

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

**WHEN**  
**Thursday**  
**February 25, 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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**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
FEBRUARY 25, 2021**

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

**1. Minutes:** The Minutes of the February 11, 2021 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Wheeler. All ayes, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** None

**3. The Board will discuss the Draft 2021 Budget development process and staff report for detail and explanation. The Finance Committee has reviewed the 2021 Budget and recommended for approval by the Board. Approval will occur by the Board, if appropriate.**

- A. 2021 Budget was approved as presented on a motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Wheeler. All ayes, motion passed.
- B. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods to approve a \$50.00 credit to the 2021 Administration fee. All ayes, motion passed

**4. The Board will review the BVID Letter of Commitment for Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plans and approve signature from the General Manager as necessary.** A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods to authorize the General Manager to sign Letter of Commitment for Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plans. All ayes, motion passed

**5. The Board will review the Cal-OES Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution for Non-State Agencies and take adopt as necessary.** Director Lowe polled the Board to adopt the Cal-OES Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution for Non-State Agencies.

AYES: Directors Bordsen, Lowe, Wheeler, Sokoloski and Woods  
NOES: none  
ABSTAIN: none  
ABSENT: none  
Resolution Passed

**6. The Board will discuss a proposal concept to increase capacity of the BVID Pump Line Ditch by transporting BVID project water through CID canal and feeding back into the BVID Pump Line Ditch and give direction as appropriate.** After discussion, Cordua Irrigation District and BVID were to each assign an ad hoc Committee to further discuss the project. Directors Woods and Bordsen were assigned to BVIDs committee.

**7. The Board will receive an update from the AD HOC Committee for the new District Office.**

Discussion only, no action taken

**8. The Board will discuss potential well options give direction as appropriate.** Discussion only, no action taken

**9. Manager’s Report:**

**COLLINS LAKE STATUS**

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	18,450 AF	37.2%	1,145.6 FT	37.4 FT	1.1 CFS	0 kW
1 YEAR AGO	33,120 AF	66.9%	1,164.1 FT	18.9 FT	1.0 CFS	0 kW

**STAFF ACTIVITIES**

Collins Lake currently sits at 37.2% of capacity and staff is taking advantage of good weather and working hard on off-season projects/repairs. Office

**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.

On Wednesday February 17, 2021, the Manager attended a Groundwater Management Workshop. The current New Bullards Bar inflow (which determines the Accord Schedule) is the fourth lowest inflow in 51 years. Current inflows are sitting at schedule 6 levels with a forecast of a 40% chance of a Schedule 5 or 6. Drought planning allocations to be presented in March 2020.

On February 12, 2021, Director Bordsen, Director Lowe, Manager and operations Manager attended a meeting 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 to discuss an alternate water diversion and delivery concept.

Staff has submitted the Annual Bypass Cleaning Maintenance Agreement Report. The report is due March 1 annually.

**CURRENT PROJECTS**

**Virginia Ranch Dam**  
 Management Staff has submitted all required documentation for the Dam Safety Surveillance and Monitoring Report (DSSMR) and are awaiting finalization from Kleinschmidt for submission to FERC and DSOD.

**District Office**

The Manager received updated office plans from an Architect and will discuss with Staff and Directors on the Office Ad Hoc Committee on February 25, 2021 prior to the District's Board Meeting.

**Sicard Pipeline Project**

Technical Services Manager met with Environmental Consultant Marcus Bole regarding permitting for crossing Porter Creek along the UC Alignment. Permit applications will be sent to California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the Army Corps of Engineers

**Conserved Water Transfer**

- Invoices have been received by Dudley Ridge and Santa Clara; the District is anticipating both Conserved Water Transfers this year.
- The Manager is also working with the YWA on the proposed 3,100 acre-feet water transfer under the Sacramento River VA water purchase program.

**Collins Lake Agreement**

The Manager has received Board approved modifications to the agreement from Legal Counsel for discussion in Closed Session.

**Pumpline Canal**

Staff are working to provide well options for Board discussion at the District Board Meeting. Legal Counsel was contacted to determine well options within District easements within the Pumpline Canal.

**PAST MEETINGS**

- 02/12/21 Director Bordsen, Director Lowe, Manager and operations Manager met 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 attended the Yuba Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)/ Regional Water Management Group Meeting.
- 02/17/21 The Manager attended a Groundwater Management Workshop.
- 02/23/21 The Manager participated in a Groundwater Management Workshop for process improvements.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- 03/01/21 The Manager will attend NCWA's Bay-Delta Force Meeting
- 03/05/21 The Manager will attend the NCWA Annual Virtual Meeting
- 03/08/21 The Manager will attend a NCWA Groundwater Management Meeting

## **DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS**

### **Upper District**

Taking advantage of the dry weather, Operations crew has been busy with Districts spray program. Mechanically cleaning the Olive Hill Ditch.

Sections of the Thousand Trails ditch bank are being improved to allow easier access for equipment and maintenance.

2/18/2021 Operations Manager met via teleconference with Mr. Ricardo Galdamez with FERC to discuss our 2020 self-assessment of Virginia Ranch Dam.

Completed the 2021 inspection of the Virginia Ranch Dam Spillway.

### **Lower District**

Pumpline Canal is off.

Sections of the Pumpline Canal are being mechanically cleaned.

### **Future Projects**

Add a new keyway for Holmes Wildlife Area.

**10. Director's Comments and Reports:** None

**11. Correspondence:** None

**12. 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.**

**13. Open Session: The Board will report any action taken in closed session.** A motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Wheeler to accept the presented Concessionaire Agreement. All ayes, motion passed.

**14. Adjournment:** 6:15PM