

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

WHEN
Thursday
July 28, 2022
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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OF THE
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JULY 28, 2022**

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

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the July 14, 2022 Regular Board Meeting will be reviewed by the Board for approval. A motion by Director Woods seconded by Director Lowe to approve the Minutes of the July 14, 2022, Regular Board Meeting. All ayes, motion passed.

2. Public Forum:

- Richard Duplantier of 7045 Therese Trail inquired about a water truck filling valve in the upper district vs Joines Rd

3. The Board will receive a presentation from the District’s independent audit firm Blomberg and Griffin and consider adopting the 2021 Browns Valley Irrigation District Independent Auditor’s Report. A motion by Director Lowe seconded by Director Woods to approve the 2021 Independent Audit as presented. All ayes, motion passed.

4. Manager’s Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME %	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	21,180 AF 42.8%	1,149.4 FT	33.6 FT	70.6 CFS	351 kW
1 YEAR AGO	7,700 AF 15.6%	1,126.8 FT	56.2 FT	68.5 CFS	208 kW

YUBA RIVER STATUS (PUMPLINE CANAL)

DATE	MAX DIVERSION RATE (BVID/YWA CONTRACT)	BVID WATER RIGHT (CURRENT MONTH)	CURRENT DIVERSION*
TODAY	90 CFS	90 CFS	60 CFS

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

STAFF ACTIVITIES

We remain under a drought ordinance and are limiting customers from increasing their services and new customers are only eligible for one unit of water until the ordinance is lifted.

Effective July 27, 2022, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) issued another round of curtailments which prevent diversions for all post-1914 appropriative water rights, and pre-1914 water rights with a priority date of 1910 or later, from the Yuba River.

Although BVID's certified water right is from 1889, there is a strong likelihood that the SWRCB will eventually reach back that far, if not further, if hydrological conditions do not improve. These curtailments reiterate the SWRCB's position that pre-1914 water rights are not as sacred as once believed. Fortunately, the 2016 Water Supply Agreement with the Yuba Water Agency protects BVID from these curtailments by delivering BVID's pre-1914 water right of 47.2 cfs from storage at New Bullards Bar.

The persistent heat wave has caused an uptick in water usage, as well as fire danger. There have been at least four (4) fires in the Yuba Foothills during the month of July, including the Rices fire that threatened Yuba Water Agency infrastructure, and the Winding and Apple fires that have been within five (5) miles of Collins Lake.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Groundwater Substitution Transfer

Pumping for the 2022 Groundwater Substitution transfer began on April 15, 2022, and will continue through October 31, 2022. As of mid-July, BVID has pumped approximately 60% of the allocation.

Conserved Water Transfer

The Santa Clara Valley and Dudley Ridge Water Districts have agreed to the terms of the Conserved Water Transfer and the agreement was presented to the Board during action items.

The transfer is scheduled for the beginning of August.

PAST MEETINGS

- 7/19/2022 YWA Board of Directors meeting.
- 7/20/2022 Yuba River Endowment Board meeting.
- 7/28/2022 Member Unit Workshop.
- 7/28/2022 Member Units and Willie Whittlesey.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- 8/1/2022 Bay-Delta Task Force meeting.
- 8/2/2022 Project Development and Capitol Improvement Planning.
- 8/2/2022 YWA Board of Directors meeting.
- 8/2/2022 YWA Strategic Plan meeting.
- 8/9/2022 Website discussion.

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

The crew continues to search for ditch leaks around the district.

Virginia Ranch Powerhouse has been very inconsistent during hot weather; Henwood energy has been monitoring the issue and made some adjustments that seem to be working.

The Operations Manager met with U.C. Field Station management to discuss possible water savings and the operations of the proposed Sicard Flat Pipeline.

Ditches have seen a large algae and moss bloom due to the heat. Waterways are being treated accordingly.

Staff continues to be busy with service calls and repairs.

Lower District

Pumpline is running 60cfs.

5. Director's Comments and Reports: Director Bordsen inquired about the timeline regarding the Sicard Pipeline Grant.

6. Correspondence: None

7. Adjournment: 5:44PM