

*Browns Valley Irrigation District*  
Post Office Box 6, Browns Valley, CA 95918

**MINUTES OF THE  
BROWNS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**WHEN**  
**Thursday**  
**November 2, 2023**  
**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  
NOVEMBER 2, 2023**

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

**1. Minutes: The Minutes of the October 12, 2023 Regular Board Meeting will be reviewed by the Board for approval.** A motion by Director Rist, seconded by Director Bordsen to approve the October 12, 2023 minutes. Directors Bordsen, Howard, Rist and Woods aye. Director Lowe absent, motion passed.

**2. Public Forum:**

- Jeff Larson of Loma Rica wanted to thank BVID for their service.

**3. Manager’s Report:**

**COLLINS LAKE STATUS**

DATE	REMAINING SUPPLY VOLUME	%	LAKE ELEVATION	DIST BELOW SPILL	RELEASES	GEN OUTPUT
<b>TODAY</b>	<b>22,397 AF</b>	<b>45.7%</b>	<b>1,151.5 FT</b>	<b>31.5 FT</b>	55.7 CFS	<b>219 kW</b>
1 YEAR AGO	9,663 AF	19.7%	1,130.8 FT	52.2 FT	1.2 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>	<b>35 CFS</b>	<b>35 CFS</b>	<b>35 CFS</b>

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

**STAFF ACTIVITIES**

Calls regarding how much longer the water will be on as well as service questions and paying overdue payments have become less frequent since posting the end of the 2023 Irrigation Season date and shut offs for non-payment. With the end of the year rapidly approaching, the Administrative Services Manager has been working on end-of-year reports and the shut-off list.

On October 13, 2023 the General Manager and Operations Manager gave a tour of the Sicard Flat Pipeline Upgrade project to the Interim General Manager and Board Chair of North Yuba Water District and presented the project to the Yuba Water Agency Board of Directors on October 17, 2023. Both Agencies were very impressed with what BVID is doing on the Sicard Flat Pipeline project.

The Technical Services Manager and Operations Manager have begun flying the BVID drone over the Sicard Flat Pipeline project area as well as the District office to become more familiar with the drone and controls.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

### **Sicard Flat Pipeline**

The pipeline crew completed the construction of Phase 1 of the pipeline and have moved down to Phase 4 due to all of the pipeline being within the current ditch alignment and easement. Fusion and prep of Phase 4 began on October 23, 2023.

### **BVID Property**

The survey work for the LLA was completed on April 25 and CEI submitted a draft map for District review. The map is currently being reviewed by the County Surveyor.

## **PAST MEETINGS**

10/24/2023 EAP Discussion  
10/26/2023 MU Water Mgt Workshop  
10/26/2023 YCSO Community Panel Interview  
10/30/2023 Yuba River Endowment Board meeting  
10/31/2023 Accord Conjunctive Use meeting  
10/31/2023 2024 California Water Leaders Program Q&A  
11/1/2023 BVID VRD EAP Annual Outreach

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

11/6/2023 BVID and Emrgy Energy  
11/6/2023 Bay-Delta Task Force Meeting  
11/7/2023 YWA Board meeting  
11/8/2023 Meet with Willie Whittlesey  
11/15/2023 Yuba IRWMP Quarterly meeting  
11/27/2023- Fall ACWA Conference – Indian Wells  
12/1/2023

## **DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS**

### **Upper District**

Operations Staff are continuing the last round of shutoffs for non-paying customers.

VRD powerplant remains online.

Sicard Pipeline crew completed the last of the “in ditch” section of the upper Sicard and finished backfilling before moving to the next phase of construction. On October 23, 2023 the crew started prepping and fusing smaller diameter pipe at Frontier Trail with smaller diameter pipe and continues to progress toward Hwy 20. With the pending rain, the crew is prepping the construction area for rain, and fusion is planned to continue the week of November 13, 2023 if the weather cooperates.

The crew has also repaired a leak on the Hill Road Pipeline at Spring Glen Lane, as well as a leak on the Bald Mountain Pipeline on Bald Mountain Road.

Mechanical cleaning and vegetation control continues as necessary.

### **Lower District**

Pumpline is Running 35 cfs.

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

**5. Correspondence:** None

**6. Closed Session:** The Board will **discuss an employee evaluation;** Government Code sections 54954.5 (f) and 54957.6.

**7. Open Session: The Board will report any action taken in closed session.** General Manager Kelly McNally’s evaluation based on employment contract dated October 14, 2021 was approved.

**8. Adjournment:** 6.34PM