

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

**WHEN**  
**Thursday**  
**February 8, 2024**  
**5:00 pm**

**WHERE**  
**9370 Browns Valley School Rd**  
**Browns Valley, CA**  
**95918**

This meeting will be conducted by Zoom Video Conference and Audio Teleconference Only.

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
FEBRUARY 8, 2024**

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

**1. The Minutes of the January 25, 2024 Regular Board Meeting will be reviewed by the Board for approval.** A motion by Director Woods, seconded by Director Bordsen to approve the January 25, 2024 minutes. All ayes, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:** None

**3. Finance Committee Report: January 2024 Financials.** 2024 Budget was presented, will make some minor changes and present at regular Board meeting February 22, 2024. A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods to approve the January 2024 financials. All ayes, motion passed.

**4. The Board will discuss the 2016 Pumpline Canal feasibility study and may take action as necessary.** A motion by Director Bordsen, seconded by Director Woods to move forward with Alternative 2 and engineering of the Pumpline Canal Feasibility Study dated January 25, 2016. All ayes, motion passed.

**5. Manager’s Report:**

**COLLINS LAKE STATUS**

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME %	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
<b>TODAY</b>	<b>37,771 AF 77.1%</b>	<b>1,170.9 FT</b>	<b>12.1 FT</b>	3.5 CFS	<b>0 kW</b>
1 YEAR AGO	48,965 AF 100.0%	1,183.0 FT	0.0 FT	0.0 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>	20 CFS	20 CFS	<b>0 CFS</b>

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

**STAFF ACTIVITIES**

The Draft 2024 Budget has been completed and will be reviewed at today’s Finance Committee meeting and is still on schedule to be presented at the February 22, 2024 Board meeting.

The Technical Services Manager has been working with the District’s Legal Counsel on the Sicard Flat Pipeline project easements between the District and the UC.

The General Manager continues coordination with FERC and the Consultant on the District’s Part 12D inspection and working with the Yuba County Surveyor and Cranmer Engineering on the Lot Line Adjustment. According to an email received from Yuba County on February 7, 2024, the County Surveyor is wrapping up his review. Cranmer Engineering has been made aware of the County’s status and is waiting to receive the documents and finalize the LLA.

On Friday, February 2, 2024 the Manager received an email from the Department of Energy’s selection committee, notifying BVID that the Virginia Ranch Dam Hydroelectric Efficiency Upgrade Project was selected to receive funds to assist with the replacement of the generator at VRD.

The Manager attended the NWAHA conference in Seattle, Washington from February 5-8.

**CURRENT PROJECTS**

**Sicard Flat Pipeline**

Installation and fusion of the pipeline has been suspended until the weather improves.

**BVID Property**

Yuba County received the updated exhibits from CEI on January 4, 2024 and are considered “Draft” until approved by the Yuba County Surveyor.

The Surplus Land Act exemption has been prepared by BVID’s legal team and needs the approved exhibits from Yuba County prior to Board approval.

**PAST MEETINGS**

- 1/30/2024 Member Unit Workshop
- 2/1/2024 NCWA Managers meeting
- 2/5/2024 Bay-Delta Task Force
- 2/6/2024 YWA Board meeting
- 2/5/2024-2/8/2024 NWAHA Annual Meeting – Seattle, Washington

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

- 2/12/2024 Shasta Dam Tour
- 2/13/2024 BVID/Emrgy Energy
- 2/14/2024 Yuba GSC meeting
- 2/20/2024 YWA Board meeting
- 2/21/2024 Yuba River Endowment Board meeting

## **DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS**

### **Upper District**

Crew took advantage of a short window of dry weather last week and was able to work on the Sicard Pipeline project.

After last week's storm, a tree fell across the fence separating the BVID yard from the Storage Facility. The fallen tree was removed, and a second tree was taken down as a precaution. However, the fence was damaged, and we are waiting on a repair estimate.

Ditches continue to be inspected for downed trees and obstructions due to storms.

Henwood Energy began the yearly inspection and maintenance on the VRD powerplant.

### **Lower District**

Pumpline is off and will remain off until water is requested, or the rain ends.

Mechanical cleaning of the Canal is underway and will continue as necessary.

## **6. Director's Comments and Reports:**

- Director Bordsen thanked and congratulated staff for the work that resulted in approval of the Hydroelectric Efficiency Improvement Grant

## **7. Correspondence:**

Email dated February 2, 2024, to BVID from Department of Energy regarding Hydroelectric Efficiency Improvement Grant

## **8. Adjournment:** 5:50PM