

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

WHEN
Thursday
March 11, 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
MARCH 11, 2021**

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

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the February 25, 2021 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Wheeler. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. Finance Committee Report: Concerning the Financial Report for February 2021. Director Bordsen reported that the Finance Committee had reviewed the financial records for the month of February. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods to accept the financials. All ayes, motion passed.

4. The Board will discuss the 2021 Irrigation Season. No action taken.

5. The Board will receive an update from the AD HOC Committee for wheeling water through the Cordua Irrigation Canal and reintroducing back into the Pumpline Canal and discuss as necessary. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods to create an option to alternatively serve in-District properties historically served by the Pumpline Canal using BVID “project base supply” water diverted at and delivered from the Cordua Canal, pending concurrence from the Yuba County Water Agency consistent with the Water Supply Agreement. All ayes, motion passed.

6. The Board will receive an update of potential well options and give direction as appropriate. Discussion only, no action taken.

7. Manager’s Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	19,010 AF	38.4%	1,146.3 FT	36.7 FT	1.2 CFS	0 kW
1 YEAR AGO	32,560 AF	65.7%	1,164.8 FT	18.2 FT	1.0 CFS	0 kW

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Collins Lake currently sits at 38.4% of capacity and staff is taking advantage of good weather and working hard to complete off-season projects/repairs.

Workforce Update (COVID-19)

Going by Yuba County recommendations, office staff is 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 Monday March 1, 2021, the Manager attended a NCWA Task Force Zoom Meeting and spoke to the District's efforts with the Voluntary Agreement contribution through YWA.

On Tuesday March 2, 2021 Staff attended an AD HOC Committee meeting with Directors Bordsen and Woods to discuss wheeling project water through the Cordua Irrigation Canal. A second meeting was held on March 9, 2021.

On Friday March 5, 2021, the Manager met with Foothill Food Pantry volunteer staff and Yuba County Supervisor Randy Fletcher on behalf of the Yuba River Endowment Board to present a rice donation to the pantry from the Yuba River Endowment.

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.

Sicard Pipeline Project

Legal Services is preparing construction and permanent easement agreement templates for landowners aligning within the project.

Collins Lake Agreement

The Manager met with Jacob Young on March 4, 2021 to drop off the Board approved Collins Lake Agreement draft for their review.

Power Purchase Agreement

- The Manager has reached out to Strategic Resource Advisors to assist BVID in preparing negotiations with PG&E as a possibility for the Power Purchase Agreement for VRD.
- Mr. McNally has been communicating with Shell Energy and working on preparing a proposal for the Power Sales Agreement similar with what YWA has at the narrows.

Conserved Water Transfer

The Manager received report from YWA Staff that work is ongoing for the VA process.

Pumpline Canal

The Manager had a teleconference and meeting with Mr. McEwen to discuss options for an ag well easement on his property or a possible sale of land.

PAST MEETINGS

- 03/01/21 The Manager attended a virtual NCWA Bay-Delta Force Meeting.
- 03/05/21 The Manager presented a rice donation as a representative of the Yuba River Endowment to the Foothill Food Pantry.
- 03/08/21 The Manager attended a virtual NCWA Groundwater Management Meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 03/12/21 The Manager will attend the virtual 2021 NCWA Manager's Meeting
- 03/17/21 The Manager will the Yuba Groundwater Substitution Committee Meeting on zoom
- 03/17/21 The Manager will attend the Yuba County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) update – Risk Assessment Meeting.
- 03/18/21 The Manager will attend a webinar for Cal OES covering an introduction to FEMA's Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant program.
- 03/24/21 The Manager will attend a virtual GW Management Workshop.
- 03/25/21 The Manager will attend a webinar for Cal OES for Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC).

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

Operations crew continued with tree removal projects throughout the district.
Mechanical cleaning of the Olive Hill Ditch is nearing completion.
A large section of the Lower Browns Valley Ditch has been repaired and widened.
The Upper Main Pipe line was inspected; vegetation was cut and sprayed around all fixtures.
8" Main line valve was replaced on the two Handy line.
Operations Manager and Technical Services Manager, met with Mr. James Ratliff to discuss the Sicard Pipe line route through his property.

Lower District

Pumpline Canal is off.
Canal banks have been mowed and treated with Herbicide.

Future Projects

Add a new keyway for Holmes Wildlife Area.

8. Director's Comments and Reports: None

9. Correspondence: None

10. Adjournment: 6:45PM