

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

WHEN
Thursday
February 11, 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
FEBRUARY 11, 2021**

At 5:00pm Vice President Bordsen called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Browns Valley Irrigation District to order. Directors present were and Sokoloski, Woods and Wheeler. Director Lowe was absent. Also in attendance were Manager Maslan, Clerk Springsteen and Operations Manager Shrader.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the January 11, 2021 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Woods. Directors Bordsen, Wheeler, Woods & Sokoloski ayes, Director Lowe absent. Motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. Finance Committee Report: Concerning the Financial Report for January 2021. Director Bordsen reported that the Finance Committee had reviewed the financial records for the months of November 2020 through January 2021. A motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Wheeler to acknowledge the financials. Directors Bordsen, Wheeler, Woods & Sokoloski ayes, Director Lowe absent. Motion passed.

4. The Board will review the Draft 2021 Budget development process and staff report for detail and explanation. The Finance Committee has reviewed and recommended for approval by the Board. Approval will occur at the February 25, 2020 meeting, if appropriate. No action taken.

5. The Board will discuss the drought plan for 2021 and take action as needed. The District is currently working under a drought ordinance from 2020. No action taken.

6. The Board will consider appointing an AD HOC Committee for diverting an alternate water supply on the Pumpline Canal and have discussion as appropriate. No action taken.

7. Manager’s Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	16,860 AF	34.1%	1,143.1 FT	39.9 FT	1.0 CFS	0 kW
1 YEAR AGO	32,040 AF	64.7%	1,163.6 FT	19.4 FT	1.0 CFS	0 kW

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Collins Lake currently sits at 34.1% of capacity and staff is taking advantage of good weather and working hard on off-season projects/repairs.

Workforce Update (COVID-19)

Going by Yuba County recommendations, office staff is still working from home when appropriate and distancing measures are being followed when multiple office staff are present at the office. Calls are being forwarded to a cell phone when the office is vacant. This continues to work very well.

Staff continues to take advantage of select sunny weather and are working hard to complete projects prior to the start of the season. The District has been getting increased calls from customers inquiring on water. It seems to be rumored online that there will be no water provided this season. The District has also received calls asking for unit increases. Due to the critically low levels at Collins Lake, the District has ceased all unit increases, working under a “drought ordinance from 2020”. Our answer to the public is to wait and see what the next months will bring and to pray for heavy rain.

On Saturday January 30, 2021, Jacob Young reached out to the Manager requesting the District’s involvement on applying for grant funding that would cover two projects. The projects include road widening under a Dam Safety Grant and the fish cage operation could be considered if the District submits grant proposals for both. The grant application would need to be submitted from a non-profit or Government Agency. Being that the fish screens and road widening is a “real property improvement”, the District could delegate the work to the Collins Lake Management Project Managers to do the work. YWA will be reviewing applications for 2021-2022 starting this March.

On February 12, 2021, staff plans to meet with the Saddleback Ranch Manager, Director Mathews from Cordua District, Director Mathews from YWA.

On Tuesday February 9, 2021, Management Staff met with the Finance Committee to review the 2021 Draft Budget. Finance Committee recommended budgetary changes will be presented to the Finance Committee Meeting on February 11, 2021.

On February 2, 2021, Utility Worker II Lead Dan Ward returned to work from his work-related injury in 2019.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Sicard Pipeline Project

An unforeseen cost of \$120k for detailed surveying of 19 easements have led to the Manager and Technical Services Manager exploring options to help reduce the overall cost and seeking advice from Legal Counsel on the extent of surveying and ways to minimize and reduce the cost if possible. On February 4th, The Technical Services Manager and Operations Manager met with PBI, Genesis Society Archeologist and the UC Field Station Superintendent at the UC (west) alignment property looking to verify the proposed alignment and identify any archaeological sites along the alignment.

Conserved Water Transfer

Invoices have been sent out to both Dudley Ridge and Santa Clara Valley for their First Right of Refusal. The Manager has been in communication with Santa Clara with their request for a transfer. Going into a drought year, the District is anticipating both Conserved Water Transfers this year. Santa Clara also relayed their interest in purchasing additional water that Dudley Ridge does not purchase. Santa Clara informed the Manager that they will have some shortfall on their reservoir water due to the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project. The Anderson Dam is currently limited to 58% of its capacity due to seismic concerns which will cost Santa Clara County valuable drinking water resources.

Amber Lane

The Manager and Operations Manager spoke separately with the landowner on Amber Lane to discuss possible well options on his properties north and south of Hwy 20 at Amber Lane. The Landowner was interested in the idea of a sale to BVID on the 11-acre commercial property that parallels Highway 20. It has been of interest in the past to have a well drilled at a few sites north or south of Highway 20 to provide additional water to customers in the lower district during spring and fall flood up. Some considerations of land ownership on Amber Lane would be the ability to run solar at the pump site if allowed by the CC&R. The Amber Lane land is zoned for commercial use as well as residential.

PAST MEETINGS

- 02/01/21 The Manager met with an Architect at the new office site.
- 02/03/21 The Manager reached out to Rosemary Daoust to go into further detail of what River Valley Bank is offering to compare with our current banking business'. Ms. Daoust is requesting 6 months of bank statements. Though bank statements are considered public knowledge, the Manager has requested the Finance Committee's approval to Ms. Daoust's request.
- 02/03/21 The Manager had a phone call with the Saddleback Ranch Manager to discuss possible reservoir options
- 02/09/21 Management Staff met with the Finance Committee to review the 2021 Draft Budget.
- 02/05/21 The Manager attended the Yuba Forest Network Quarterly meeting.
- 02/09/21 The Manager met with JTN Energy to discuss recontracting the VRD Power Sales Agreement that expires in 2022.
- 02/11/21 The Manager attended the Yuba River Endowment Meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 02/12/21 The Manager will meet with the Manager of Saddleback Ranch, CID Director Mathews Jr., YWA Director Mathews Sr. and landowners located northwest of Joines Road on Spring Valley Road.
- 02/17/21 The Manager will attend the Yuba Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)/ Regional Water Management Group Meeting.
- 02/17/21 The Manager will attend a Groundwater Management Workshop

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

Operations Crew continues to be busy with off-season maintenance.

Pipeline leaks on Dry Creek Ln. and Wades Way have been repaired.

A major tree and brush removal project is near completion on the main canal above the Wolf Trail Screen, this is continuing clean up from the Cascade fire.

Operations Manager met with Mark McEwen regarding the possible installation of agricultural wells on his properties.

Lower District

Pumpline Canal is off

Future Projects

Repair Trails End side spill.

Add a new keyway for Holmes Wildlife Area.

8. Director's Comments and Reports: None

9. Correspondence: None

Director Lowe arrived 5:32PM

10. Closed Session: Conference with real property negotiator involving the Collins Lake Concessionaire Agreement; Director's Lowe and Woods (Concessionaire Committee) and Joseph Maslan, District negotiator(s). Instructions to the negotiator(s) may include specific terms of the Agreement. Government Code sections 54954.2 and 54934.5.

11. Open Session: The Board will report any action taken in closed session. No action taken

12. Adjournment: 5:45PM