowners a fixed amount per acre-foot pumped that is commensurate to an average energy usage.

PAST MEETINGS

N/A

FUTURE MEETINGS

N/A

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

Several large leaks opened up on the Sicard Ditch when we last turned the system on. This section is one of the notoriously leaky sections and we calculated that more than half of the water flow was being lost in this area. The current plan is to possibly extend the 30" HDPE another 600' down the ditch.

Operations crew continues to be busy with maintenance projects around the district.

The Lower Browns Valley Ditch is being mechanically cleaned.

A new service has been installed on Spring Valley Road. This included replacing 300' of existing pipe with larger diameter pipe to supply the desired water flow.

Some smaller pipeline projects are being delayed due to supply shortages. Most suppliers are three to four months out on PVC pipe.

Lower District

Demand has increased and the pumps are running at 42 CFS.

9. Director's Comments and Reports: None

10. Correspondence:

- Letter dated September 30, 2021 to BVID from Collins Lake regarding Semi Annual Report 2021-2022 1st Half

11. Adjournment: 5:29 PM