

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

WHEN
Thursday
June 10, 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
JUNE 10, 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 and Wheeler. Director Woods absent. Also in attendance were Clerk Springsteen and Operations Manager Shrader.

1. Minutes: The Minutes of the May 27, 2021 Regular Board Meeting will be reviewed by the Board for approval. A motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Bordsen to approve the May 27, 2021 minutes. Directors Bordsen, Sokoloski, Lowe and Wheeler ayes, Director Woods absent. Motion passed.

2. Public Forum: None

3. Finance Committee Report: Concerning the Financial Report for May 2021. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Wheeler to approve the May 2021 Financials. Directors Bordsen, Sokoloski, Lowe and Wheeler ayes, Director Woods absent. Motion passed.

4. The Board will consider appointing the Administrative Services Manager to act as the District Secretary as it pertains to District business. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Wheeler to appoint the Administrative Services Manager to act as the District Secretary as it pertains to District business. Directors Bordsen, Sokoloski, Lowe and Wheeler ayes, Director Woods absent. Motion passed.

5. The Board will consider updating the District’s authorized signatures for business and financial transactions. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Sokoloski to remove Joseph Maslan and Ryan McNally and add Director Sokoloski as authorized signatures for business and financial transactions. Directors Bordsen, Sokoloski, Lowe and Wheeler ayes, Director Woods absent. Motion passed.

6. The Board will discuss and review a proposed a customer outreach mailer, and provide direction as appropriate. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Sokoloski to accept proposed customer outreach mailer provided by Smart Marketing & Public Affairs. Directors Bordsen, Sokoloski, Lowe and Wheeler ayes, Director Woods absent. Motion passed.

7. Manager’s Report:

COLLINS LAKE STATUS

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
TODAY	14,550 AF	29.4%	1,139.5 FT	43.5 FT	63.7 CFS	0 kW
1 YEAR AGO	34,100 AF	68.9%	1,166.0 FT	17.0 FT	79.1 CFS	502 kW

Dry conditions continue as BVID ends the second month of the irrigation season. Community efforts on conservation continue to maintain the projected route which is slightly better than the 2015 customer usage. Estimates with current consumption patterns show an end date around the week of October 10, 2021, but staff emphasizes this subject to change as the weather and usage can vary throughout the summer and early fall.

On April 7, 2021 staff received an email inquiry from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) regarding the District’s planned dry year operation from Collins Lake. The inquiry addressed the possibility of drawing the reservoir below the historical minimum pool and to communicate with them if such conditions were expected. However, after consulting with legal counsel, and since the District has no intention to draw below the 7,500 acre-feet minimum pool, outreach is not necessary at this point.

YUBA RIVER STATUS (PUMPLINE CANAL)

DATE	MAX DIVERSION RATE (BVID/YWA CONTRACT)	BVID WATER RIGHT (CURRENT MONTH)	CURRENT DIVERSION*
TODAY	90 CFS	47.2 CFS	44.77 CFS

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

Lower District supplies on the Yuba River continue as expected. The District is limited to its monthly water rights allocation (47.2 cfs), plus any remaining project base supply.

Staff has begun receiving signed Agreements from customers in the Lower District for reimbursement pumping. The reimbursement pumping program is a relief program where the Yuba Water Agency is going to reimburse the Member Units, who will reimburse the pumpers, for water pumped locally to make up for shortfalls in supplies from the Yuba River at a price per-acre-foot consistent with average utility costs. The reimbursement price is still to be determined.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Staff met with the Executive Committee to develop a recruitment strategy to fill the General Manager vacancy.

On June 8, 2021, Ryan McNally received a telephone call from a Mr. Dave Daly (ranch manager) along Honcut Creek in Butte County just above the O’Brien Ranch stating that his employer, and property owner, is working with their legal counsel to invoke an 1886 water right on Honcut Creek that is allegedly referenced in an 1960’s era agreement with BVID to be delivered from storage at Collins Lake. McNally advised that the District has no knowledge of such agreement and requested the ranch manager to ask the property owner to share any documents referencing the claim. Absent such reference, the claim appears unsubstantiated since this property is located on Honcut Creek above any tributary that could be used to supply water from Collins Lake. Furthermore, there is no physical connection between Dry Creek and Honcut Creek that should have motivated such an agreement when the dam was constructed since the project would not have impeded water to the property.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Sicard Pipeline Project

Staff is waiting for the grant Agreement with USBR to be executed, which is expected later this fall, before purchasing pipe for the project.

Virginia Ranch Dam

Staff is still waiting on parts to complete the repair on the generator.

Don Moss has announced his intent to retire to the Operations Manager, so staff is going to develop a succession maintenance plan for the hydro facility at the dam.

The Technical Services Manager and Ryan McNally met with Shell Energy to discuss a potential successor power purchase agreement. Shell advised that the “run of the river” style of generation will produce minimal revenue (estimated \$110,000/annual) when compared with more flexible styles of generation to meet peak demand. Staff explained that BVID does not have that ability due to irrigation deliveries being the controlling factor, which are relatively steady. Shell is going to explore possible load offset solutions, with the possibility of generating to offset the pumps at the river, and report back.

Staff is also going to work with PG&E to see if a REMAT PPA structure makes sense.

The Technical Services Manager is coordinating with Kleinschmidt to develop and submit the annual dam security assessment as required by FERC.

PAST MEETINGS

- 06/03/21 The Technical Services Manager and Ryan McNally met with Shell Energy to discuss a potential successor power purchase agreement.
- 06/09/21 The Operations Manager and Ryan McNally attended the Yuba River Endowment monthly Board meeting.

DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS

Upper District

Operations crew have responded to several mainline breaks throughout the district, the Able pipeline, the Peoria pipeline, and the Sandy way pipeline all had major failures.

A major leak on the Thousand Trails ditch was discovered and has since been repaired.

Virginia Ranch Dam Power plant remains offline, the remaining part for the repair is still being reconditioned.

Peterson Brustad has submitted the application for the encroachment permit for the Hwy 20/ Dry Creek bridge crossing on behalf of BVID.

Staff continues to be busy with service calls and repairs.

Lower District

Pumpline Canal is running 45 cfs.

8. Director's Comments and Reports: None

9. Correspondence: None

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: 5:50PM