

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

**WHEN**  
**Thursday**  
**November 18, 2021**  
**5:00 pm**

**WHERE**  
**Teleconference via Zoom**  
**Browns Valley, CA**  
**95918**

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
NOVEMBER 18, 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, Wheeler and Woods. Also in attendance were Secretary /Manager Kelly McNally, Clerk Springsteen and Operations Manager Shrader.

**1. Minutes: The Minutes of the October 28, 2021 Regular Board Meeting will be reviewed by the Board for approval.** A motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Wheeler to approve the October 28, 2021 minutes. All ayes, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** Marieke Furnee from Oregon House inquired about status of BVID ditch repairs since the recent storms.

**3. The Board will consider re-authorizing Board of Directors meetings to be held via teleconference under AB 361.** A motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Sokoloski to re-authorize Board meetings to be held via teleconference. All ayes, motion passed.

**4. Finance Committee Report: Concerning the October 2021 Financials.** A motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Bordsen to approve the October 2021 financials. All ayes, motion passed.

**5. Hydropower Committee Report: Concerning the Virginia Ranch Dam Power Purchase Agreement.** A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Wheeler to implement Committee recommendation with the RSPCT agreement if still available and Shell as a second option. All ayes, motion passed.

**6. Manager’s Report:**

**COLLINS LAKE STATUS**

| DATE         | REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME % | LAKE ELEVATION    | DIST BELOW SPILL | RELEASES       | GEN OUTPUT  |
|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------|
| <b>TODAY</b> | <b>8,600 AF 17.4%</b>     | <b>1,128.6 FT</b> | <b>54.4 FT</b>   | <b>1.0 CFS</b> | <b>0 kW</b> |
| 1 YEAR AGO   | 10,650 AF 21.5%           | 1,133.5 FT        | 49.5 FT          | 2.2 CFS        | 0 kW        |

**YUBA RIVER STATUS (PUMPLINE CANAL)**

| DATE         | MAX DIVERSION RATE (BVID/YWA CONTRACT) | BVID WATER RIGHT (CURRENT MONTH) | CURRENT DIVERSION* |
|--------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>TODAY</b> | <b>35 CFS</b>                          | <b>35 CFS</b>                    | <b>13 CFS</b>      |

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

## **STAFF ACTIVITIES**

On October 29, 2021, the BVID yard was burglarized, and staff reported the incident to the Yuba County Sheriff's Department. The suspects entered through the locked gate adjacent to SR 20, and stole an older dump truck and trailer, a small utility trailer, a 4x4 ATV, two 4x4 UTVs, and numerous gas-powered chainsaws, pole saws and weed eaters. In addition to the theft, the suspects also damaged a BVID truck, an exterior shed door, and the gate adjacent to SR 20. Staff estimated \$75,000.00 in lost equipment and damages.

On November 2, 2021, the Manager was contacted and interviewed by CBS 13 News regarding the incident on October 29, 2021. On November 5, the Manager received a tip regarding the stolen dump truck and trailer, and staff notified Yuba County Sheriff's Department, which led to the eventual recovery of the dump truck and trailer on the evening of November 5, 2021.

On November 15, 2021, BVID received a phone call from Yuba County Sheriff's Department regarding the location of more stolen equipment. The Operations Manager and staff recovered the small utility trailer, tools, chains, and some of the gas-powered equipment. The Sheriff's Department is continuing to search for and recover the stolen items.

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. In addition to the Microsoft Office 365, office staff will each receive 1 terabyte of off-site server storage.

The Manager, Technical Services Manager and Ryan McNally have been working with Legal Counsel concerning an 1886 water right claim and subsequent 1951 Agreement with (Bigland's) Osgood Ranch. The property owner asserts that per a 1951 agreement between Osgood Ranch and BVID regarding a proposal by BVID to construct a reservoir on South Honcut Creek, that BVID has an obligation to provide a water supply to Osgood Ranch from waters of the South Honcut Creek. After reviewing documents provided by the Technical Services Manager, Legal Counsel has determined that the claim has no merit since the District abandoned the project in favor of construction of Virginia Ranch Dam.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

### **Virginia Ranch Dam PPA**

Staff is meeting with the Hydro Committee to discuss the recommended option for the new Virginia Ranch Dam PPA.

### **Groundwater Pumping**

The Member Units are scheduled to meet on December 14, 2021, 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**

- 11/1/2021 The Manager and Ryan McNally met with a potential District 5 Supervisor candidate to discuss water issues in the 5<sup>th</sup> District.
- 11/2/2021 The Manager was interviewed by CBS 13 regarding the break in and theft of District property.
- 11/4/2021 Annual EAP Face to Face meeting.
- 11/17/2021 The Manager attended an Integrated Regional Water Management/Regional Water Management Group meeting.
- 11/17/2021 The Manager participated in a Yuba River Endowment rice donation to the Yuba-Sutter Food Bank.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- 11/22/2021 The Manager and Operations Manager will meet with YWA staff to discuss the Sicard Pipeline Grant and Project.
- 11/22/2021 The Manager and Administrative Services Manager will meet with YWA staff about the Power Enhancement Agreement.
- 11/29/2021 The Manager will attend the weeklong ACWA Conference in Pasadena.
- 12/8/2021 The Manager will attend the Yuba River Endowment Board meeting.
- 12/14/2021 The Manager will attend a Member Unit meeting to discuss Groundwater Pumping.
- 12/15/2021 The Manager will attend a Groundwater Substitution Committee meeting.

## **DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS**

### **Upper District**

Crews continue to be busy with maintenance around the district, including mechanically cleaning the Harding canal and the Lower Browns Valley ditch.

Staff has begun implementation of the spray program; pre-emergent is being applied to ditch banks as well as spraying the blackberries.

The recovered dump truck has had the damage repaired to the steering column; the damage was caused by the thief breaking the column to gain access to the ignition switch.

Staff picked up the new mini excavator, that was ordered almost a year ago, to replace the KX 61 that is slated to be retired and sold. The addition of this new Tier 4 machine brings BVID's fleet emission compliant up to January 2026.

### **Lower District**

Pumpline Canal demand is down to 13 cfs. As of November 1, 2021, Pumpline flow is limited to 35 cfs.

A large section of the Pumpline Canal bank near road 276 is being rebuilt and widened

**7. Director's Comments and Reports:** Director Bordsen is starting his 42nd year with BVID.  
Congratulations Mr. Bordsen.

**8. Correspondence:** None

**9. Adjournment:** 5:27PM